

Foxboro Music Association
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 12, 2018

Meeting began at 7:00 PM

Attendees: Lauren Amico, Dale Andersen, Jaci Andersen, Yasa Baig, Tricia Conlon, Erin Earnst, Brady Gardner, Michele Gawronski, Liz Hall, Kristin Hovey, Jennifer Hoyt, Adrienne Jacobson, Michelle Kenney, Donna McAuliffe, Nancy Morrison, Sheila Peterson, Meaghan Scollins, Amy Spognardi, Lisa Stowell, Anne Sweeney, Cami Tedoldi, Katherine Udden, and Michelle Walsh

Welcome - Dale Andersen welcomed everyone. She explained that Cami Tedoldi would be arriving later due to the Strings step up night.

Secretary's Report - Jenn Hoyt had send out the January minutes. Copies were available. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report & Sponsorships - Meaghan Scollins had copies of the latest financial reports available. As of February 12th sponsorships were \$9400. Sponsorships were still off by \$3600, but the gap is closing. We are still missing the Finish at the Fifty money. Jenn Hoyt has emailed DMSE Sports 3 times in the past month. She will continue to follow up. Invoices from the Jazz Symposium just came in so the totals were not in the February budget report. Dale Andersen thanked Nancy Morrison for the cultural council grant. We will receive \$600 from the Cultural Council. This money goes towards Fall Jazz Festival. Nancy is now going to work on a grant for Partners in Patriotism. Meaghan said she would forward a copy of last years grant application to Nancy. We need to ask for specific things and be very detailed in the application. The new budget cycle just started so we're early in their fiscal year. Sheila Peterson offered to review the grant proposal before it is submitted. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Cami's Report - Cami Tedoldi came in to the meeting because she had been attending the String Step Up Night. She thanked everyone for their help with the Jazz Symposium. She then told that one student selected for All State (Jake Parkman, tenor). The All State Festival was to take place the week after Feb vacation. She reminded everyone that the date for Bandorama date has changed to March 13th. Cami then told everyone that the parts for the commission for Steve Massey were just received the day of the meeting. The commissioned piece will premiere at the Chamber concert in May. Dan Buckvich, the composer, will be in residence that week. The FMA will need to look into a hotel. Cami was asked to help with Senior Pictures. She said she would speak to the seniors to try to get them to get their photos in. Finally Cami spoke about the Berklee High School Jazz Festival. She said the Vocal Jazz had a great performance. Corey Hall won two awards. The room was packed.

Student Reps - The student reps said that they still need a few senior pictures. When asked if they've seen the commissioned work, they said they hadn't yet, but it had just arrived that day. Brady Gardner said he would be filming the commission process.

MICCA 3/23 & 3/24 - Amy Spognardi and Liz Hall said that they are planning a new menu for MICCA this year. They are looking to make a little money, not waste as much, and have some healthier options. They are working with Janice Watts from Food Services. We will only be charged for what we use and won't prepackage things so there won't be as much waste. The things that are not used will be able to be used for school lunches. The menu options will consist of Deli sandwiches, pre-made salads, veggie trays with dressing, and the regular (pizza, etc.) Meaghan suggested making a flyer to put in rooms with the menu options. Amy and Liz were waiting for performance schedules so they could solicit volunteers. They said that they would need the same number of cash boxes. Student reps agreed to make the room signs. Dale and Meaghan said they would handle the judges (running, scoring, etc.). Liz offered to donate a Keurig machine to the FMA if FMA agrees to buy K cups. This would then be able to be used for many FMA events. Finally, Liz thanked everyone for help with the Jazz Symposium.

Volunteer Positions 2018-2019 - Dale Andersen said that she would have a volunteer list at the next meeting. She said we would then figure out who is in and out. Sheila Peterson said we definitely need P/R help. The sooner the better. Sheila has templates for P/R, but we need volunteers.

Website - Meaghan Scollins said that Karen Connolly (who couldn't make the meeting) wants to hold off on changing the website until after scholarships applications come in. They are due on March 31st. Yasa Baig said that he will redo everything from the backend from scratch. Yasa and Karen will come up with a timeline. Cami suggested June 1st.

Scholarships - Lauren Amico and Michelle Kenney met with Cami last week. They suggested adding an incentive to the junior division. A \$25 gift cert to SIMC or Jazz Improv to all middle school students who audition. Lauren and Michelle said that letters would go out at the end of February. Applications are due on March 31st. Auditions will be the Monday after April vacation.

Sponsorship - Michelle Walsh and Katherine Udden want to find a way to capture alumni for the sponsorship drive. It was suggested that there be a sign up list at potluck for alumni and alumni parents to stay on the list. Sponsorship can then send the sponsorship forms to alumni parents and students. One suggestion was to make a special category in the programs for alumni donations. Liz Hall said that she has addresses for a bunch of alumni (from Mr. Massey's book). Liz also suggested posting on Massey retirement FB page about being added to the sponsorship list. Someone was planning on speaking about sponsorship at all 3 big concerts. Nancy Morrison was going to speak at Stringfest. Sheila Peterson was planning to speak at Choralpalooza and Sheila Peterson and Dale Andersen were planning to speak at Bandorama. Katherine suggested putting together a video to show at a sponsorship table before and during intermission at all concerts. Brady Gardner was nominated to do a video (by Michelle Gawronski).

Other Business - Lisa Stowell asked about having the last FMA meeting (June's meeting) at the middle school so as to recruit the incoming 8th grade parents and to include more middle school parents. It was agreed to look into that.

Upcoming Events

- String Open rehearsal w/ Ahern orchestra 5:30 2/12 @ FHS
- Stringfest 3/1 FHS 6:30 PM
- Choralpalooza 3/8, 6:30PM @ FHS (ed. postponed due to snow)
- Bandorama 3/13 6:30PM @ FHS
- Jr Districts 3/16 & 17
- Spring Concert 3/22 7:00 PM FHS
- Festivals of Music Tour 4/25-4/29

Next Meeting March 12 @ 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer L. Hoyt
Foxboro Music Association, Inc Secretary