**UMPS Meeting Minutes**

**March 6, 2023**

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

**Introductions**

The UMPS Board introduced themselves:

* Co-President-Ann Sepersky
* Vice President-Mary Yank
* Treasurer-Nicole Hermann
* Secretary-Trevor Grove

Others in attendance went around the room and introduced themselves. 10 parents attended.

**February Minutes**

Vanessa Kempka moved to approve the meeting minutes for February, which was seconded by Trevor Grove. The motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

* The Treasurer’s report for January and February was reviewed and discussed. Full Treasurer’s report is filed at fhsumps.weebly.com 🡪 Meeting Documents
* Nicole Herman reminded us that she brings bank statements to all meetings in case there are questions.
* A motion was made by Roger Barbour and was seconded by Vanessa Kempka to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion passed.

**Educator Updates**

Ms. Crays attended the meeting and provided an update as noted below.

**UPCOMING MUSIC DEPARTMENT DATES/EVENTS**

* **Saturday, 3/18:** WSMA Transfer Festival @ Brookfield Central ([Details](https://docs.google.com/document/d/13HvZn5r2MhuFqzGIS95AevkiDMoLh2YhR97qZfCc7XM/edit?usp=sharing))
* **Thursday, 3/16-Sunday, 3/19:** FHS Spring Musical ([Tickets](https://sabercenter.ludus.com/index.php))
* **April 3-4: “Welcome to FPMS Music” Nights @ FPMS, 6-8 PM**
  + **Volunteer Opportunity:** If any music parents would be interested in sharing “family perspectives” in a mingling setting as incoming 6th graders participate in their instrumental fitting nights, we would love to have you! This role will be very informal, being present in the FPMS commons and answering any questions as students/families may have them.
  + **We will also be looking for 5-10 students each night to share their perspectives, as well.**
  + **Any interested students/parents can let their child’s music teacher know!**

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

* **JAZZ CABARET**
  + Jazz students from FPMS and FHS gave terrific performances as part of the Cabaret on February 4! We are grateful for the work of our guest artist, the Extra Crispy Brass Band, in both their clinics and performances, and we appreciate the delicious catering by That’s Amore!
  + **Thank you** to all of our volunteers: Nicole Hermann and Mary Yank set an incredible scene with their decorations, and Ann Sepersky helped to bring people and the event together with her coordination. **Thank you** to all families who purchased tickets to attend, and to Kames Photography for [capturing memories](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1281pEyJi321gDiPFqYADuExGfYCtxwoe?usp=share_link)! (Families - Please credit Kames Photography if/when sharing.)
* **SOLO AND ENSEMBLE**
  + Congratulations to all students who prepared solos and ensembles for our WSMA district festivals!
    - **FPMS:** Between February 25 and March 4, students participated in 47 events, and three students (Abby S., Drew D., and Connor P.) qualified for State!
    - **FHS:** Between February 25 and March 4, students participated in 127 events; 56 of those events are state-bound!
  + [State Solo and Ensemble Registration Forms](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1W1rFN5RjTiOeVKoxmvrKGJSnx8G7RXyy_Yrn2seloYE/edit?usp=share_link) will be going out to students this week
* **BADGER BAND CONCERT**
  + The Badger Band concert on Saturday was a joyous success! It was incredible to see our alumni from 2019, 2020, and 2022 on stage, as well as to see and hear the impressive sounds and energetic showmanship from Dr. Pompey and the Varsity Band. Thank you to the AMAZING volunteers and donors all weekend long who helped to make the event possible, as well as to Ann Sepersky for arranging the catering for our guests! The concert experience was truly an example of a strong community working together.
* **BAND**
  + 7-8 grade are currently working on a few pieces for our Spring concert cycle, as well as some other assignments including arrangements on google flat, self-reflections, and performance assessment recordings!
  + 6th grade band is getting new music this week for their Spring concert cycle! They have also been learning how to use google flat (an introduction).
  + In addition to rigorous solo and ensemble prep, FHS Band students have been working with our student teacher, Miss Eckes, on concert works, and they will be starting arranging projects this week.
* **CHOIR**
  + Congratulations to the FHS Choirs on a successful Broadway Concert (which we snuck in right before the blizzard!) An extra congratulations to all the soloists who added so much to our evening with their solos! Bravissimi!
  + All choirs (6-12) are on to preparing music for our final May concerts. It’s been fun starting new music and hearing how much they have grown since I came back in December!
* **ORCHESTRA**
  + Students are diving into and sampling possible repertoire for the Spring Concert at all grade levels, expanding their palette of techniques, and looking forward to the end of the year.
  + Big shoutout to our amazing intern Maddy P who is revamping our music library at FHS.  It’s no small task, and she’s done it without a peep of complaint!
  + We had been hoping to put on a trip for Chamber Orchestra to Music in the Parks, but due to timeline and expenses, administration is not supporting it this year.  We’re optimistic that if we approach administration with the idea at the beginning of the year and brainstorm some fundraising options, we’ll gain the support we need to get this trip off the ground.

**Fundraising Updates**

* Recent and upcoming Third Thursday events were reviewed.
* Discussion of future fundraising events, including:
  + Craft Fair: March 11, 2023.

**UMPS Scholarship Update**

* Kelly Hazlett is chairing the process, seniors encouraged to apply.

**2023/2024 UMPS Board Positions**

* Noted that Nicole will be leaving the board after this year, and that positions are available!

**Events**

* Discussed having an UMPS table at the FPMS parent night

**Other Business**

There was a motion by Trevor Grove to adjourn, second by Amy Murray; motion carried.