

Foxboro Music Association, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 12, 2017

Attendees: Dale Andersen, Jaci Andersen, Tricia Conlon, Karen Connolly, Brady Gardner, Michelle Gardner, Liz Hall, Kristin Hovey, Jennifer Hoyt, Michelle Kenney, Barbara Massey, Stephen Massey, Julia Metivier, Nancy Morrison, Colleen Pearson, Sheila Peterson, Patti Prevost, Shannon SanBento, Meaghan Scollins, Lynne Silver, Amy Spognardi, Cami Tedoldi, Katherine Udden, Tracey Vasile, and Karen Wheatley

Meeting began at 7:28 PM

Welcome - Dale Anderson thanked everyone for all their help in the school year. She thanked people for donations and for volunteering.

Naming of the Music Wing - Tracey Vasile has secured approval from the School Committee to name the music wing. Per Barbara Massey's suggestion it will be named the Stephen C Massey Music Suite. The sign will be above the doors to the music wing and the exit sign will be moved. The cost (including installation) is \$1,415.80. Tracey said that a down payment of 50% was needed immediately and then the additional 50 % would be needed upon installation. She suggested using the \$1,350 raised from the Popsockets. Then an additional \$65 would be needed. Tricia Conlon motioned to use Popsockets money and then whatever else is needed to get this done. It was seconded and unanimously approved. There will be a dedication in September.

Finish at the Fifty Road Race - Jenn Hoyt said that the Finish at the Fifty Road Race will be held on July 3rd. The past several years the FMA has volunteered by handing out race t-shirts in the days and hours leading up to the race. Jenn will be setting up a Sign-Up Genius to secure volunteers for July 1, 2, and 3rd. 10 Volunteers are needed for each time slot.

Secretary's Report - Jenn Hoyt had sent the minutes from the May's meeting to the email list. Copies were available. There were two changes to the meeting minutes for May. Michelle Gardner's name was spelt wrong. The purchase of the flowers for the seniors at the potluck was Nancy Morrison's gift to the FMA and the senior class. Thank you, Nancy! Meaghan Scollins moved to accept minutes with changes and they were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report - Meaghan Scollins presented a new financial report with the categories lining up with the categories needed to report to the IRS. When filing tax return there are specific line items. So, the budget is now in those categories. Karen Connolly was a HUGE help in getting this done. The two transferred the register into excel and then had to make it all tie. Karen is shadowing Meaghan so she can take over as treasurer (subject to a vote at the annual meeting) when Meaghan steps down. The last page of the financial report is the various account balances. The December balance is the date that we switched over to the new FMA, Inc. (the date of incorporation). We will now need to do two filings at the end of the year and

will need to file the long form instead of the short postcard. Tricia Conlon moved to accept the treasurer's report and it was unanimously approved.

Steve's Report (last FMA report) - Mr. Massey said that teaching music to children is a noble profession. He often reminds other non-music teachers of this. He said that the parents in the FMA are doing noble work. We believe in kids, music, and the arts. It can affect kids in many ways for many years to come. Mr. Massey said that he's incredibly grateful for all that the FMA has done every year he's been with Foxboro. The kids are grateful too. He's excited to see what will happen with Cami as the new director of music. Sheila Peterson thanked Mr. Massey for all his help with the organization. It's taken everyone to work together and he has led admirably. She also said that John and Lizzie Peterson made a Rice Krispie G-Clef for him and the meeting.

FMA at the middle school - Tricia Conlon suggested having the FMA at the instrument pick up night. Jenn Hoyt and Shannon SanBento both have incoming 5th graders and will go to the middle school. Then it was realized that the date of instrument pick up is September 11th, the same date as 1st FMA Meeting. Jenn will go to the beginning of the instrument pick up and then leave Drew, her husband, and Connor to answer any questions. The FMA wants to have a greater presence at the middle school this year and Shannon and Jenn will help with that.

Volunteer Positions - Sheila Peterson said that there are still six positions open for the 2017-2018 school year. The posters at the potluck really worked. Sheila said she will send an email and post on FB about the remaining positions. Sheila wants a small team for P/R. She would like band, orchestra, chorus, and jazz reps. She also wants people to speak at FMA events. Katherine Udden suggested posting more on twitter. Tracey Vasile (who administers the FB page) will work on communicating with Brady Gardner (who will be posting on the Twitter account).

Senior Photos in Newspaper - Tracey Vasile said that the senior photos will be in the newspaper in two to three weeks. There were 7 students who did not submit a photo. They will be acknowledged too.

Letter to parents of incoming Freshman B/C/O students - Dale said that letters will be sent out the 1st week in August to all new students' parents. There will be a Meet and Greet for incoming freshman (and new student) parents on Monday, August 21st at 6:30PM in the Band Room.

Colleen Pearson - Colleen Pearson, an old time FMA member asked to speak about her experiences with Steve Massey and the FMA. Colleen was at Steve Massey's first meeting FMA meeting in September 1980. She said that it was very different then, but even then, the FMA was always enthusiastic. In the 80s they had printed newsletters (she brought a sample). There was no orchestra and chorus wasn't involved in the FMA. The first bottle and can drive was in 1981 or 1982. The first potluck was in 1982. Back then the FMA used to meet in houses. The FMA had been an organization since 1974, but it changed and improved greatly when Steve

came. When Colleen saw the meeting posted on Facebook she wanted to come and thank Steve. She was at his first meeting and wanted to be at his last.

Thank yous - Sheila Peterson thanked Senior parents whose last child graduated (Lynne Silver, Karen Wheatley, Kim Vacheron, Joanna Eva). Kim Vacheron (who couldn't attend due to a college orientation for Owen) wrote a note thanking everyone for the past 12 years. Cami Tedoldi thanked everyone for supporting the commissioned work for the orchestra and thanked Sheila for the publicity. She said that commissions are very uncommon for schools. It's unique and special. Mr. Bradshaw was at FHS multiple times, working with the students. It was a great educational process and the orchestra kids loved it.

Upcoming Events

- Jazz improvisation Camp - 6/19-6/23
- Finish at the Fifty Road Race: 7/1, 7/2, 7/3 Gillette Stadium
- Summer Instrumental Music Camp 6/26-7/14 (no camp 7/3 or 7/4) @ AMS
- Marching and Camp 8/21-8/25 FHS (FMA Meet and Greet Aug 21st)
- 5th Grade Instrument Pick up - September 11th
- Bottle and Can Drive - September 17th at the Igo School Parking Lot

Next Meeting September 11 @ 7:30 PM. Dale Anderson concluded by saying thank you to all for everything that you do and wished everyone a great summer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer L. Hoyt
Foxboro Music Association, Inc. Secretary