

UMPS Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Judy Dornacher. Judy welcomed everyone to the UMPS meeting and thanked them for attending.

Minutes

Minutes from the December 2, 2019 meeting were presented for review. A motion was made by Sarah Wheeler and was seconded by Kelly Hazlett to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

- Inflows include; Marcus fundraiser and Marching Band donation.
- Outflows include: Marcus fundraiser, Nashville trip refunds and online store fees paid.
- A motion was made by Ann Sepersky and was seconded by Debbie Klein to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Directors Reports

Going forward, one music department representative will attend the meeting and report for the music department. Mrs. Umhoefer presented in January.

UPCOMING MUSIC DEPARTMENT DATES/EVENTS

- **Friday, January 3:** Alumni Pep Band (A), 6:15 PM
- **Monday, January 6:** Musical Cast Rehearsals Begin, 3-6 PM
- **Tuesday, January 7:** In-School Concert for All FPS 5th Graders (2A + Gold Block; Wind Ensemble, Chamber Choir, Chamber Orchestra)
- **Tuesday, January 7:** 8th Grade Pep Band (B), 6:15 PM (Pizza @ 5:30 PM)
- **Thursday, January 9:** Franklin Energizers Competition Show Parent Preview 7 PM, Saber Center
- **Friday, January 10 - Sunday, January 12:** Energizers Viterbo 101 Competition
- **Friday, January 17:** [WSMA Solo/Ensemble event registration and payments due](#)
- **Tuesday, January 21:** Pep Band A, 6:15 PM
- **Wednesday, January 22:** Pit Orchestra rehearsals begin, 6-8:30 PM
- **Friday, January 31:** Pep Band B, 6:15 PM
- **Friday, January 31:** Jazz Cabaret Advance Tickets and Program Ad Orders Due
- **Looking ahead - Saturday, February 8:** 18th Annual Jazz Cabaret, 5-10 PM in the FHS Cafeteria
- **Looking ahead - Saturday, February 29:** District Solo & Ensemble Festival @ Greenfield High School
- **Looking ahead - [2020 Marching Band Calendar](#)**

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

- **BAND**
 - Congratulations to all students on their winter concert performances. We appreciated the opportunity to collaborate with the 7th and 8th graders, to celebrate the broader band experience in Franklin.

- [Jazz Cabaret](#) details were emailed to students and parents on January 2. Senior pictures will take place during gold block on Friday, January 24. Ticket sales and program ad orders will be due by Friday, January 31.
- In class, students will be working on their solo and ensemble materials, in preparation for the February 29 festival at Greenfield High School. Their assessment work for third quarter will involve a hard-copy packet of weekly practice reflections, self- and peer assessments every three weeks, and written research on one of their pieces.
- **CHOIR**
 - Looking ahead to 2020-2021, there are some major changes and adjustments in the choral department to address the needs of our program. We are moving away from a traditional “audition week” format for upper level choirs and are instead using each student’s final solo/ensemble performance to place them in the appropriate group. We have connected with each current 9-11 grade student to discuss where we see them having the most success next year.
 - In the month of January, Chamber, Concert, and Treble Choirs will be focusing on solo and small group pieces for Solo/Ensemble. Students have weekly written and/or performance-based assessments to complete to help them prepare for the festival.
 - The Energizers are gearing up for their performance season (updates communicated to parents and students via email and/or Google Classroom.)
- **ORCHESTRA**
 - We’re really proud of the work the students have put in to their winter performances, both middle and high school. Both concerts went very smoothly, although a few extra hands chaperoning backstage in the future for FPMS will be helpful. We’re looking into regrouping our concert performers for next year, potentially bringing 8th Grade up to HS for logistical and retention purposes.
 - Informance is coming up fast and furious for Chamber Orchestra students. They’ve learned new repertoire really quickly, and we’re looking forward to pushing through our final rehearsal for that on Monday of next week.
 - Jazz Cabaret preparations are in full swing for FPMS Pops Strings, and volunteers from FHS Chamber Orchestra will be getting new literature soon for the Cabaret, as well as repurposing and expanding on literature from the Informance.
 - Solo and Ensemble will be the main focus for all orchestra students until the end of February. All students are required to prepare a selection, but it is the student’s prerogative to perform for a judge or not.
- A motion to provide pizza and water for the 8th grade pep band night with a maximum expenditure of \$250 was made by Mary Yank and was seconded by Kelly Hazlett. Motion passed.
- Mr. Werner prepared a request for funding for 6 radios to be used by the music department for events. The radios are 16 channel digital radios and have the capability to match channels to Forest Park Middle School and Franklin High School. The funding request is for \$2,422.50 which would be funded by the Marching Band Fund. A motion to purchase the radios with a maximum expenditure of \$2,422.50 was made by Ann Sepersky and was seconded by Debbie Klein. Motion passed.

Business

- Jazz Cabaret-Debbie Klein reported the first meeting for the 18th annual Jazz Cabaret was held in December. The theme will be Blue Note Jazz Club. A volunteer sign up will be sent soon. We are looking forward to the student performances.

- March into Spring craft fair. 30 vendors have signed up to date. A volunteer sign up will be sent closer to the event.
- New Leadership/Shadowing. Positions open include the following:
 - President
 - Fundraising Chair
 - Marching Band Meals
 - Craft Fairs

Other Business

There was a motion by Kelly Hazlett to adjourn, second by Debbie Klein, motion approved.