

**Foxboro Music Association
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 13, 2015**

Meeting began at 7:30 pm.

Attendees: Dale Andersen, Britny Andersen, Pam Atanasoff, Karen Connolly, Noreen Ennis, Michelle Gardner, Kristin Hovey, Maria Kerrigan, Christine MacDonald, Colleen MacDonald, Donna McAuliffe, Mimi Foley, Cheryl Moran, Kathleen O'Neill, Sheila Peterson, David Piper, Meaghan Scollins, Lynne Silver, Lisa Stowell, Kim Vacheron, Shannon SanBento

Dale welcomed and thanked all for attending and for their continuous help.

Secretary's Report: Last meeting's minutes approved.

Treasurer's report: Meaghan stated that sponsorships are still coming in. Funds are approximately around the same as last year. Report approved.

Mr. Massey – Not in attendance.

David Piper – FMA scholarships today went smoothly. Choir group from Hofstra University played at Bethany and David noted that this was one of his top 4-5 favorite events. He thanked the several volunteers that assisted and the high school students. The jazz band will be going to the Ellington Festival on May 7th- 10th. He described the venue to be very much like a NYC night club. He then asked that Britny Andersen comment on the POPs event coming up.

Britny Andersen - Britny noted that there are still tickets for tables available for the POPs concert coming up on May 2nd and 3rd. General admission tickets are also available for bleacher seats. Sponsorships are still wanted for the event.

MICCA – Maria thanked all those who volunteered for MICCA. On review of the food, she stated that there was still food left that could be used for the POPS. Dale stated that the food for the judges went well. We may use Antonio's again. Concessions: There are currently 12 people trained, but a new volunteer *coordinator* is needed for next year.

FMA Website – The FMA website needs serious revamping or an entire overhaul. Several in attendance stated that the site needs to be more user friendly and the platform should be more secure. Paula had been the original webmaster, but Karen noted that we need someone who can continue to work on it and train others for its future use and maintenance. Sheila recommended that perhaps a student can fix or replace the website. Dale proposed that it could be a community service project for any music student with some computer experience. Once developed, the student could maintain and train others.

Scholarships – Karen stated that the process went very smoothly. There were 66 students in total, down from the 99 last year. Once again, it was orchestra heavy and band light especially amongst the 5th to 6th grade group. Some discussion on whether the funds could be used for rentals, but David Piper noted that this would be a slippery slope since there is already assistance given by the administrative staff to those in need. If they find that the scholarship winnings could go to the rental of instruments, then they may be less likely to fund. Karen noted that there'd been an issue with applications submitted through AOL or Yahoo email again and even though they were able to fix it, this problem will likely arise again next year. Lastly, she noted that new volunteers were needed for the scholarships program next year.

Jazz Fest – Dale stated that they are still in need of a host family for the cookout. There is a 2 hour turn around for the 40 to 45 students and traditionally it's been a senior parent who has hosted. This does not need to be the case, however, as any parent of a band student can host. Michelle suggested sending out an email request to all the jazz parents to see if there were any volunteers to host. The FMA provides the food (upon reimbursement). Dale will be arranging the post-concert reception and will email jazz parents for donations.

Fundraisers – Noreen noted that the fundraiser used recently for Track and Field was a great success and could be used by the FMA. It was a baked goods fundraiser with a local bakery. Lynne Silver suggested that a soup fundraiser was an option also.

Upcoming Events :

- FMA Scholarship Auditions April 13th
- Exchange Orchestra Program April 14th
- POPS Concert May 3rd & 3rd – FHS
- Essentially Ellington Festival – NYC May 7th – 10th
- FMA Jazz Fest May 15th with Guest Artist Sean Jones – FHS @7pm
- 8th Grade Band, Chorus & Orchestra – AMS May 19th @ 6:30pm
- Chamber Music Concert – FHS May 21st @ 7pm
- FMA Potluck Dinner – FHS May 22nd @ 6:30pm
- 7th Grade Band, Orchestra and Chorus – AMS May 28th @ 6:30pm
- 5th Grade Band, Orchestra and Chorus – AMS June 3rd @ 6:30pm

Next meeting May 11th, 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted, Mimi Foley

Adjourned 8:16pm