



**Foxboro Music Association Meeting Agenda
June 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

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Meeting ID: 826 1393 0962 Passcode: 855371

In attendance: Jodie Whidden, Erin Earnst, Jenn Hoyt, Jennifer Ooi, Nicole Groves, Karen Stein, Suja Sadasivan, Cameron Tedoldi

I. Call to Order, Welcome, and Thank Yous, Jodie Whidden, 7:00 PM

Thank you to Erin Earnst, Denise Hui and Christina Catalan for hosting the Jazz Fest. A huge thank you for Ellington and big thanks to everyone who helped with Potluck. Founders Day was a great day, the customers kept us very busy and we did well.

II. [Budget Update](#), Jennifer Hoyt

The report is complete unless additional expenses come through after the budget is final. We made more than we had budgeted for the year - \$52,780.73 versus \$47,925.00. Some event expenses went over-budget but everything evened out and we have a healthy bank balance. There is money coming in for summer programs in other accounts.

Founders Day profit was \$1,772 from the sale of Del's Lemonade – the watermelon flavor was very popular.

Erin asked if we need to vote to increase the Jazz Fest budget. Jenn Hoyt replied that since it's the end of the year, and we are under budget overall, we do not need to vote for an adjustment. She will increase line items for next year. Erin noted that food expenditures will need to be increased and the cost of guest artists as well.

Erin also asked if we wanted to order more magnets. Jodie will take an inventory of the swag. Jenn said we could add to next year's budget if we decide to order more. Suja suggested we consider changing the design of magnets, etc. to encourage sales.

III. Ms. Tedoldi's Report & Student Update

Thank you for a wonderful year and your support. The music program is not just the schools but also the parents. The community, the students and the faculty see all the FMA does. It has been a great year, we may never fully return to normal but this year feels as normal as possible.

The Marching Band show next year will be West Side Story.

We brought the 7th and 8th graders to Supercharged with the clinicians after MICCA and it helped them to experience MICCA in a low-stress environment.

Essentially Ellington was a wonderful time and she is proud of how the students represented themselves. Dr. Berdos was awed and Ms. Tedoldi was glad the Superintendent got to see the performances. It was also great to have Nicole as our clinician. Thank you to the families who came to Ellington. Also, thank you for the Potluck, it was amazing and she really enjoyed the setup of the room.

IV. Upcoming & Recent Events/Brief Updates from Chairs

- FMA PotLuck (Nicole Groves and Jodie Whidden)– Nicole took notes, we need to get more food next year because there wasn't enough for all the students. We also ran out of chairs and had to find more. Nicole mentioned that some people brought soup so we need to be ready for that. We should encourage people to use disposable pans, and we should have tablecloths on the serving tables.
- [Founders Day](#) and [Door and Concession Sales](#) Update (Nicole Groves) We needed to throw out the food in the FMA closet so we will start fresh in the fall. Jodie will bring it home after each concert. Jenn Hoy said we made \$877.16 profit on concert concessions.
- Jazz Jam Session with Ahern and FHS Jazz (Erin Earnst)
We had a great session last Wednesday, the FMA provided pizza and salad and it was fun to see the next group. Erin is updating the Jazz Hospitality documents, she does feel the line item budget for that should be increased next year.
- FMA Scholarship Redemption Reminder (Jennifer Hoyt)
Jenn asked and it was agreed that we should send out a reminder. They have until December 2023 to use it. Ms Tedoldi asked if we could move the scholarship auditions to the Thursday after April vacation instead of the Monday and the Board agreed.
- Upcoming Performances and Dates to Note ([full year calendar](#)):
 - 6/26-6/30: [Foxboro Jazz Improvisation Workshop](#) (Ahern Middle School 9:30am-3pm)
 - 7/3-7/14 (July 4th Off): [Summer Instrumental Music and Chorale](#) (Ahern Middle School 8am-12:15pm)
 - 8/21-8/25: FHS Marching Band Camp
 - 8/25: FMA Meet & Greet at FHS
Last night of marching camp.

V. Committee Chairs/Volunteers Needed for 2023-2024

Grant Writer (PIP and Cultural Council) Jazz Events Hospitality
Restaurant Fundraisers Social Media
Website

- VI. Vote to Accept [Meeting Minutes from May 8, 2023](#), Motion by Jodie Whidden, seconded by Karen Stein, motion passed unanimously 7-0.

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. New Business

Nicole mentioned that Board members had discussed fundraising at next year's Founders Day. She asked Ms. Tedoldi whether she thought the staff might participate in a dunk tank. Ms. Tedoldi thought it would be difficult to schedule additional staff time when they already have multiple weekend activities.

Another idea was to have a backdrop and take photos. Jodie suggested a banner to help with advertising.

Nicole stated that we have been getting a lot of complaints about CheddarUp. Cell reception in the auditorium is poor and using CheddarUp is time-consuming for purchasers. At Founders Day people also complained because every other tent was using Venmo. Jenn Hoyt reiterated that the law has changed; we aren't supposed to use Venmo and Paypal has fees. CheddarUp does have a POS device that would allow people to swipe credit cards, so Jenn Hoyt will look into using it for next year.

Jodie and Jen cleaned out the closet and Jodie is going to donate a gift card to buy shelves, maybe one shelf for the kids to help organize.

Thank you to Erin Earnst for her many years of contribution and leadership, we will miss her!!! Have a good summer!

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:34

Jodie Whidden, President

Erin Earnst, Vice President

Jennifer Hoyt, Treasurer

Jennifer Ooi, Secretary