**UMPS Meeting Minutes**

**January 9, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Co-Presidents Ann Sepersky and Sarah Wheeler. Ann and Sarah welcomed everyone to the UMPS meeting and thanked them for attending.

**Introductions**

The UMPS Board introduced themselves:

* Co-Presidents-Ann Sepersky and Sarah Wheeler
* Vice President-Mary Yank
* Treasurer-Nicole Hermann
* Secretary-Trevor Grove

Others in attendance went around the room and introduced themselves. 12 parents attended.

**September Minutes**

Sarah Wheeler moved to approve the meeting minutes for November 7, 2022, which was seconded by Amy Murray. The motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

* The Treasurer’s report for October was reviewed and discussed. Full Treasurer’s report is filed at fhsumps.weebly.com 🡪 Meeting Documents
* A motion was made by Mary Yank and was seconded by Sarah Wheeler to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion passed.

**Educator Updates**

Mrs. Umhoefer attended the meeting and provided an update as noted below. In addition, it was noted that Ms. Knutsen has returned.

**UPCOMING MUSIC DEPARTMENT DATES/EVENTS**

* + Broadway concert in February (Choir)
  + Jazz Ensemble Tour to elementary schools: January 20

**DEPARTMENT NOTES (SUMMARY OF THE PAST MONTH AND HIGHLIGHT OF UPCOMING EVENTS)**

* **BAND**
  + **FHS Band**
    - Registration for WSMA Solo and Ensemble due January 20
    - Solo and Ensemble (district) will be at Greenfield High School this year (date TBD)
  + **FPMS Band**
    - **8th Grade:** 8th Grade Band, coming off of a wonderful clinic experience, is gearing up for Solo and Ensemble, as well as a combined Pep Band with FHS Band students. We encourage all 8th grade students to perform their solos at the WSMA District Solo and Ensemble festival at Green**field** High School, Saturday February 25th.  FPMS Jazz is working towards a set of 3 tunes for the Annual Jazz Cabaret event on Saturday 2/4.
    - **7th Grade:** 7th grade band, after a wonderful performance and clinic experience at the Festival of Bands, is headed into a Solo and Ensemble unit for Quarter 3. They will be choosing a solo from the state list and learning it in class. A few of our students will be performing at the festival on February 25th!
    - **6th Grade:** 6th grade band just performed for the very first time as a group at the Festival of Bands on Saturday! Students and teachers are both very proud of their successful performance. All bands are moving towards a solo and ensemble unit, as well as looking forward to their next concert in May.
* **CHOIR**
  + **FHS Choir:**
    - Mrs. Knutson is back from maternity leave. The December concert went very well–a huge thank you to Mr. Chilsen for all he did to help the choir programs in Mrs. K’s absence!
    - We are getting started on our musical theatre selections for our February concert.
    - WSMA Solo-Ensemble will be an optional performance opportunity for our singers again this year. They may elect to take the piece they’ve learned in class or one they have worked on independently.
  + **FPMS:**
    - Following their first concert of the year, we are starting new music as the choirs and Mrs. K. get (re)acquainted. We will also learn a solo piece in class as we move toward solo ensemble participation in high school!

**Fundraising Updates**

* Recent and upcoming Third Thursday events were reviewed.
* Discussion of future fundraising events, including:
  + Bowling: Likely on hold/unlikely to happen this winter due to festival of bands (Jan 7), Jazz Cabaret (Feb 4) and Craft Fair (Mar 11).
  + Craft Fair: March 11, 2023. We will need new signs and banners this year, as well as volunteer chairs for concessions, raffles, and setup volunteers.

**Events**

* Festival of Bands was recapped and the group discussed the event
* Jazz Cabaret: February 4
  + Will need volunteers for decorations, concessions, setup/teardown, etc.
  + Performers include FHS Jazz Ensemble, FPMS Jazz Ensemble and Extra Crispy Brass Band (80 performers total)
* Badger Marching Band concert at the Saber Center March 4, 2023. Tickets available through the Saber Center.
  + Will need volunteers for setup/teardown, food for band

**Other Business**

* General discussion about proposed changes to the FPMS schedule/curriculum.

There was a motion by Amy Murray to adjourn, second by Sarah Wheeler; motion carried.