

**Foxboro Music Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday April 11, 2016**

Meeting began at 7:30 pm.

**Attendees:** Dale Andersen, Lauren Amico, Tina Belanger, Karen Connolly, Joanna Eva, Mimi Foley, Michelle Gardner, Susan Godfrey, Darlene Groves, Michelle Kenney, Maria Kerrigan, Christine MacDonald, Colleen MacDonald, Mr. Massey, Nancy Morrison, Rose Morrison, Sheila Peterson, Shannon SanBento Meaghan Scollins, Kim Vacheron

**Dale** - Welcomed and thanked all for attending and for their continuous help. MICCA was a great success and the students performed really well. Dale received many comments from parents and judges alike, that MICCA was very well run and the students were very professional and courteous.

**Secretary's Report** - Last meeting's minutes approved. Mimi is looking for a successor to the Secretary Role. A description of the role can be found on FB and the FMA website.

**Publicity & Facebook** - Pam could not attend, so Mimi commented on her behalf that Pam will be meeting with the two new chairs, Tracey Vasile and Stacey Vega this week to discuss the details of their roles. Pam will also invite them to attend the next May FMA meeting. "Be sure to visit the FMA Facebook group for travel and performance schedules for the MICCA Gold Medal Showcase on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>."

**Treasurer's report** - Meaghan stated that sponsorships are still coming in. The total amount from MICCA is down from last year, but no definite amount yet. We haven't received the bill from the cafeteria yet. Michelle noted that she had not received the bill for the UMASS dinner either. Revenue exceeds expenses, but the budgeted \$5K for scholarships will lower the balance. Report approved (Michelle G./Karen C.).

**Mr. Massey** - was at the Percussion and Wind Ensemble practice, but commented on the great success of the MICCA festival and encouraged parents and family to attend the performances at Boston Symphony Hall this Saturday, because the acoustics are exceptional. Mr. Massey is looking for a 2<sup>nd</sup> adult to ride the 2<sup>nd</sup> bus to the Hall. Michelle Gardner was considering going.

**Finish @ the 50** – Dale has had no contact from Aaron who was the road race manager the last couple years. It will take place on July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. If we take part in this, we will need many volunteers again. We have not run the registration for the last two year, but have run the T-shirts. Dale has chaired this event for a few years now and noted that last year, they lowered the amount from \$2,000 to \$1,200. There was much discussion on whether it was worthwhile and how it was run. Seeking a new chair for the event.

**Student Reps** – Colleen stated that they are still looking for some senior information – where they are going to college and what their major will be. The sponsorship letter that was sent out to businesses will be put on the FMA website either tomorrow or

Wednesday. As an aside on pictures, Michelle Gardner shared her recent discussion with Pam regarding pictures of seniors with their parents (much like the ones done for sports) to be possibly published in the Foxboro Reporter. Some question on which event would be the most practical to take these photos. Dale suggested the Potluck Dinner on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Photos could be taken after the flowers are given out. Also, since there are many more seniors than there are for sports, maybe they could be published on different weeks in the Reporter. Laura Franc was not in attendance to comment. Note: Laura Franc is also looking for a successor.

**MICCA** – Maria Kerrigan noted that she will do a recap for Susan Godfrey who will be the new chair for MICCA in the future.

**Website** – Karen Connolly stated that there was a huge spike in traffic on the website during the scholarship applications. Some discussion on who updates the District Music page on the FHS site. The info is outdated. Tina noted that the whole FHS website was due for an overhaul that is scheduled to be in the works. The platform will be redone. Sheila will talk to Mr. Massey regarding who to contact regarding the much needed update.

**Volunteer Positions for 2016-2017** - Sheila noted the positions that are having a turnover and of those, two have not been filled yet – FMA Secretary and Publicity and Liaison to Foxboro Reporter & Sun Chronicle.

**Scholarships** – There were many more entrants this year for the scholarships. 95 students in total with 53 from the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 18 from the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 24 from the high school. More orchestra students than band students filled out applications. Audition schedules were sent out and the essays are being read.

**FMA Jazz Fest** – MAY 4<sup>th</sup>. Dale will be arranging the post-concert reception and will email jazz parents for donations. The guest artist will be Doug Olsen.

**Upcoming Events :**

- Percussion Concert featuring Payton MacDonald Wed. 4/13 @ 7 pm FHS
- Stars @ Symphony Hall 4/16 – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Gr Concert Band @ 10:40, FHS Chamber Orchestra @ 11:00, FHS Concert Band @ 3:30
- Festivals of Music Tour 4/27 – 5/1
- FMA Scholarship Auditions April 25th
- FMA Jazz Fest May 4<sup>th</sup> with Guest Artist Doug Olsen – FHS @7pm
- Essentially Ellington Festival NYC May 5<sup>th</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup>
- POPS Concert – 5/14 @ 7pm & 5/15 @ 12:00pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, Jr. Jazz & Orchestra – Tues. May 17<sup>th</sup> @AMS 6:30pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra, Band & Chorus – May 19<sup>th</sup> @AMS 6:30pm
- Chamber Music Concert – FHS May 26th @ 7pm
- FMA Potluck Dinner – FHS May 27th @ 6:30pm

**Next meeting May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm**

Respectfully submitted, Mimi Foley

Adjourned 8:25pm