

UMPS Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by President Judy Dornacher. Judy welcomed everyone to the UMPS meeting and thanked them for attending.

Minutes

Minutes from the May 2, 2019 meeting were presented for review. A motion was made by Andrea Konz and was seconded by Debbie Kelly to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

No report.

This was the first meeting of the new school year. UMPS President Judy Dornacher discussed the purpose of UMPS and said the parents of current 8th graders would be invited to next month's meeting.

- Judy advised that she is retiring from this role after this year and asked if anyone would be interested in shadowing her in preparation for taking over next year.
- Other open positions include taking over some tasks done by Carrie St. John as she is furthering her education. This would include shadowing her as she coordinates the Craft Fair, and manages the music scholarship and Marching Band funds.

Directors Reports

Mr. Hull

- Mr. Hull was not present at the meeting and Ann Sepersky agreed to connect with him about obtaining a list of e-mails for Orchestra members.

Mrs. Heijnen

- Mrs. Heijnen advised that choir parents should have gotten an overview of supplies that are needed and the first performance of the year would be the singing of the National Anthem at the Homecoming football game to be performed on the football field.
- The Broadway concerts are to be held October 21st and 22nd and this is a fully-staged Broadway revue.
- Show Choir will be participating in three competitions this year including in La Crosse in January of 2020. The \$400 fee covers supplies and costumes.

Mrs. Umhoefer

- Mrs. Umhoefer advised that the calendar for performances by the Concert Band, Wind Ensemble and Marching Band was in the packet distributed at the meeting.
- The Franklin Marching Band will be hosting their first competition this year and there are many opportunities to volunteer at this event.
- September 22nd is the date of the Oak Creek competition and there will also be one in Sauk Prairie. Chaperones are needed for the buses for all competitions.
- UW-Madison Band Day is Saturday, September 7th, and the buses leave at 7:45 a.m. and return around 7p.m.
- Christie and Tim Weissmann once again have graciously headed the Marching Band Pit Crew and Mrs. Umhoefer provided a description of what this entails as volunteers are needed for this activity as well, for all competitions.

- The Pep Band's performance at basketball games was discussed and members are invited to attend as many home games as they want to for the upcoming season.
- This year the WSMA Solo and Ensemble competitions will be held at Greenfield High School.
- The Spring Tour for Wind and Jazz Ensembles will be March 23-27 and will be to Nashville and Memphis, Tennessee or just Memphis. Surveys will be sent out to elicit the preferred choices. Bob Rodgers Travel Agency, which has been used by the department for 11 years, will coordinate the trip. No word yet on a full domestic trip in 2020.

Business

- Judy reiterated that there will be openings on the UMPS board next year.
- There was discussion about needing fundraising ideas and the need for volunteers to coordinate those efforts. Fundraising is done by students to offset individual expenses and the Marching Band is trying to raise money for the purchase of a truck to haul equipment to performances. Each music group is allowed three fundraisers a year, though Mr. Hein can approve more. Judy is to check with him to clarify the number of fundraisers allowed.
- Parents can check with Carrie St. John to see how much is in their student's account from fundraisers, or go on the UMPS website and e-mail a request for the amount.
- The Homecoming parade is on Friday, September 27th at 5p.m with the Marching Band students needing to arrive at 4:30. There will be a meal served afterward and then the performance at the football game.
- Mrs. Umhoefer advised that there is work to be done on the capital campaign budget grant proposal for the truck and volunteers are needed for this committee.

Other Business

- None.

There was a motion by Ann Sepersky to adjourn, second by Shelly Bloedel, motion approved.