

Minutes, September 13, 2021 7 PM (Zoom)

Attendance: Erin Ernst, Jodie Whidden, Seana Dorich, Anne Sweeney, Jennifer Hoyt, Michelle Kenney, Tiffany Gomes, Cami Tedoldi, Sherry Madabnushi, Juliana Preston., Ashley C., Mabel Linck, Monica Fidler, Karen Stein, Alison Bancroft, Teresa Gorman, Mary Flaherty, Eric Brighan

I. Call to Order, Welcome, and Introduction of New Officers, E. Earnst, 7:00 PM

Erin made introduction

First FMA meeting

Introduction of Board and attendees:

Erin Earnst, President

Jodie Whidden, Vice President

Anne Sweeney, Treasurer

Seana Dorich, Secretary

Thank you: Jen & Drew Hoyt for organizing "Finish at the 50" fundraiser

II. Budget Update, A. Sweeney, 7:10 PM

- Finish at the 50: brought in \$700 (not in budget yet because we have not received the check)
- Expecting to have a total revenue of \$38k this year (will change as year goes on as we add more fundraisers); off to a solid start
- Expenses - standard year to year
 - \$6k commission - ½ is paid and in the budget
 - Insurance expense - note: 18 month renewal (usually 12 months) so it looks larger than usual (two insurances - 18 month renewal puts them in sync)
 - In November there will be one lump sum payment
- As more opportunities for fundraising come up we will be increasing revenue
- Motion to accept the provisional (will be revisited in January to adjust to Covid restriction changes) budget by Eri
- All adults voted in the budget - 16 yeas no neas

III. Ms. Tedoldi's Report & Student Update, 7:15 PM

- "So heart warming to have everyone back in the building"
- Ms. Tedoldi shared brief history of the FMA
 - founded 40 + years ago to support educational opportunities for the K-12 Music Departments
 - Partnership created to support the music program in the FPS

- Foxboro community and parents, family and students
 - FMA has been recognised by the Foxboro Educators Association (2019)
 - Erin Ernst earned - Arts Learning Award for her Advocacy during Covid
 - Passionate Board
 - History and what FMA has done makes the program special
 - One of the best music programs in the country
 - Grateful for any way anyone can contribute - small or large
 - Typically Ms. Tedolodi updates what is going on in department
 - Please email for other personal matter
- Marching Band Camp - Sean Kelly and Sophia Davis
 - First performance at 9/24 first game
 - String Orchestra - seniors ran two day camp - worked on audition piece
 - Choir summer practice
 - Camps were really important as last years 8th graders did not get a lot of opps to visit high school
 - String orchestra and choir working - Schuberts Mass in G with professional vocalist
 - Department concert passes are coming out soon
 - Health and safety at forefront of planning
 - Foxboro Cable Access will be live-streaming all concerts
 - We want to make sure everyone can see - accessibility really important
 - Devon Budreau - new middle school chorus director

IV. Student Updates 7:20

- Juliana Preston (Orchestra, violin)
 - In process of ordering t-shirts designed by students - in time for cook-out
 - First violin sectional today
 - Trying to get to know everyone - since freshman and sophomores did not get full experience
 - Not the same with social distancing....having sectional time and full orchestra time together
 - Working towards concert and symphony orchestra
- Mabel Linck (Concert, Marching Band, French horn)
 - Working on marching band music, first game 9/24
 - Stand tunes, show in general
 - Cook-out for 8th graders - second show 10/1
- Ashley - (Jazz Band, trumpet)
 - first show for marching band, sectionals, bonding with freshman, lot easier to form connection
 - Jazz - first Wednesday night rehearsal, went really well
- Sherri Madabhushi (choir)

- working on the Mass in G and other pieces
- first sectional today, attendance is great
- everyone excited to be back and have a normal year

V. Upcoming Events/Brief Updates from Chairs, 7:25 PM

- **Commission Piece** - hire composer to write a piece of music that we pay them to do, like commissioning an artist, not something that a lot of places do, what makes FMA special, commissioned over 35 pieces of new art, all grade levels, all genres, concert, jazz
 - Katherien Stockheminer - MIT and NEC - well known throughout the country - does a fantastic job writing for this year
 - In honor of classes of 2020 and 2021 - celebratory opportunity - bringing the grads back
 - Celebration of music and how special it is for our community
 - Artist in residence
 - She will come in 2-3 times before premier- in virtually soon - Band, Chorus and Orchestra
 - Experience of a life-time - amazing opportunity
 - Sponsored by FMA
- Cookout - Oct 1 (raindate 10/29)
 - Sign Up genius went out - looking good - send out again.
 - National Anthem played by band, for all - band, choir and orchestra
 - Monica will bring it up at PAC meeting on Thursday
- Pictures of Seniors - September 14 - top of uniform at Marching Band Practice; buttons - if anyone wants to take these on; photos for poste
- Music Performance Calendars for the Ahern and FHS d. Photos of Marching Band Seniors for Buttons & Poster: Sept. 14 at 5:15 PM
- Swag store
 - Sent through Constant Contact - hats, jackets, etc.
 - Percentage goes back to FMA
- Dining out fundraisers - needs a new liaison

V. Open Positions, 7:35 PM

Jodie has list of open positions - we will share through FB and Constant Contact - reach out if there is something you would like to do

- Sept - apparel sells, senior buttons
- May - Potluck coordinator - caf, families donate food, kids do slideshow
- Senior parent photos
- Founders Day Booth and Raffle - Del's lemonade was sold in the past - fun community day, not a huge commitment, fun event

- Concessions and ticket sales - sell candy, water, chips, etc. - ½ before concert and during intermission
- Grants - PIP and cultural council - cultural council has a new application
- Bandarama chairs
- PIP - funded virtual master classes during Covid: Amazing artists from around the world.
- FMA scholarship auditions (Jen Hoyt)
- Jazz events hospitality: feeding kids during Fall Jazz Fest and Spring Jazz Fest/ lunch and dinner for the guest artists
- MICCA
- Newspaper media - Jeff Peterson - has worked with Cami - Would be awesome to have some willing to cover stories - Music and Art section - may students would like to write
- PR - concert announcements
- Facebook and Twitter

VI. Vote to Accept Meeting Minutes from June 14, 2021, 7:40

- Eric and Mary - motion to accept, second
- All present voted

VII. Old Business, 7:45 PM

- FMA Scholarship
 - Michelle and Seana will share list of winners
 - thank you to Michelle and Seana and all adjudicators
 - money goes to music camp and/or private teacher, supports independent music teachers

VIII. New Business, 7: 50 PM

- All volunteers need CORI (bring your license)
 - All volunteers are up for renewal
 - Stop by FHS or AMS office - bring driver's license - fill out the form
 - Needed for any events around students - including cook-out
 - If you think you are ever going to be alone with a students
 - FMA agreed upon for policy
 - We all need to be cori'd
 - Easy to do - turn around time is a couple of days
 - Good for all of us to have on time
- New business cards with Q cards that scan to FMA
- Instrument rental night
- Magnets
 - Put in budget to order to magnets for cars

- Social media
- Feedback needed on style. Poll maybe?
- Quote for ordering 150 - under \$3 for each one - sell for \$5 - \$2 profit

IX. Adjournment, 7:55 PM

FMA Meetings for 2021–2022

- Monday, September 13, 7 PM
- Monday, October 18, 7 PM
- Monday, November 8, 7 PM
- Monday, December 13, 7 PM
- Monday, January 10, 7 PM
- Monday, February 14, 7 PM
- Monday, March 14, 7 PM
- Monday, April 11, 7 PM
- Monday, May 9, 7 PM (elections)
- Monday, June 13, 7 PM