UMPS MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Cherie Stein.

**Introductions of the Board & the new Choir Director**

The board also encouraged attendees to support our music program & spread the word about our group.

**Guest Speaker - Dr. Patz, Referendum & Facilities Update**

Dr. Patz discussed the 3 separate questions to be included on the November 6th referendum focusing on 1) a secure, less crowded academic environment, 2) a community auditorium, and 3) middle school renovations (all include parking improvements). He explained that the committee focused community needs identified via listening sessions & surveys. Construction would start during the school year, but will not impact school schedules. If all 3 passed, they estimate work to be completed within 16 months. The auditorium is planned to hold 850 people and would be rented out for use, similar to other neighboring communities.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Gloria Grabarczyk reviewed the current budget status. She explained how the students accounts worked. Fundraising goes there & to the general fund, and money can be used for certain music-related items. She will send out student balances after major events. Gloria & Cherie also explained that money left in the seniors’ accounts upon graduating can be donated to a younger sibling’s fund. Otherwise, unspent money will be placed into the UMPS general fund as a donation. Also, directors will now have to submit a form for requesting UMPS funds. The Fundraising process was also discussed. More information can be found in the UMPS Bylaws & the UMPS Request for Funds under “Important Docs” on the UMPS web site.

Cherie mentioned that UMPS received Thank You notes from Lauren Mathers for the UMPS scholarship and Rachel Stein for the Honors Band camp contribution.

There was a motion to approve the treasurer’s report dated 9/6/2012. It was seconded and the motion passed.

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2012 meeting (updated may 31st), it was seconded and the motion passed.

**Director’s Reports**

Mrs. Umhoefer reported that Band Camp was successful. The first band performance will be at the Sept 7th football game, both pre-game & at half-time. They will also be performing Saturday, Sept 15th for UW Band Day. Tickets for the Sept 21st Chili Dinner fundraiser went out ($5, otherwise $7 at door). Note that students do need to buy a ticket. Also, the wrong time is on the Franklin school district calendar (the online calendar had been corrected). Afterwards, students will be performing at the Homecoming game. Jazz Ensemble try-outs will be held the last week of September.

Miss Schlecht reported the choir will be singing the National Anthem at the FHS Homecoming game. She is planning to help get more choir parents involved in UMPS.

Mr. Hull was not at the meeting and did not have a report.

**New Business:**

**Thank You:** The directors & board wanted to thank parents for helping with 1) band uniform fittings, 2) handing out ice cream sandwiches to students after completion of band camp, 3) forms & fees day.

**Homecoming Chili Dinner:** Debbie Klein indicated that volunteers are need for the Chili Dinner. Please contact her via email if you can help serve, provide water or beverages, or bring in baked goods (please bring in plates at $1 apiece and label anything which includes nuts). Chili and hot dogs will be bought through the school café at a total cost of around $210. We can no longer serve home-made items except for baked goods. Hot dogs will be provided as either an alternative meal, or as an addition (at $1 per dog). We can use any open leftovers for the craft fair, otherwise the items will go back to the school at no charge.

**Band Button Fundraiser**: Doug Kazinski indicated that people can go to his website to view the pictures (link located on UMPS website). Forms should be returned to Mrs. Umhoefer (with image number indicated). 50% goes to student account, 50% goes to the band fund. The sooner the order gets in, the sooner people will receive the button (only have 1 button maker). Cherie indicated that these are popular at the State marching event.

**Music Honor Society**: Mrs. Umhoefer indicated that she is working with the Athletic director and principal to initiate a Music Honor Society at FHS, the Modern Music Master. The goal of this society is to cultivate leadership in the area of music. She’ll communicate more about this as the process progresses.

**Craft Fair:** Sonji Millet indicated that she really needs someone to learn from her this year, especially since she no longer has a child in band. The Craft Fair is one of our biggest fundraisers, with money going to the music awards. It will be held on Saturday, November 10th from 9AM-3PM. There are 49 of the 80 booths already sold. Volunteers are needed for setup & for the bake sale. Dads are especially needed for measuring the space and for putting up the signs. Sonji suggested asking the middle school to perform. Mrs. Umhoefer took the action to invite the middle school groups to perform.

**Fundraising & Volunteering:** Ideas identified include Noodles, Subway, concessions, and parking cars for the Lions Club. We still have 3 boxes of cookbooks which are for sale at $10 with 80% going into the student’s fund. Cookbooks should also be sold at the craft fair & chili dinner. There was a suggestion to have parents required to do a small amount of volunteering, similar to the athletic programs.

Debbie Klein indicated that Band needs 4 more volunteers to work concessions for the boys’ volleyball game on September 27th. Please email her if you can help at some time between 3:30-6:30PM. Debbie will confirm whether or not students can work in addition to parents.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned around 8:30 pm. It was noted that normally meetings run about 1 hour (this meeting was long due to it being the first meeting of the year).

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Babula