

**Foxboro Music Association  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 12, 2015**

Meeting began at 7:30 pm.

**Attendees:** Dale Andersen, Sheila Peterson, Mr. Steve Massey, Meaghan Scollins, Lauren Amico, Karen Connolly, Joanna Eva, Mimi Foley, Morgan Milender, Cheryl Moran, Maria Kerrigan, Kim Vacheron, Grace O'Connell, Kathleen O'Neill, David Piper, Shannon SanBento

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

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

**Treasurer's report:** Meaghan reviewed budget. Sponsorship funding is still trickling in. We are still below last year a bit. All 2014 scholarships were redeemed! Envelopes were ordered. The Poinsettia fundraiser raised \$200 in total. Budget approved.

**Mr. Massey** – Noted that there were an incredible 9 concerts in the last month! The jazz choir performed at the new Boyden Library for the first time on this past Sunday using audio gear donated by Robert Kraft recently. Expressed that we should do something to show our appreciation. Twenty five students performed in the senior district concert. On March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, the Junior District will take place. We had the largest number of students audition this year.

**David Piper** – Jim Papoulis has been commissioned to create an original piece for the choir to perform in the Choralpalooza. "When I Sing" will be the final piece performed by the all grade choir. This will be the first time that a commissioned piece will be sung by all the grades 5 -12. Jim Papoulis will conduct and afterwards, the piece will be published. On April 9<sup>th</sup>, the choir will go see the Hofstra University chamber choir performance in Milton and on the same evening they will perform at Bethany Church with the Hofstra Choir.

**Student Reps** – Morgan stated the February 13<sup>th</sup> deadline for the senior baby pictures is fast approaching. Also, there will be a student recital during the day on February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming Events** – *Jazz Symposium:* Still need some volunteers to help Dale prior to the event in order to set up for lunch and then for dinner. Joanna Eva volunteered to help. They will also need a few volunteers to help serve dinner. *MICCA:* MICCA will take place on March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. There is still a need for some volunteers to help serve snacks and lunches to judges. Dale will be handling the transfer of score sheets back and forth as needed. Some parent volunteers are needed to help set up just for the first hour. Student volunteers are needed to help as coordinators. Morgan wants to set up more of a

regulated schedule this year. Also, there was some discussion last year regarding some parent requests for more healthy snacks.

*Step Up Concert*: January 26<sup>th</sup> which is a change from the original date.

**Scholarships:** Karen Connolly reviewed some of the dates coming up. All letters to go out by March 9<sup>th</sup> and applications are only on line and are due on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Audition notifications will go out on April 6<sup>th</sup> pm and Winners will be announced on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. As an aside, she noted that the district website has a flaw in that when you click on the “FMA”, it doesn’t actually take you anywhere. Also, she reiterated that after the auditions last year, there were some concerns/questions by parents regarding the judging process. The winners last year, were inordinately orchestra heavy, so some parents thought that the judging process may need some revision. Karen reviewed the statistics for past years noted that there was no real trend or bias and there seems to be a pendulum effect of the winners being predominately from band one year, then the orchestra the next just given that top award winners cannot re-apply the following year. She also wanted to ensure that parents are aware that the FMA is not involved in the actual judging. Judging is done purely by the music staff at the school. Lastly, she asks for a volunteer to shadow them this year, since Terese Todd will be stepping down next year. The position requires the volunteer to be present for the 3 hours of auditions and a couple hours after to tally and also handle the startup process leading up to the auditions.

**Upcoming events:**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band & Chorus, Jr Jazz Band & Choir Concert 1/15 @ 6:30pm Ahern
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band & FHS Wind Ensemble Step Up Concert 1/26 @ 7pm FHS
- All State Auditions 1/24
- FHS Winter Fest Concert 1/29/15 @ 7pm FHS
- Open Rehearsal Grade 8 and FHS Chorus 7pm 2/2 @ FHS
- Acapella/Jazz Choir Concert 7pm, 2/5
- Open Rehearsal Grade 8 & FHS Strings 5:30-7pm 2/9 @ FHS
- Jazz Symposium 2/7
- String Fest @ 6:30pm Ahern 2/12
- Choralpalooza 2/26 FHS
- MICCA 3/27 & 28<sup>th</sup> FHS

**Next meeting February 9, 7:30pm**

Respectfully submitted, Mimi Foley

Adjourned 8:20pm