

Foxboro Music Association
Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 6, 2014

Meeting began at 7:30 pm.

Attendees: Dale Andersen, Carl Andersen, JeanEllen Erving, Jeanne Cherry, Pam Atanasoff, Lauren Amico, Karen Connolly, Noreen Ennis, Ellen Garber, Kristin Hovey, Jennifer Hoyt, Christine MacDonald, Morgan Milender, Colleen MacDonald, Grace O'Connell, Kathleen O'Neill, Meaghan Scollins, Lisa Stowell, Terese Todd, Kim Vacheron, Shannon SanBento, Joanna Eva, Michelle Gardner, Mimi Foley

Dale welcomed and thanked all for attending. Dale also handed out Steve Massey's wish list which includes items from David Piper and Cami Tedoldi.

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

Treasurer's report: Budget for the year and financial statement presented by Meaghan Scollins. Items from Steve's list were discussed at length to be voted on. Steve particularly wanted #1, 3, and 4 to be voted on.

#1 Vocal Soloists for the Schubert mass as part of the October 16th Voices and Strings Concert – Mr. Piper and Miss Tedoldi

#3 Fall Jazz Concert (Jazz bands and jazz choirs) – Guest Artist Jeff Galindo November 14th – Mr. Massey and Mr. Piper

#4 Jazz Symposium (4 schools collaboration) February 8th –Artist Greg Hopkins Nonet– Mr. Massey

Discussion, also, on the five remaining items on the list and whether they should all be voted on now or later. Noreen Ennis and Kathleen O'Neill strongly voiced that it was important to give a bit more support to the chorus and orchestra than in the past where band has dominated. Much discussion on how much money would be needed to fund all or part of the list and whether there were funds to fund all 8 items on the list. Karen Connolly asked if there was any carry over balances from prior years (and how much) that could be used to fund any difference necessary to do all 8 items. Ultimately, majority decided to vote on all 8 items and to dip into the balance from last year for the tune of roughly \$1800. Terese Todd motioned for all 8 items to be accepted and to pay for any difference with the carryover balance. Noreen Ennis seconded. Majority agreed. Meaghan also brought up the fact that several students have yet to collect on their scholarships that they won last year. It was agreed that the \$1500 set aside for the scholarships should have a deadline of December 31st.

Cookout 10/17: Carl thanked everyone for the nearly instantaneous support he got from doing Sign Up Genius for the Cookout. He stated that we are still in need of more baked goods, another 6' table and 2 BBQ grills. He also asked for volunteers to come by 4pm to help set up.

Senior Buttons: Were a great success.

Yankee Candle: Kick off on October 3rd going through the 20th with the catalog and will continue past the 20th on line. Dale will send link to everyone with the group #. Last day on line will be December 31st. Ellen Garber will send a link to Facebook as well. \$210 profit as of this meeting.

Howl at the Moon, Splitsville – The bowling alley at Patriot Place would like a relationship with the FMA whereby they can generate publicity for themselves and some revenue for the FMA. A couple ideas entertained for these revenue based events would be to send the cover back to us for one night or for a small ensemble to perform (early evening 5-7pm) with a donation back (not as a % of sales, but a fixed amount). Everyone agreed that it was a bit of a no brainer.

Bottle and Can Drive 9/20 (Rain date - 9/27): Shannon SanBento and Ellen Garber are still waiting on the figures. Meghan Scollins noted that the company used this year counts not by weight, but by bottle/can. Ellen noted that there seemed to be less this year, so going forward, we may need to revv up advertising on lawns, emails, flyers, etc. Shannon and Ellen will be coordinators again next year for this event. Lisa Stowell suggested giving out large paper bags with the flyers stapled to them in advance as a reminder.

Sponsorships – Kathleen O’Neill discussed the desire to find more experienced or seasoned volunteers to help. Suggestions were made to check and contact prior year’s sponsors/businesses. Dale noted that some businesses have caps to their donations, so if they’ve tapped out, they may be unwilling to extend sponsorship.

Communications – The group revisited the need for parents of all groups of the music department to be informed. Discussed a potential flyer to be made then given to David Piper, Cami Tedoldi and directly out to parents at concerts to solicit their emails. This way, the students are not directly asked for their emails, but they can bring home the flyer which would enable any parent to at least join the google group. Mimi Foley volunteered to produce a flyer.

Notes: Australian jazz band to visit in December (9-10th)

Upcoming events:

- Home Football Games : 9/19, 10/10, **10/17(HC)**, all games @7pm; 11/28 vs. Mansfield 10 am @ Mansfield
- Tailgate Cookout 10/17
- FHS Voices and Stings Concert 10/16 7pm
- Fall Jazz Concert 11/13 @7:00 pm @ FHS
- Thanksgiving Day Game 11/27 @ Mansfield 10:00 am

Next meeting November 10th, 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted, Mimi Foley

Adjourned 8:15pm.