**UMPS Meeting Minutes (Virtual Meeting)**

**December 7, 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 November 2, 2020 meeting were presented for review. A motion was made by Mary Yank and was seconded by Sarah Wheeler to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

* Inflows: No activity.
* Outflows: No activity.
* A motion was made by Sarah Wheeler and was seconded by Darla Heder to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion passed.

**Directors Reports**

Mrs. Heijnen presented.

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

* **BAND**
  + We are grateful for the ways in which students continue to **embrace their music education with open-mindedness, flexibility, and innovation**. Students were **engaged during our full transition to at-home learning**, and we are excited to continue our learner-centered, student driven work at FHS.
  + Music teachers continue to **advocate** for practice room use by individual musicians, which would align with the mask mandate and the latest round of the performing arts aerosol study.
  + **Standards-based learning focus for all band students between now and the end of the semester:**
    - **PERFORM:** Students will individually perform their flex ensemble piece, focusing on rhythm and tempo alignment. Their draft recording is due in Soundtrap by the end of this week.
    - **CREATE:** Students will arrange a vocal piece for an instrumental ensemble of their choice. At this time, most students have completed their writing and transposition and are now working on practicing their part to prepare for performance.
    - **RESPOND:** Students will critically analyze individual and small-group performances of their flex ensemble and vocal arrangement through collaborative audio mixing with their peers, using Soundtrap.
    - **CONNECT:** Students will share their arrangements and performances with their peers and with their families through a presentation that connects with their personal interests and cultures.
  + **If students have any questions about course registration for the 2021-2022 school year, please reach out to Mrs. Umhoefer or Mr. Werner. AP Music Theory is being offered next year (alternate year course). We have presented a tentative marching band calendar and plan to the district administration for approval and will share with families as soon as we receive a response.**
* **CHOIR**
  + **Quarter 2**: Parents and students were emailed detailed information about [Quarter 2](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zmKz_pg_DNxMbgdsA1cpq3eXixjAN7Zx9FbpBk57fvM/edit?usp=sharing) updates and grades.  The link can be found here, and also via email.  Please contact Mrs. Heijnen or Mrs. Knutson if you have any further questions about the information presented.
    - Our winter choral concert will premiere on YouTube on Thursday, December 17 at 7pm.
      * [Concert Program](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1k850FqLcjOSfKWuqTYxRzuQ_ONDTP_mj/view?usp=sharing)
      * [Concert Flyer](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PYA1Tjwn6XTC6ycfcA2p72Fxd3AIYrJ_/view?usp=sharing)
    - Students will film in class Monday, December 15 and Tuesday, December 16 - They should wear their best festive holiday attire on those days!

* **Musical Updates**: Due to the constant state of flux for this school year, the musical direction team has been carefully and deeply considering all of the options that will give our students the best possible experience while keeping them as safe as possible.  We will share a plan and timeline with administration when available, and then with students and families upon approval.  At the earliest, auditions would begin after winter break. More information to come.
* **ORCHESTRA**
  + No report.

**Update on Music Masks**

* Approximately 120 masks left in inventory.
* 30 masks will be given to Jamie to be used as a backup supply.
* Suggestion to donate remaining inventory to the Franklin Educational Foundation for distribution.

**Update on Third Thursday Fundraisers**

* November Culvers profit was $380. Impressive as the restaurant was only open for drive thru service.
* December-Panera on Layton Avenue
* January-Portillo’s on Layton Avenue.
* February-Point After
* March-Mod Pizza

**Other Business**

* None.

There was a motion by Sarah Wheeler to adjourn, second by Mary Yank, motion approved.