

UMPS Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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:

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

Others in attendance went around the room and introduced themselves. 11 parents attended.

Prior Meeting Minutes

- Hard copies of the previous meeting's minutes were unavailable, but everyone was encouraged to read them on the UPMS website.
- Kelly Thill moved to approve the meeting minutes, which was seconded by Sarah Wheeler. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

- Lynn Nguyen was absent, so Sarah Wheeler reviewed for the group the inflows and outflows of funds during the prior month, including the remaining Saber Invite inflows from concessions, and totals from the craft fair.
 - o \$1,775 in concessions came in from the Saber Invite
 - o Unofficially, the fall craft fair netted approximately \$8,712
- 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

NOVEMBER 2023		
ENSEMBLE	UPDATES	UPCOMING EVENTS
BAND 2023-2024 FHS Bands Calendar	<p>6-8:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th Graders are playing their first 5 notes, and developing their foundations of musicianship. • Jazz has begun! • <p>9-12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to all band students on an incredible, historic marching band season. Thank you to UMPS for their volunteer support for the November 7 banquet. • Jazz has begun! The ensemble sounds fantastic already, and we look forward to our first performance on November 21. • Playoff pep band is in full swing. We were grateful to be able to support the Girls' Volleyball team in Green Bay last week, and [insert football update here]. • Congratulations to seniors Erich Haefer and Zach Burgess for their incredible accomplishment of performing with the WSMA State Honors Band! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 9-12: Fall Play - Dorothy Meets Alice • November 10: TBD Level 4 Football Playoffs • November 14: FPMS Band 6 Informance - Live Stream Link • November 16: FPMS Band 7/8 Concert - Live Stream Link • November 17: TBD State Football • November 18: Educate in Style Fashion Show Fundraiser (Franklin Educational Foundation) • November 20: FHS Jazz Dress Rehearsal, 3-5 PM, Saber Center

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to Emily Thill for representing the Marching Band in the Foundation's Fashion Show fundraiser on Nov 18! We are fundraising to hire clinicians to support our leadership team and ensemble development heading into the 2024 season. Here is the link to donate. We appreciate our generous supporters! • Looking ahead - Partnership with UMPS - request for coordination of a reception after the Festival of Bands on Jan 6 (FPMS Cafe) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 21: FHS Fall Jazz Concert, 7 PM (6:30 PM report, concert black attire) - Live Stream Link • December 1: Basketball Pep Band A, 6-8 PM • December 8: Basketball Pep Band B, 6-8 PM • December 8: WSMA State Honors Project Audition Registration Closes • December 12: FHS Winter Orch Concert, 7 PM - Live Stream Link • December 13: FHS Winter Choral Concert, 7 PM - Live Stream Link • December 13 - FHS Orchestra District Performance Tour (all day) • December 14: FHS Winter Band Concert, 7 PM (6:15 PM report, concert black attire) - Live Stream Link • December 17: NEWSIES Pit Orchestra Auditions Due (Flipgrid) • December 19: FPMS Winter Orch Concert, 7 PM - Live Stream Link • December 20: FPMS Winter Choral Concert, 7 PM - Live Stream Link • December 21: Wind Ensemble and Band 8 Side-by-Side Rehearsal (school day) • January 6: FPS Festival of Bands (6-12), Clinics 12:30-2:30, Dress Rehearsal 3 PM, Concert 4 PM, FPMS Gym
CHOIR	<p>6-8:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The choirs are in full swing as we prepare for our winter concert! • In the month of November, we will focus on developing our choral sound (or blend) through our music. • Concert dress for the FP ensembles in their choir t-shirt and "fancy bottoms"...Need a t-shirt? The order form will be coming out next week via email and Google Classroom! • Have a young singer? Ask them to sing one of their pieces for you as they prepare! <p>9-12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As we prepare our repertoire for our winter performance, we are focusing on developing our healthy and beautiful vocal tone. • Concert dress for high school singers are school-provided robes and stoles, along with dark shoes. 	
ORCHESTRA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the month of November, grades 6-12 are focusing on why practice is important and <i>how</i> to practice. Ask your students to show you the music they are learning and what steps they take to improve. Encourage them to enjoy playing for fun, too! • Everyone is preparing music for the Orchestra Holiday Concert. Middle school performs December 19th. High school performs December 12th. • Grade six is currently learning the first six notes, proper posture and playing position. • Thank you, Chamber Orchestra members, for your help at the Halloween Spooktacular Concert! The way you led, supported and inspired the Orchestra members from all the grades is so appreciated. <p>Coming up! The Concert Orchestra will be going "on tour" throughout the district - to all elementary schools - on Wednesday, December 13, and Mrs. Smith and Ms. Stege are working out the logistics. They are still looking for a volunteer to drive the music trailer with all of their equipment (stand carts, basses, etc.) throughout the day. Edit: We have a volunteer to drive the trailer!</p>	

Fundraising Updates

- Third Thursday: Sarah W. noted that Georgie Porgie's will be hosting this month. December is TBD.
- Fall/Spring Craft Fair:
 - o The fall craft fair was a big success, with over 1,000 attendees and over \$8700 raised (unofficially).

- o Volunteers were thanked for helping, especially Karla Holcomb for being the chair/organizer again. Karla has also agreed to lead the spring craft fair but we will need a new craft fair chair for next year. Ideally, we need someone to step up before March so they can shadow Karla during the spring event.
- o March 9, 2024 is booked for next spring's craft fair.
- Educational Foundation Fashion Show is coming up and the band is raising money to bring in clinicians. Please support the band's fundraising efforts. More information can be found on the UMPS facebook page.

Board Positions

- Co-Presidents Ann Sepersky and Sarah Wheeler both announced plans to leave the board next year. Everyone should start to consider whether they are willing to serve as President or Co-President next year, as this leaves us with two large pairs of shoes to fill.

Other Business

- Festival of Bands: January 6, 2024 (Saturday after winter break).
 - o Will once again look to provide a cookie/juice reception and will call for volunteers.
- WSMA (solo and ensemble): March 2, 2024. Franklin will host this year and we will need "all hands on deck" in terms of volunteers for that to be a successful event. This is also the week before the craft fair, so this will be a busy time for UMPS and volunteers will be needed both weekends.

There was a motion by Sarah Wheeler to adjourn, second by Trevor Grove; motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.