

Foxboro Music Association, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 11, 2017

Attendees: Lauren Amico, Dale Andersen, Jaci Andersen, Yasa Baig, Tina Belanger, Aaron Bush, Maggie Ciora, Tricia Conlon, Karen Connolly, Michelle Gardner, Michelle Gawronski, Liz Hall, Jennifer Hoyt, Adrienne Jacobson, Michelle Kenney, Donna McAuliffe, Julia Metivier, Nancy Morrison, Sheila Peterson, Patti Prevost, Meaghan Scollins, Amy Spognardi, Lisa Stowell, Christine St. Pierre, Cami Tedoldi, Katherine Udden, Tracey Vasile, and Michelle Walsh

The meeting began at 7:45PM

Welcome and Thank you - Dale Andersen welcomed everyone, especially all newcomers. She said thanks for everything people have done for the past events and for the anticipated future events.

Secretary's Report - Jenn Hoyt had sent out the minutes from June 2017's meeting to the google group. Copies were available. There were no changes. The minutes were approved unanimously

Finish at the Fifty - Jenn Hoyt recapped the Finish at the Fifty race. Even though there were a few last-minute time changes by the race staff we still managed to pull together enough volunteers. All volunteers seemed to have fun. A check for about \$1350 should be coming in soon.

Treasurer's Report - Meaghan Scollins presented her report in the new format that she and Karen Connolly started using at the end of last year. The new format lines up with IRS forms. We will need to file two different tax returns this year. One for the old (unincorporated) Foxboro Music Association and one for the new Foxboro Music Association, Inc. Karen Connolly will assist with all of this. All the old bank accounts have been closed and two bank accounts are now open under the new guidelines. On Meaghan's report, she added in lines for Massey Scholarship and retirement activities. There was only one question, by Lauren Amico, about the scholarships. Only \$745 has been claimed so far, mostly for camps. Meaghan said that she will be presenting the budget at October's meeting. It will be based off last year's actual figures unless there are any known changes. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Cami Tedoldi's Report - Cami thanked everyone for all the work they've done, especially with the new IRS guidelines. She said thanks to parents for giving the students this experience. Other schools don't get guest artists, commissions, etc. This is unique to Foxboro. Cami then introduced the newest staff member, Aaron Bush as the new director of bands and jazz bands at the high school. She explained that Aaron has worked with many of the students at South Shore Conservatory. He student taught in Foxboro in 2006 and knows the culture. Aaron has a long relationship with Foxboro.

Aaron spoke and said that the FMA is known around Massachusetts for its dedication. He knows that it is a great parent group. He said Foxboro's parent group (the FMA) has always been great. His first week student teaching Mr. Massey invited him to come to FMA meeting and he saw then all that we do. Aaron is thrilled to be working in Foxboro.

Cami Tedoldi then said that she set up a new music department twitter account. It is @FoxboroughMusic. It will be mirroring other high school departments twitter accounts. She said she is new to Twitter. Finally, Cami and Aaron said that they have hired a guest artist for the fall jazz fest. It is Tucker Antell, a tenor sax player. He is a young, great saxophonist and teacher. He will come in all day and work with the kids. He knows all about Foxboro and was thrilled to be asked to come. Cami and Aaron asked for \$800 plus expenses to bring in the guest artist. This item is always in the budget so it was unanimously approved.

Student Reps - Jaci Andersen (band), Brady Gardner (band), Yasa Baig (orchestra), Maggie Ciora (orchestra), and Julia Metivier (choir) are this year's student reps for the FMA. All but Brady were at the meeting. Jaci had a question from Brady. Brady is the "administrator" of the FMA twitter account (@Foxboro_Music). Brady wanted to know if he should post all things from the Facebook page (administered by Tracey Vasile and Stacey Vega). FMA Twitter page is @Foxboro_Music. The group decided that Brady should tweet everything from both the Facebook page and the school page.

Sign Ups for Concessions & Door - Michelle Gardner passed around sign-up sheets for tickets and concessions. She needs 2 people to sell tickets and 2 people to sell concessions for each concert. If you didn't sign up and can help please contact Michelle.

Bottle and Can Drive - 9/16 (rain date 9/23) - Shannon SanBento couldn't attend the meeting due to an open house at the school where she teaches, but she relayed her needs to Dale Anderson. Dale had a list of things needed that she passed around for people to sign up. Lisa Stowell asked if caps could be taken off the Coke bottles so we could use them for Coca Cola Rewards. She said she would get in touch with Shannon and would have a box at the Bottle and Can Drive to collect the caps.

Water Bottle sign-ups for football games - Sheila Peterson passed out sign-up sheets to bring water to the football games for the marching band. 8 cases of the small waters are needed per game. If you didn't sign up and can help please get in touch with Sheila.

Open positions and publicity - Sheila Peterson was very impressed by the huge turnout at the meet and greet. She said most of the positions are now filled. The only remaining needs are the grant committee. Nancy Morrison is chairing the newly formed grants committee and would love some help with grant writing, searching for grants, etc. Sheila also asked for help with P/R. Many articles were posted in the paper last year and she wants to keep up with pace of last year. Lauren Amico commented about how great the last article was. Sheila said that the Foxboro Reporter doesn't necessarily need people to write article - they can write them if they have the details. Sheila wants people to sign up to take on P/R for chorus and the jazz program.

Michelle Gardner asked about using program notes for the articles, but Cami said they're usually done a few days before concert. If you can help with P/R please contact Sheila.

Miscellaneous Items - At this point the meeting agenda was not followed. Many important things were brought up in no particular order. In the future, if you have something to add to the agenda, please get in touch with the FMA board so that there is some order to meeting and the notes.

FMA Closet - Liz Hall talked about having a table at all the concerts to sell miscellaneous items. She wants to use banners (the FMA has two). Michelle Gawronski offered to help Liz. Liz cleaned out the FMA closet and found lots of old items. There is old apparel, there are old jazz CDs, there are stadium seats, and more. Katherine Udden suggested putting together an event kit with all things needed for the table and leaving it in the closet to be brought out for each concert. Liz will do this. Liz also talked about selling the stadium seats at the football games. Dale said to check with football boosters before selling non-music items at games. Tracey Vasile will get in touch with Julie Sharkey (Pres of Boosters).

FMA Reps at concerts - Nancy Morrison asked about having people speak about the FMA at all concerts. This is part of Sheila's plan with publicity. It will be discussed further.

Fundraising and Apparel - Adrienne Jacobson is coordinating the apparel sale. She has some orders, but not many. The forms were sent out the google group, and hard copies were given out at band camp. The teachers were going to send the forms out to their student lists. Orders were due by September 22nd (but the date has now been extended to October 20th). There was a recommendation to consider cell phone wallets and pop sockets again. Tracey Vasile and Adrienne Jacobson will both look into pricing. Dale Anderson brought up the Yankee Candle Fundraiser. It was going to be from 10/20 to 11/3. It was voted on to do pop sockets and cell phone wallets and cancel the Yankee Candle Fundraiser. Dale proposed a new (or old) gift card fundraiser through Scrips, but the group decided not to pursue that this year. The pop sockets and cell phone wallets are easy and quick fundraisers that yield bigger money for less work.

Sponsorships - Katherine Udden said that Sponsorship letters will be mailed second or third week of October.

Grants - Nancy Morrison will come in next month with a report on grants. The Cultural council application is due on the 15th of October.

Varsity Letters - Nancy Morrison asked about getting varsity letters for students. The student reps will ask the students their thoughts and report back in October

Hale school - the jazz band for the Hale School from Australia will be coming 12/5 and 12/6. More details will follow

Middle School Representation - Lisa Stowell said that 8 years ago an FMA rep said that 5th grade parents weren't wanted at FMA. This is not true. There are now several parents who are actively involved in the FMA that have middle school students. The FMA wants to involve the middle school more. Lisa offered to go to middle school concerts and give info. Jenn Hoyt and Shannon SanBento also want to help with this. The three will coordinate a schedule.

Meet and Greet follow up - Amy Spognardi said that the Meet and Greet might have intimidated Freshman parents. Usually the Meet and Greet is just an opportunity to meet fellow parents and to learn about the organization. This time there was too much info and it turned into a meeting, not a meet and greet. It was agreed that next year we should go back to the old meet and greet format. Michelle Gardner suggested having a meet and greet for 8th grade music parents in the spring while the students are still deciding whether to pursue music at the high school.

Tailgate Cookout for FHS B/C/O & 8th Grade B/C/O on 10/20 - Dale Andersen said that more info will come out when it comes closer. Carl Andersen is coordinating. He will need volunteers, 3-4 grills, etc. He will be sending out a sign-up genius.

Upcoming Events:

- Home Football Games: 9/15, 9/22 - Homecoming & 10/20 (cookout), @ 7:00 pm
- 11/23 vs Mansfield 10AM @ Foxboro (Thanksgiving)
- Bottle & Can Drive Igo School Parking Lot 9/16 9-2PM (rain date 9/23)
- FMA Cookout 10/20 Ahern Middle School
- FHS Voices and Strings Concert 10/26 7:00 PM
- Yankee Candle Fundraiser Kick off 10/20

Next Meeting October 2 @ 7:30 note date change due to Columbus Day

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer L. Hoyt
Foxboro Music Association, Inc. Secretary