

Foxboro Music Association, Inc. Meeting Minutes
Monday October 2, 2017

The Meeting commenced at 7:38 PM

Meeting Attendees: Lauren Amico, Jaci Andersen, Yasa Baig, Aaron Bush, Tricia Conlon, Karen Connolly, Wendy Fowler-Bass, Brady Gardner, Michelle Gardner, Michelle Gawronski, Liz Hall, Kristin Hovey, Jennifer Hoyt, Adrienne Jacobson, Lenore McAuliffe, Julia Metivier, Nancy Morrison, Dorothy Relyea, Shannon San Bento, Helene Savage, Meaghan Scollins, Lynn Stonis, Lisa Stowell, and Christine St.Pierre

Welcome & Thank you & Agenda - Sheila Peterson welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially the freshmen parents.

Secretary's Report- Jenn Hoyt had sent copies of the September minutes to the Google Group. Copies were also available at the meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report & Budget- Meaghan Scollins and Karen Connolly presented the annual budget. Meaghan said that Cami Tedoldi had sent a wish list early so she was able to put most of the requested items in the budget. There were a few other items, but even if all approved we will still have extra money. The proposed budget showed \$6,900 net. The proposed items from Cami Tedoldi only totaled \$1700.

Karen Connolly then went over some of the finer details on the budget. Donations and grants are guestimates based upon the past. The proposed budget shows revenue of \$195,421. We can only have \$200,000 in revenue before we need to bring in a CPA (per IRS regulations) so we're very close to the limit. The estimate for sponsorship income of \$13,000 is based on prior years. Two years ago, Sponsorships brought in \$15,000, but that was higher than usual. \$13,000 is an average of the past years. The Massey commission is bringing in \$9000. The total to pay for the commission is \$10,000. The \$1000 difference is the FMA's contribution. Operating Expenses in the budget total \$189,157.

There are now only two bank accounts for the FMA, one main checking account and one account for events (tour, Ellington, SIMC, Jazz Camp, etc.).

The Stephen Massey Scholarship fund will be administered by the Metro West Community Fund. We will live off earnings for funding the scholarships. There will be a student and a faculty scholarship. The scholarship committee is hoping to raise \$100,000, \$75,000 at a minimum. The plan is to award annual Scholarships of at least \$3000 per year (\$2,000 student, up to \$1000 faculty).

The budget and treasurers report were approved unanimously.

Cami Tedoldi's Report + Wish List

Cami Tedoldi asked for the following for the Music Department:

- Voices and Strings - 2 soloists and a couple of professionals (already included in the budget)
- A contribution toward a consortium for retiring Duxbury music director. Hired Rossano Galante as a composer. Cami wants to contribute to the consortium, but before doing so she wants to make sure that we get a copy of the piece. Duxbury is contributing to the Massey commission so it would be reciprocal. It was voted unanimously to pay up to \$500 toward this commission if it meets Cami's requirements. (We have \$3500 dedicated for commissions already in bank account).
- \$1200 for an Elementary School program – this too was voted in unanimously.

Cami then mentioned that Sr. District registrations will be open soon and that Foxboro would be hosting a professional development day on the Friday before Columbus Day weekend. As of the meeting 114 teachers were registered. Fred Harris (MIT), Danny Kim (BSO violist), Jennifer Kane (Handel and Haydn Society) and George Murphy and Ted Hagarty will be there running workshops.

A question was posed as to whether there will be any football games after 10/20 because it states on Facebook that if we don't make the playoffs that there will be no further games. The band does play in any home game, even if it's a consolation game. Another question was asked about whether marching band pictures would be taken on the 20th. Cami said she'd ask Mr. Bush

Finally, a question was asked about the tour. The dates for the tour will be April 25-29. It will be for wind ensemble, orchestra, choir, and jazz. More details will follow.

Bottle and Can Drive wrap up –Shannon SanBento thanked all the students, parents, and Kyle from the redemption center. Shannon has bags, gloves, hand sanitizer for the next several years. Next year she will use sign up genius to recruit volunteers. She wants a committee for next year as it will be her last year. She also wants signs for next year and will look into pricing. We need to get the word out in town more. Ann Sweeney is willing to co-chair next year. Meaghan Scollins said that we need more parents driving. Kids aren't as attentive.

Apparel/booster club fundraising update- Adrienne Jacobson said that to date we have sold 15 hoodies, 10 hats, 10 pullovers, 4 bottles, 8 joggers. We need more orders. Have about \$100 in Profit. We make between \$3 and \$5 on each product. Bottles have a 72 piece minimum to order. Adrienne said she will bring order forms to the cookout. We need help with promotion. Christine Saint Pierre said she has about 50 lanyards left, mostly the warriors logo. Liz Hall has about a dozen stadium seats. Will sell for \$10. Will post on FB.

Cellphone wallets/ Pop Sockets Fundraiser Vote – Julia Metivier brought forth the information on behalf of her mother, Tracey Vasile. Julia said that 250 cell phone wallets would cost \$308. We could sell them for \$5 each and make \$942 in profit.

Popsockets would cost for \$1164 for 250. Selling them at \$10 each nets \$1335 in profit.

It was voted to purchase 250 of each.

Cultural Council Grant - Nancy Morrison has a grant application filled out to submit to the Cultural Council. She had a copy with her. She said that Meaghan Scollins had provided an old application to use as a sample. Nancy got a letter signed by the FHS Principal approving auditorium use. The grant requested will cover the cost of the jazz artist for the November jazz concert. Typically the Cultural Council grants between \$500-\$800. We are asking for \$1000. We will need to save all receipts from the concert. The check might not come until January.

Sponsorships Campaign Update/Target - Katherine Udden & Michelle Walsh were not in attendance – no update (Post meeting update: Sponsorship letters were sent out in late October)

Student Reps Updates- Marching band finished rehearsals and concert band has started. Other than that, there were no updates.

Yearbook Seniors Ad & Game Posters Update- Julia Metivier said that the yearbook add will have pictures of the seniors in each group. There will be 6 images and all the names will be listed. The top of page will say congrats to the music class of 2018 from the FMA.

Mr. Farmer offered to print marching band button pictures on posters for the 16 band seniors. This would be free. In the future they might not be free and the FMA has not voted to pay for them. Michelle Gawronski suggested printing out pix at the end of year banquet rather than just for football games – The banquet is really the music program senior night, i.e. the pics in the paper. The sentiment in the room was that this was too late to do for this year. Some felt it would be best to leave it as a football team tradition. No consensus reached.

Varsity letters – Julia said that most varsity kids against it. Cami Tedoldi recommends separating academic things from sports. We are an academic discipline.

Cookout for FHS B/C/O & 8th grade B/C/O 10/20 – Jaci Andersen said that her father, Carl, would be sending out a sign up genius link later in the week.

Concession and Door volunteers - Michelle Gardner passed around a sign up list at the last meeting. She said that we are all set for Voices and Strings. She asked for and volunteers for the 11/9 jazz concerts and some parents stepped up. Volunteers are still needed for 12/6 and

possibly for the 12/18 step up concert. No concessions be sold on 12/18, as there is a reception following the concert. Volunteers need to be at the school by 6:30 help out with concerts. Cash box shows up at 6:30.

Sheila Peterson passed around the football game water sign up sheet again.

Publicity: Middle School Outreach Discussion– On the agenda was a discussion for middle school outreach. Because the meeting was running longer than usual (due to the budget discussion) it was decided to table that until a later date. Jenn Hoyt, Shannon SanBento, and Lisa Stowell all want to help with middle school promotion. Cami Tedoldi had proposed an idea for a get together at Muse Paint Bar. Because of the hour that was tabled too.

Use of FMA FB page – Jenn Hoyt asked for opinions on outside groups posting on the FMA Facebook page. For now, as long, as it's not too much people agree to support the community musical activities and let them post.

FCA Help – Neil Kaiser from Foxboro Cable Access was not in attendance, but he will be looking for help filming concerts.

FMA Reps at Concerts Plan – Nancy Morrison to identify a plan for the year on which concerts we want to make announcements at to reach an array of people. Nancy and Sheila are willing to make announcements, can offer the opportunity to BOD and Co-chairs as well.

Upcoming Fall Events

- Football Games:10/20 Cookout @ Ahern & 11/4-
- Football Games:10/27, 11/3, 11/10 TBD
- Voices & Strings Concert 10/26@ 7:00pm FHS
- Fall Jazz Concert 11/9 @ 7:00pm FHS; guest artist: Tucker Antell
- Senior District Auditions 11/18 @ KP
- Thanksgiving Day Game 11/24 @ Ahern Middle School 10:00am

Next Meeting November 13th @7:30

The Meeting adjourned at 9:01PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer L. Hoyt
Foxboro Music Association, Inc. Secretary