**UMPS Meeting Minutes (Virtual Meeting)**

**November 2, 2020**

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-Carrie St. John (not present)
* Secretary-Sue Baker

**Minutes**

* Minutes from the October 5, 2020 meeting were presented for review. A motion was made by Sarah Wheeler and was seconded by Debbie Klein to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

* Inflows: Music department mask sales and Culver’s fundraiser.
* Outflows: Marching Band software and Orchestra stools.
* A motion was made by Mary Yank and was seconded by Debbie Klein to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion passed.

**Directors Reports**

Mr. Werner presented.

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

* **BAND**
	+ Congratulations to those students who participated in the **2020 WSMA Middle Level State Honors Band**. Each student “rehearsed” with a specialist on their instrument in a virtual environment in sectionals, as well as participating in a virtual ensemble with video submissions.
		- **2021 WSMA High State Honors Project audition registration is now open on the WSMA website and closes on December 4**. Auditions usually consist of an etude, scales, and a Class A solo. Mrs. Umhoefer and Mr. Werner encourage students to prepare for their February auditions as early as possible, and we are here to help with any questions or coaching.
	+ **Band students are wrapping up their quarter 1 marching design and performance unit this week.** Their video reflection, final solo performance, and systems analysis/action planning are **due by Wednesday, November 4, at noon.** We intend to capture video of students’ large group performances during class on Friday, and we will be working in the coming weeks to edit and share video with families.
	+ **Next week, we will begin new, concert-related music and will start looking ahead to solo and ensemble music selection.** Since April 2020, Mrs. Umhoefer and Mr. Werner have actively advocated for and shared peer-reviewed music education research and examples of practice around COVID safety precautions for instrumentalists with administrators, and all decisions about where and when students play their wind instruments are made by FPS district leaders. Music teachers have been asked to direct all questions on this matter to Mr. Jonas, FHS Associate Principal.
* **CHOIR**
	+ Congratulations to all of our singers for producing a great Fall Informance! We are so proud of all of them and their hard work!  We have closed the books on our Unit 1 work and are full steam ahead to Unit 2!
	+ We are in the middle of preparing our Broadway Concert (Look for our concert to go live on the Saber Roar on Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 pm!) In this unit, we are focusing on communicating meaning through our singing.
	+ Looking ahead, our December performance is scheduled to go live on Thursday, December 17 at 7:00pm
* **ORCHESTRA**
	+ Students are tearing through new music, and we’re using this opportunity to read through literature that we normally might not get a chance to read through.  Students have also been contributing to their portfolios with videos of self-selected literature.  Perusal of Solo and Ensemble literature has also begun.  Our bass students are happy to have the stools.  Thank you to UMPS for providing them.  Music students at FPMS have also been overjoyed to have the masks that were donated.  Thank you again!

**WSMA MEDALS, SENIOR PLAQUES, MUSIC LETTERS**

* Mrs. Umhoefer is in the process of sorting WSMA medals for the 2020 season, starting with last year’s graduating class. Senior plaques are ready to go and will be mailed to the Class of 2020. Music letters should be available for distribution in early December, and Mrs. Umhoefer will contact students/families who ordered patches when their order is ready for pick-up/mailing.
* Mrs. Umhoefer wanted to express that she takes full responsibility for the delay in getting these items to families, and she apologizes for the impact this lengthy processing time has had on students. If there is anything she can do to rectify the situation, aside from getting items to families as soon as possible, she invites families to contact her at allison.umhoefer@franklin.k12.wi.us.

**ANY MUSIC DEPARTMENT FUNDING/VOLUNTEER REQUESTS**

* [USB Interfaces](https://drive.google.com/file/d/15gEbwr8EZDzZuQxh0bmYmgxc5x37oaLC/view?usp=sharing) for Creating Music and Studio Technology.
	+ Requesting 12 devices to be used to allow students to compose from a piano. The device plugs into the computer and the piano.
	+ Currently have 10 devices, 2 of which do not work. Goal is to have 20.
* Sue Baker made a motion to approve the purchase of 12 devices for a cost not to exceed $576. The motion was seconded by Sarah Wheeler, motion approved.

**Music Discussion with Mr. Werner**

* General discussion regarding practice during current pandemic. At this time, no indoor practice will occur while mask mandate is in effect.
	+ University of Colorado has done extensive research on the subject.
	+ Trumpet players – appears they move the most air while playing.
	+ Guidelines include practice for no more than 30 minutes. Allow 20 minutes in between ensemble practices to allow for room recirculation. Depending on room size, allow no more than 20 – 25 students per room.

The nice weather allowed all band groups to record their music last Friday. The goal is to combine the recordings and provide the performance to students/families.

**Update on Music Masks**

* Orders are still being received.
* Donation made to 7th and 8th grade music students. The students were appreciative of the donation.
* Mask inventory-discussed pop up sale with remainder being donated.

**Update on Third Thursday Fundraisers**

* November 19-possibly Point After. They offer 10% of all food sales from 11am to 8pm on sale date.
* December-Panera on Layton Avenue.
* January-Portillo’s on Layton Avenue.
* February-open. Possibly Culvers.
* March-Mod Pizza

**Welcoming the Middle School to UMPS**

* Discussion included potentially connecting FPMS students with FHS students as mentors. We will ensure teachers are aware of this connection prior to implementation.
* Possible Q and A session with FPMS parents after the holidays to provide information on UMPS.

**Other Business**

* Mary has yard signs and materials.

There was a motion by Sarah Wheeler to adjourn, second by Debbie Klein, motion approved.