

UMPS Meeting Minutes (Virtual Meeting)

October 5, 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 September 3, 2020 meeting were presented for review. A motion was made by Debbie Klein and was seconded by Mary Yank to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

- Inflows: Music department mask sales.
- Outflows: Music department masks and senior music awards.
- A motion was made by Debbie Klein and was seconded by Mary Yank to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Directors Reports

Ms. Knutson presented.

UPCOMING MUSIC DEPARTMENT DATES/EVENTS

- **Fall Music Department Spirit-Wear** window closes on **October 6, 2020**
- **Virtual Choir Performance Release: October 19 at 7:00 pm.** Watch it on the Saber Roar Youtube Channel!
- **November UMPS Meeting Date:** WSMA medals will be distributed/mailed to all current and alumni families who placed orders
- **December UMPS Meeting Date:** Music Letters/Patches will be distributed/mailed to all current and alumni families who placed orders

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

- **BAND**
 - Students in all three bands have been engaging with **design and performance elements of marching arts education**. Individually and in collaborative groups, students have selected their own music, analyzed scores as conductors, have proposed new pep band programming, and have begun reviewing and learning visual performance skills, with the aim of presenting a "mini marching show" by the end of first quarter.
 - All students and families received a memo about the [FHS Bands: At-Home Learning Overview](#), and students currently learning at home have been incredibly communicative, responsive, and engaged.

- Mrs. Umhoefer and Mr. Werner rolled out the first module of the [FHS Jazz Virtual Learning](#) course this afternoon. Please refer to Google Classroom for further details, and contact Mrs. Umhoefer & Mr. Werner with any questions.
- **CHOIR**
 - We are happy to welcome Mr. Alex Chilsen to the choral department faculty; he is currently teaching the FPMS choirs.
 - We're in the final stages of preparing our autumn performance. We will record our ensembles during the school day and release them as a virtual concert on the Saber Roar channel on Oct. 19.
 - Please remind your singers to wear concert black on their recording date (either Oct. 13 for B day ensembles or Oct. 14 for A day ensembles)
 - All choir students have received instructions regarding at-home learning due to illness/quarantine in class and also via email. Information for daily work is found in a separate section of the choir agendas (found in Google Classroom.)
- **ORCHESTRA**
 - We are grateful to be able to rehearse with our students as a group and are preparing for a recorded performance of some sort in December. The students have been working hard, both as musicians collaborating and as citizens of FHS to keep one another safe. We have a lot of students out in our ensembles, so we are starting to implement projects that could be done either at home or in person, at a pace that is sensitive to the student's needs.

Expansion of UMPS to include Forest Park Middle School

- A discussion ensued to expand the membership of UMPS to include Forest Park Middle School. The expansion is listed in the proposed bylaws.

Approval of Updated Bylaws

- Sue Baker made a motion to approve the updated Bylaws dated October 2020 as presented on the FHS UMPS Weebly website. Second by Claire Brefka, motion passed.

Budget Discussion

- Debbie Klein made a motion for an expenditure of \$700.00 for Pyware 3D software. Second by Mary Yank, motion approved.
- Sue Baker made a motion to revise the 2020/2021 budget to reflect a budget expense of \$500 for band, choir and orchestra, (\$1,500 total) to use as recommended by the music educators. The motion was seconded by Debbie Klein, motion approved.

Other Business

- A discussion ensued regarding unsold masks. A recommendation was made to donate unsold masks to the middle school to be given to music students by the music educators. Sarah will coordinate the donation.
- Sarah and Ann discussed fundraising opportunities with Jordan Hein. UMPS is approved for holding restaurant fundraisers one day per month. While different restaurants can be used, this will count as one fundraiser for the year. A recommendation was made to host the fundraisers on the third Thursday of each month.
 - Sarah has been in contact with Culver's on Ryan Road. UMPS would earn 10% of the sales for a 5 hour block of time.
 - Panera, Arby's, Point After and Mod Pizza were discussed as potential restaurants for future fundraisers.

There was a motion by Mary Yank to adjourn, second by Jennifer Hartzheim, motion approved.