



**Foxboro Music Association Meeting Minutes  
May 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

*In attendance: Jodie Whidden, Jennifer Ooi, Caitlin Savage, Ashley Conlon, C Bridgham, Alyssa Kaiser, Nicole Groves, Suja Sadasivan, Karen Stein, and Cami Tedoldi*

**I. Call to Order, Welcome, and Thank Yous, Jodie Whidden**

Thank you to the students for POPS, and thank you to Karen and Suja for volunteering to run the election.

Jodie stated that FMA members only need to vote for new positions. Nicole Groves is running for Vice-President to replace Erin Earnst. Election forms were passed out, completed and tallied. Nicole Groves was elected 6-0.

**II. Budget Update, Jodie Whidden for Jenn Hoyt**

A few more miscellaneous checks came in for sponsorships, etc. The largest budget item is for Ellington with both expenses and revenue. We put money in for Founders Day too.

The budget for FMA scholarships was \$5000 and we will spend exactly \$5000 if everything is redeemed.

Middle school students were promised \$25 towards SIMC totalling \$700. The remaining \$4300 was divided amongst the winners:

1st place for each division was \$300  
2nd place for each division was \$250  
3rd place for each division was \$200  
4th place for each division was \$150

Honorable mention was \$100 each. There were 5 honorable mentions for upper middle school and high school and 6 for lower middle school.

The amounts for the scholarships are the same as prior years. It was just a matter of allocating how many honorable mentions we could grant.

**III. Ms. Tedoldi's Report & Student Update**

We had a great POPS weekend run by the students, from conception to execution, starting in January. The goal is to earn enough to cover the cost of the printed programs, audio person and custodial fees. Anything left over goes to a revolving fund to help pay fees for trips/All-State for children who need assistance.

On Friday the Igo 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders gave a concert. Mrs. Noonan did a fabulous job with the two concerts, one at 10 am for students and another at 2 pm for parents, and the FCA filmed it. It was wonderful and it is very important for the kids to have that experience performing at the elementary level.

Mr. Glynn was nominated for the Marilyn Rodman School of Rock award, and Mrs. Webb is back from maternity leave.

Essentially Ellington is coming up this week. Foxboro is performing at 10AM on Saturday and there will be a Live Stream at jazz.org. Dr Berdos will be joining the trip, she is excited and proud to be going.

We have Ahern Middle school concerts coming up. New this year for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, we will have an in-house festival on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> during the day. Guest artists will offer clinics and then they will go to Supercharged entertainment. Team building is important as well as the music.

The Memorial Day parade is coming up and we need some volunteers to travel with the Band with water and light snacks in case it's hot. This is needed for both Memorial and Founder's Day, Jodie Whidden will be coordinating that.

Jazz Fest is Wednesday Night, it will start at 6:30 because the Ahern Middle School Jazz Band will be joining us. Erica Von Kleist is the guest artist.

The Chamber concert of all Orchestra, Band and Choir Chamber groups is coming up on May 25th.

Finally, Friday May 26th is the potluck supper run by e-board and FMA.

### **Student Updates**

Charlie Bridgham – Tour was awesome, and it was a cool, new experience and really fun traveling with the students and performing. POPS was interesting. It was similar to last year but the students felt they were getting back into the swing of things post-COVID. Jazz Fest is on Wednesday, so they are getting ready for that. AP exams are this week. Chamber getting ready for the Chamber Concert.

Caitlin Savage – Tour was an awesome experience, none of them had ever gone because of COVID, her favorite parts were the clinics and exploring DC with her friends. The POPS set up went really well. Chamber and String groups are getting ready for upcoming concerts.

Ashley Conlon - POPS was successful, a few people played in all three wind groups, it was nice to see how the younger students performed. Charlie's solo was crazy; she really liked it! Jazz was really fun. The breakdown really showed the dedication because people stayed helped. Tour was really fun, every group was ranked "Superior" and the acoustics were so good. Everything went well.

### **IV. Upcoming & Recent Events/Brief Updates from Chairs**

- [Door and Concession Sales](#) - Nicole will check on the signups. Caitlin suggested NHS students might need volunteer hours and can help.
- [Foxboro Cable Access camera volunteers](#) - Nicole will check with Neda.
- [Senior Potluck Sign Up](#) (5/26) - Nicole Groves said the signups are looking good, Karen Stein suggested we focus on letting people know where there are gaps. Jodie is working on centerpieces, Caitlin will let us know how many tables there are in the cafeteria.
- **Union Straw Fundraiser** (5/3) - Jodie has not received the final numbers yet, this was the last restaurant fundraiser of the year.
- [Senior Scholarships](#) (due by 5/12 ) - Jean O'Bryant –She has not received any applications. Erin told her they usually come in on the last day, which is May 12. She won't be able to review them until Monday after Essentially Ellington, but they have until May 26th to review them. She asked Erin about sending another email reminding them.
- Senior Baby Photos - Ashley Conlon has received almost all of the baby photos for the slideshow.

### **V. New Business**

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES ([full year calendar](#)):

- 5/10: Spring Jazz Fest 6:30PM FHS (Jazz Bands, Jazz Choirs, Ahern Jazz Band)
- 5/11-5/13: Essentially Ellington
- 5/18: 7th & 8th Grade Band/Chorus/Orchestra 6:30 Ahern

- 5/25: Spring Chamber Concert 7PM FHS (Orchestra, Band, Choir)
- 5/26: [FMA Pot Luck Banquet](#) 6:30PM FHS Cafeteria
- 5/29 Memorial Day Parade
- 5/31: 5th Grade 6:00PM (Orchestra/Chorus) and 7:00PM (Band) Ahern
- 6/1 6th Grade Band/Chorus/Orchestra and Jazz Band 6:30 Ahern
- 6/4: FHS Graduation - Concert Band
- 6/6: Percussion Ensemble Concert 7PM
- 6/8: 7PM Concert On The Common, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Choir
- 6/10: Founders Day, Marching Band
- 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)
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**VI. Committee Chairs/Volunteers Needed** - Jodie said she might have volunteers for Jazz Events and Social Media for 2023-2024. We still need chairs for Grant Writing and Restaurant Fundraisers.

**VII. Vote to Accept** [Meeting Minutes from April 10, 2023](#) Jodie made a Motion to accept the Minutes, Karen Stein seconded the Motion and it passed 6-0.

**VIII. Old Business** - Nicole now has the signup genius for Founders Day. We will be selling Del's lemonade and watermelon flavors. We aren't sure about a second delivery because it's weather dependent. She paid \$55 for the space and she is getting Safe Serve certified. Jodie would like to add spots to the signup genius for bringing water/snacks for those marching and selling remaining concessions.

**IX.** Meeting adjourned 6:38 pm

**Final Meeting:**

June 12, 2023

*Jodie Whidden, President  
Erin Earnst, Vice President  
Jennifer Hoyt, Treasurer  
Jennifer Ooi, Secretary*