**UMPS MEETING MINUTES**

**February 5, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Debbie Klein.

Debbie welcomed everyone to the UMPS meeting and thanked them for attending.

**Minutes**

Minutes from the December meeting were presented for review. A motion was made by Angie Cotteleer and was seconded by Susan St. Louis to approve the minutes, motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Julie Bennett presented the Treasurer’s report. The current activity relates to the Popcorn and Marcus fund raisers, late payments from the craft fair, expenses related to the Jazz festival and the 8th grade/high school band pizza party before pep band. Funds were transferred from student accounts to apply towards their New York City trip. The current general operating fund for UMPS stands at $8,411.27. A motion was made by Jeff Milani and was seconded by Mary Tamblyn to approve the Treasurer’s report, motion passed.

**Director’s Reports**

**Mr. Hull**

Mr. Hull sent a report indicating all is well with orchestra. Students are preparing for Solo and Ensemble.

The next orchestra concert is on Tuesday, February 24th at 7pm.

The studio tech class will be held in the recording studio.

Mr. Hull requested funding for 3 Apple TV boxes @ $99 each for the music department to project student work. A motion to approve funding from UMPS was made by Michelle Edwards and was seconded Heather Zello, motion passed.

**Mrs Umhoefer**

Pep Band

* Thank you so much to UMPS for your generous donation of the pizza for the 8th grade pep band night.  We had over 40 8th graders attend, and this event really helps to get them excited about being a part of the high school music department.
* I also want to thank the students and parents for their flexibility in rescheduling the Alumni Pep Band night due to the cold day; it was well worth it, as we had about 25 alumni come back to perform with us.
* Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Milani, Ms. Higgins, and Mrs. Baker for chaperoning the hockey pep band event at Wilson Park last Friday.  The hockey team sent a thoughtful thank you card expressing their appreciation for having us perform, and we really enjoyed the experience.
* The final pep band dates are Friday, February 13 (Pep Band A), and Friday, February 20 (Pep Band B).

Beauty and the Beast Pit Orchestra

* Pit orchestra audition results have been posted on the FHS Musical website, and our first rehearsal will be this Wednesday, February 11, from 6-8:30 PM in the band room.  The full schedule can also be found on the musical website.

Jazz Cabaret - Saturday, February 7

* Jazz students are required to either set up or tear down the Jazz Cabaret.  Set-up will take place on Friday, February 6, right after school until finished (guessing 7 PM).  Tear-down will take place right after the Jazz Cabaret on Saturday night.
* All jazz students should report for the clinic on Saturday at 1:30 PM (casual dress).  The clinic will run from 2-3 PM, and then they have a break from 3-4:30 PM.  Students should be back to the band room, in concert dress, by 4:30 PM, ready for the first set, which starts at 5 PM.
* The response to ticket pre-sales, program ad orders, and basket donations from all performing groups has been incredible.  235 pre-sale tickets have already been reserved, and we are looking forward to hearing a fantastic night of performances from jazz, choir, and orchestra students, as well a our guest artist, the All-Star SUPERband.

February 23 Wind Ensemble Concert

* On Monday, February 23, the the Verona Area High School band, choir, and orchestra will join the FHS Wind Ensemble for a combined concert in the Saber Center.  This collaborative concert will be the first stop on Verona’s way to their own New York performance tour.  Wind Ensemble students should report by 5:30 PM for a pasta dinner with the Verona students, and the concert will begin at 7 PM.  It would be great to have as many parents in the audience as possible to support our own students, as well as Verona’s!

WSMA Update

* All students have been registered for the WSMA solo and ensemble festival.  We should have a schedule ready to share the week of February 16.
* I know that WSMA will be discussed at many other points throughout the meeting, so I would just like to add how thankful I am for the parent volunteers and leaders, without whom we would be unable to host this massive event.  Thank you, thank you, thank you.

NYC Trip

* Please take the most recent version of the NYC trip itinerary, which includes updated times, hotel information, and final Broadway show assignments.  The students will have the wonderful opportunity to see Wicked or Matilda on Broadway, and we are really glad that we have been able to add this to our itinerary, as our send-off before we head back to Franklin.
* As a reminder, the final NYC payment will be due on Wednesday, February 25.  Next week, I will be giving each student an invoice, outlining how much they owe, as well as their individual UMPS account balance.

The mandatory trip participant/parent meeting is set for Thursday, March 26, at 7 PM in the FHS Band Room.  All students traveling to NYC, as well as one parent/guardian, must attend this meeting.

**Miss Schlecht**

Solo Ensemble update. 9 choir performances require accompanists. The fee for the accompanists is due next week. The performance schedule should be released by February 16.

Jazz Cabaret-5:00 call time. Chamber Choir and Show Choir will perform at 5:30. In addition, some choir members will perform during the switch between bands.

Field trip to Mama Mia show is planned for February 22nd. The cast and crew of Beauty and the Beast will attend the Marcus Center on March 22nd for a 6:30 show. Forms are due February 13th.

Beauty and the Beast-musical rehearsals started to include 58 kids. A Beauty and the Beast youth clinic for children in grades 1 – 8 is scheduled for April 18th. The clinic will last 3 hours and will include; choreography, music, a T-shirt and a ticket to the show. High school students and parent volunteers are needed.

**President’s Report**

**Eagle Scout Project**

Jack Pantaleo, a junior has chosen to build a podium for the pit as his Eagle Scout project. The project was well received by UMPS.

**Jazz Cabaret**

The Jazz Cabaret begins at 5pm on Saturday. The theme is Broadway and New York. The decorations will remind attendees of Times Square. The menu will include; Italian Beef sandwiches, salad, hot dogs, subs, popcorn, nachos and desserts from Sciortino’s Bakery. The evening will include a raffle and silent auction. A donation from the Cabaret proceeds will be made to all musical groups performing.

**Solo Ensemble**

The event is held at Franklin High School once every 7 years. 1,000 performances are scheduled. Participating schools include; St. Francis, Greenfield, New Berlin Eisenhower and New Berlin West. A google document for volunteers will be released next week. There will be 24 performance sites. Volunteers will be needed for setup on Friday, March 6th, during the event on March 7th and for teardown on March 7th after the event. Room monitors must be 21 years or older. Door monitors can be high school students. The event will include concessions and a bake sale.

There was a motion by Jeff Milani to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Gail Milani. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Baker, Co-secretary