**UMPS Meeting Minutes (Virtual Meeting)**

**September 3, 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
* Secretary-Sue Baker

Open Board Positions:

* Fundraising
* Communications
* Parent Liasons for Choir, Band and Orchestra

**Bylaws**

* Sarah reviewed proposed changes to the Bylaws. The Bylaws will be posted on the FHSUMPS website and will be voted on by the membership at the October 2020 meeting.

**Budget**

* The proposed budget was reviewed.
* Due to pandemic, we are unable to host a Fall Craft Fair.
* Typically, the Spring Craft Fair income is designated for the Marching Band. If a Spring Craft Fair is hosted, the income will be split between the Marching Band and General Fund.
* There was a motion by Sue Baker to approve the budget, second by Darla Heder, motion approved.

**Directors Reports**

Ms. Umhoefer presented.

**UPCOMING MUSIC DEPARTMENT DATES/EVENTS**

* **District administrators have put a hold on large-group gatherings (such as concerts) through at least November 1.** Music educators will be following district guidelines with regard to the prospect of future in-person events beyond that date and will communicate with families as soon as information is available.
  + Tentative **FHS Band** dates for 2020-2021:
    - Fall Jazz Concert: Tuesday, November 24
    - Winter Band Concert (Concert Band, Wind Ensemble): Tuesday, December 8
    - Winter Band Concert (Symphonic Band, Jazz): Wednesday, December 9
    - Jazz Cabaret: Saturday, February 6
    - WSMA District Solo & Ensemble Festival at Franklin High School: Saturday, March 13
    - WSMA State Solo & Ensemble Festival at UW-Parkside: Saturday, May 1
    - Spring Band Concert: Tuesday, May 11
    - Spring Jazz Concert: Thursday, May 20
    - Graduation: Sunday, June 6
  + There will not be any fall pep band performances. If there is a possibility for winter/basketball pep band, Mrs. Umhoefer & Mr. Werner will let families know ASAP.

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

* **BAND**
  + We have really enjoyed connecting with students in class this week, and have been impressed by how seriously students are embracing safety precautions throughout the school day. During their band classes, students will meet in **two socially-distant cohorts in rooms D210 and D216**, and we will only be playing instruments outside, weather permitting.
  + With a unique fall season upon us, Mr. Werner and Mrs. Umhoefer are excited about empowering students to own their musical goals and learning process as they **design the musical, visual, and collaborative aspects of their own marching arts presentation**. All marching band instruction will occur **during their assigned class periods**, and part of the student learning process will include **determining how they would like to share their musical learning with families and the community**.
  + Please refer to this recommended [band supply list](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1h6PiTriDDkpXX9py_6eigNflaYf1BiO9X8mXVxyMQFQ/preview) for the 2020-2021 school year. We ask that students review what they already have at home and supplement/re-stock as needed, aiming to have all supplies by the third week of school. Use of these individual materials will minimize the need for shared equipment in the music classroom and will support healthy performance practices, within and beyond this year.
    - **Question for UMPS:** If available, is there a way for students to use their UMPS account money for these supplies? Reimbursement with submission of a receipt?
      * UMPS will research and address supply reimbursement from student accounts at a future meeting.
* **CHOIR**
  + It has been great to see students in person! We are very excited to sing safely in person, holding all choir classes in the Saber Center.
  + We are moving full-speed ahead with our brand new choral program design.  We have 5 new curriculums and students will be receiving all Unit 1 and Unit 2 printed materials in class on either Tuesday, September 8 or Wednesday, September 9.
  + All choir performances for S1 will be virtual and recorded during class time.  All performances will go ‘live’ for students and families to view together at 7pm on the following dates.
    - Fall Choir Concert - Thursday, October 1
    - Franklin Choirs: On Broadway Concert - Thursday, November 12
    - Winter Concert combined with FPMS - Thursday, December 3
  + If you have questions about any policies and procedures, please consult the [2020/2021 Choral Handbook](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xSs53HxFHLtODfO3RB3vE-rWTHV9eiAqvhdU8spP-9k/edit).
  + Please be sure that you have all required class materials by the first rehearsal next week.  See Google Classroom or our choir handbook for a complete list of needed supplies.
* **ORCHESTRA**
  + Bass stools funding request

**Other Business**

* + Sue Baker made a motion for an expenditure, not to exceed $4,500, to provide one mask for each student in music and for each music student educator. The motion was seconded by Mary Yank, motion approved. Sarah will coordinate the purchase and distribution of the masks. Additional masks will be included in the original order and sold for $5.00.  Unsold masks may be donated to the music department.

**Other Business**

There was a motion by Sue Baker to adjourn, second by Sarah Wheeler, motion approved.