

**Foxboro Music Association
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2009**

Meeting began at 7:35pm

Attendees: Paula Bishop, Deb Broderick, Harold & Marylou Casson, Karen DiCanzio, Charlie Helou, Judi Kackloudis, Neil Kaiser, Ashley Mackie-Donnelly, Ruth Mackie, Steve Massey, Leila McNeff, Andres Navedo, Deb Navedo, Seana Peterson, Sheila Peterson, Melissa Read, Marina Sweeney, Karen Thomas, Kim Vacheron, Ellen Wilbar, Kathy Zerrip

Secretary's report: Accepted as written.

Treasurer's report: Accepted as written. Deb did mention that she had already received payment from the four towns who had participated in the Jazz Symposium. This could be due to the fact that Deb issued invoices to those towns which seems to have been a great idea.

Steve's Report: Steve thanked everyone for all their wonderful support for the Jazz Symposium. It was a great day where students had quality interaction with a high-end musician. The day had much greater educational value than any day of competition could achieve. Kerry Marsh will be working with the jazz choir on March 30 and 31. In May, Vincent Gardner who is the first trombone player for LCJO will be the artist-in-residence for the Jazz Fest. Also, the University of Michigan's Jazz band will play here for free on Tuesday, May 5. They will be on tour in the area then.

Student reps: They are beginning to request baby pictures from the seniors for the end of the year banquet. The reception for the 8th grade/WE band concert is all coordinated. FMA will provide water.

Neil Kaiser: Neil promised to be at the auditorium door for the MICCA fest. He announced that Cable Access will be awarding a scholarship for any students who are pursuing a communications major. This is for seniors and also students already in college.

FMA Officers for 2009/10: Another friendly reminder to keep these positions in mind.

WE/8th grade Concert: Feb 12 (Thurs). The students will provide the reception after the concert. The FMA will donate water. There will be an information table at the door for parents.

Army Band Concert: March 12 (Thurs) @ 7:30. The Attleboro Sun is handling publicity, tickets and chairs. The FMA will collect tickets and hand out programs. (Leila, Kathy, Ruth, Harold & Deb volunteered). We will provide pizza and water to the band and crew (about 100).

Bandarama: Tuesday, March 24 @ 7pm. Deb will ask Caroline who we used to rent chairs (about 400).

Scholarship Planning: Karen Thomas suggested that we eliminate the "character reference" part of the application process to make the paper work simpler. This was always a necessary part of the application but was not really used in the decision making process. The FMA agreed with Karen. A sing-up sheet was passed around for volunteers to prepare the letters. The application deadline will be April 8. The auditions will be April 28 and winners will be announced on May 3 at the Pops.

Family Help: Ellen Wilbur reported that Cindy Sullivan, parent of Megan who is in the band, has been responding well to chemo. Things are going day to day.

MICCA: April 4/5. Barry Nelson will chair the kitchen, Dale Anderson & Karen DiCanzio will chair volunteers, and Paula Bishop & Tim Zerrip will handle the judges. Look for e-mails about this event.

Upcoming Events:

Mar 5, Thurs – JE & JLB to Stoughton HS for SE Dist Jazz Band Festival 3-10pm

Mar 6/7, Fri/Sat – SE Junior Dist Festival

Mar 12, Tues @7:30pm – Army Band Concert

Mar 24, Tues @7pm - Bandarama

Mar 30 & 31, Mon & Tues – Kerry Marsh vocal jazz residency/performance w/Jazz Choir

Respectfully submitted, Judi Kackloudis

Next meeting Monday March 9, 2009 @ 7:30pm