



Foxboro Music Association Meeting Minutes
Foxborough High School Orchestra Room (*Stephen C Massey Music Suite*)
January 13, 2025

In attendance: Nicole Groves, Jodie Whidden, Jenn Hoyt, Jennifer Ooi, Jennie Mayhew, Julie Coote, Jaleen Hu, Barb Gooch, Jen Guild, Jen Brancato, Mike Bristol, Jean O'Bryant, Mr Sawyer, Mr Bush, JJ Blanchard

- I. **Thank yous** - Nicole thanked the volunteers. It is nice to have new faces helping as well as the old.
- II. **Budget update** - Jennifer Hoyt reported that we received a few more sponsorships and did well at the winter concert on concessions and donations. We have brought in \$953 total, \$385 in net revenue for concessions so far.
- III. **Sponsorship Update** - Jodie Whidden reported that one gift was received from the family of Charlotte Altman, her daughter reached out and donations are being made in her memory.
- IV. **Fundraiser Discussion** - Nicole had suggested in the prior meeting that we consider individual sponsorships that people could sign up for but it seemed like there was not a lot of interest. She suggested putting a wish list in the concert programs or on a SignUpGenius, as an ongoing way to fund items like hand warmers, water for games, senior buttons, or concessions. The attendees were in favor of the idea and suggested using Amazon for some items.

We had also brought up the idea of students redesigning the donation boxes, and we could reimburse them for the supplies. JJ Blanchard will reach out to the band and other music students to see if anyone is interested in doing this.

Jaleen went to the 5th grade concert and spoke to a lot of choir parents. The middle school concerts are scheduled so parents can switch out at the end of each performance, which makes outreach more difficult. If our goal is to get them involved in FMA, it would be helpful to give them a vested interest like posting all the concerts for the Ahern on our website. She also is planning on updating the flyer with apparel photos.

Julie Coote reported that there will be a Jazz fundraiser at Fab Finds this Friday from 5pm-9pm and 10% of sales throughout the night will go to the FMA. Station One also donated gift baskets for which we will sell tickets. Two musical groups will be playing, Nola and Egan are organizing the musical entertainment.

- V. **Insurance Forms** - Jennifer Ooi reported that she had received the information needed to complete the supplemental insurance forms requested by the Philadelphia Insurance Company for our FMA and SIMC/Jazz Improv policies. Caroline Clark at Town Hall was very helpful. The completed forms will be sent back to the agent tomorrow. Once that is done we can get a certificate of insurance, which is required by Town Hall for the facility-use application for SIMC/Jazz.
- VI. **Battle of the Bands** - Jennie Mayhew reported that she spoke with Jen Rathbun, the event coordinator at the Orpheum. This event would need a year or two of planning, so it could be scheduled spring 2026 at the earliest. The booking deposit is \$500, and there is also a security deposit of \$1000, plus fees for the technicians and emcees. We would not make any money from concessions, our revenue would come from ticket sales. Sharon did a Battle of the Bands and charged \$5 but it was held at the school. JJ said he is not aware of any current student rock bands, so the first step would be to gauge student interests and whether they currently have or could form a band. We could also possibly invite alumni to participate.

- VII. **Committee Chair Updates** - Jean O'Bryant reported that Seana Dorich would be taking over the Senior Essay Committee.
- VIII. [Vote to Approve December 9, 2024 Minutes](#) - The end time of the meeting was omitted, and it was agreed that the meeting had ended at 7:30. A motion was made by Jenn Hoyt to approve the minutes with that change, and the motion was seconded by Jenn Guild. The motion passed by a vote of 12-0-0.
- IX. **Mr. Sawyer's update** - They are very busy now. The 7th grade concert is this week, and tonight was Step-Up Night. It was nice to see the interaction of the students and was a great opportunity for 8th graders to see the high school program. We had 22 students participate in Senior Districts, and All States are coming up. Midterms are coming up!
- X. **Student Reports:** JJ Blanchard reported that Step-Up Night went very well and there seems to be a lot of interest in band by 8th graders. They have switched over to new music since their last concert. A lot of students are interested in and excited about All States.
- XI. **Old Business** - Jen Ooi asked if there was anything additional to share regarding moving the photos to a FMA google drive, Mike Bristol and Barbara Gooch will continue to look into this.
- XII. **New Business** - there was none.
- XIII. **Adjournment** - the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Next meeting dates: February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9