

UMPS Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Co-Presidents Ann Sepersky and Sarah Wheeler, who welcomed everyone to the UMPS meeting and thanked them for attending.

Introductions

The UMPS Board introduced themselves:

- Co-Presidents: Sarah Wheeler and Ann Sepersky
- Vice President: Mary Yank
- Treasurer: Lynn Nguyen
- Secretary: Trevor Grove
- Communications: Ryan O'Neil

Others in attendance went around the room and introduced themselves. 9 parents attended.

Prior Meeting Minutes

- Hard copies of the previous meeting's minutes were available, and also on the UPMS website.
- Roger Barbour moved to approve the meeting minutes, which was seconded by Mary Yank. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

- Lynn Nguyen reviewed for the group the inflows and outflows of funds during the prior month, including the inflows and outflows from the end of season band banquet.
- Full Treasurer's report is filed at fhsumps.weebly.com → Board Info → Meeting Minutes and Reports → 2023/24
- A motion was made by Trevor Grove and was seconded by Ann Sepersky to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Educator Updates

No educator was available for the meeting, but the notes below were reviewed by the group in attendance:

JANUARY 2024		
ENSEMBLE	UPDATES	UPCOMING EVENTS
BAND	<p>Band 6-8:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparation continues for the Festival of Bands.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Students have been utilizing score study to identify melodic material.○ We have also done a deep dive into tuning our instrument/intonation.• 8th Grade students had an opportunity to go on a field trip to the High school for a side by side rehearsal with the Wind Ensemble. Student feedback was overwhelmingly positive.• UPCOMING experiences for 8th Grade. 8th Grade Pep Band Night on 1/25.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 8th Students have been preparing high school pep band tunes in preparation for this night, and a potential school wide assembly performance in February.• 7th and 8th grade students volunteered to play for the FPMS staff Secret Santa event before break.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Students rehearsed once and performed selections of	<p>Saturday, January 6: Festival of Bands Attire: Concert Black/All Black</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12:45 PM - Concert + Symphonic Band report to FPMS• 1:00 PM - CB/SB Clinic in the Band Room<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1:30: Students may leave and return by 2:45• 1:15 PM - Band 7 report time• 1:30 PM - Band 7 Clinic in the Band Room• 1:45 PM - Band 8 report time

	<p>popular holiday tunes before school and got an opportunity to practice their chamber music playing and sight reading skills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Solo and Ensemble unit kicks off next week! <p>Band 9-12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congratulations to Jazz students on their fall concert and all Band students on their winter concert! It has been so wonderful to celebrate their new and different growth beyond marching season. On December 21, we welcomed all 22 students in the 8th grade band to FHS for a pizza lunch and side-by-side rehearsal with the Wind Ensemble. This was a new event this year, and it was wonderful to meet and work with them as we welcome them to high school. Sixteen alumni were able to join us for pep band on January 3, and we are so proud of their journeys after high school! Continuing our efforts to support the transition from FPMS to FHS, we will be hosting 8th grade pep band night on Thursday, January 25. We would like to request \$200 from UMPS to cover pizza for FPMS and FHS band students. Thank you for your consideration and support. Pit orchestra rehearsal for NEWSIES begins on Tuesday, January 9, at 6 PM! The FHS Jazz Ensemble has the opportunity to travel to and participate in the New Trier Jazz festival on Saturday, February 3 (all day). Students will be able to listen to big bands and combos, participate in master classes, and attend an evening concert. Itinerary and permission slip will be shared with students on Monday, January 8, in rehearsal. All music students participating in the WSMA District Solo & Ensemble Festival: Registration and Payment are due by Friday, January 26, 2024 (INVOICE) Families: Please watch for an email from Mrs. Umhoefer on January 8 regarding WSMA chairperson volunteering for hosting the festival on March 2! She will be contacting all FHS Band, Choir, and Orchestra families to hopefully encourage broad participation and co-leadership. General volunteer sign-up for door monitors, etc. will go live as of the February UMPS meeting (February 1). FHS has set the Class of 2024 Commencement Date as Saturday, June 8, 2024, at American Family Field. Band students will have an opportunity to perform (2-7 PM). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00 PM - Band 8 Clinic in the Band Room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00 PM: Band 7 team-building activities with HS students 2:30-2:45 PM - Band 8 and Band 7 to the gym to set up for dress rehearsal 2:45 PM - Band 6 report time 3:00 PM - Dress Rehearsal in the Gym 3:30 PM - House Opens, public seating in bleachers and chairs 4:00 PM - 3rd Annual FRANKLIN FESTIVAL OF BANDS CONCERT BEGINS! <p>Thursday, January 25: 8th grade pep band night, 5:30-8:00 PM</p> <p>Saturday, February 3: New Trier Jazz Festival (FHS Jazz), all day</p> <p>Saturday, March 2: WSMA District Solo & Ensemble Festival at Franklin HS</p>
<p>CHOIR</p>	<p>Grades 6-8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congratulations to all performers on a great concert! The students did a great job on showing how we've grown and learned in the last semester. We're beginning our WSMA Solo-Ensemble unit! Students have selected the solo they want to focus on for this six weeks. Please encourage your student to begin practicing the piece they select at home! <p>Grades 9-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congratulations to all performers on a great concert! There were some really powerful moments that they created for the audience! We're beginning our WSMA Solo-Ensemble unit next week; students will select a solo and/or duet to prepare over the next six weeks. Please encourage your student to begin practicing the piece they select at home! <p>Any students interested in participating in Solo/Ensemble</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration and payment are due Friday, Jan. 26 (more information to follow via email and Google classroom!) 	<p>Sat. March 2: WSMA District Solo/Ensemble (at FHS)</p> <p>Mon. May 13: FPMS Spring Choir concert (Concert begins at 7pm)</p> <p>Thurs. May 16: FHS Spring Choir Concert (Concert begins at 7pm)</p>

ORCHESTRA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you, Andrew Bronstad, for transporting equipment in the Franklin Music trailer for the Elementary Schools Tour! Concert Orchestra was able to perform for five schools and get younger students interested in potentially joining orchestra. The tour went smoothly and we had a lot of fun. • Shout out to the high school students who assisted at the middle school concert. Your help tuning instruments and directing students is immensely appreciated! • Congratulations to the sixth grade orchestra students on successfully performing in their very first concert! We are so proud of you. • All music students participating in the WSMA District Solo & Ensemble Festival: Registration and Payment are due by Friday, January 26, 2024 (INVOICE) • 7-12 grade orchestra students will get to focus on individual musical growth through solos during the month of January. 	<p>Saturday, March 2: WSMA District Solo & Ensemble Festival at Franklin HS</p> <p>Tuesday, May 14, 7:00pm: High School Orchestra Spring Concert</p> <p>Tuesday, May 21, 7:00pm: Middle School Orchestra Spring Concert</p>

Fundraising Updates

- Third Thursday: Sarah W. noted that Dog Haus will be hosting this month. 20% of all sales will be donated.
- Spring Craft Fair:
 - 56 vendor booths have been sold so far
 - Volunteers will again be needed
 - Date is March 9, 2024.

Events

- Festival of Bands (1/6/24): Please sign up to volunteer for this event! UMPS email sent earlier this week.
- WSMA Solo/Ensemble (3/2/24): Sign up will be coming soon for volunteers. Once again, all hands on deck will be needed for this all day event that FHS is hosting.

Board Positions

- Since both UMPS Co-Presidents are retiring from the board after this year, we will at the least need one new member to serve as President. Elections will be held this spring; please consider running for President or Fundraising Chair.

Other Business

None

There was a motion by Ann Sepersky to adjourn, second by Trevor Grove; motion carried and meeting adjourned.