

SPFMBA – Minutes of the Meeting

January 16, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:42PM by Amy Davies.

Presidents' Report: WELCOME! Who are we? What do we do? Why should you get involved? From our bylaws: *"The objective of the organizations shall be to encourage, assist, and further the interests of the music programs in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District."* It further states, *"Anyone interested in promoting the stated purpose of the organization shall be eligible for membership."* **Not just the High School, not just instrumental programs, all music programs in the entire district.**

Recording Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2013 meeting made by Lucia Romero; seconded by Camille Jadelis.

Treasurer's Report: \$52,000 currently in our account; balance is high due to fundraising, trip deposits, etc.

Grace Cheney has been honored at Mayor's Gala and received an award from Shackamaxon Country Club on behalf of Music Boosters.

Awarding of SPFMBA Music Grants

Mr. Jackson - \$1000 for Zildjian Cymbals for the elementary school program

Mr. Whitfield - \$1200 for Wegner Preface music stands for Terrill Middle School

Mr. Ellis and Mrs. Stolting - \$1800 for a vibraphone for Park Middle School

Mr. Gillick also applied for a grant to purchase a Yamaha Field PA System; we were not able to fund this purchase through the grant program, but plan to do so through additional fundraising activities

Staff reports:

Mr. Turturiello: Repertory Theatre is well underway, set is being built; Pops Concert Jan. 29th; Day of Percussion Feb. 1; Jazz festivals coming soon. What you might not know is that Moonglowers are playing at Nanninos in the Park in Belleville Jan. 30th at a fundraiser, and at the Bickford Theatre in Morristown for NJ Jazz Society.

Mrs. Allen:

Congratulations to the 24 SPFHS Choral students who made the 2014 Region II Honors Choir:

WOMEN'S CHOIR: Kaitlyn Buchanan, Julia Guarneri, Mary Schoenauer, Melody Weigel

MIXED CHOIR: Joshua Axelrod, Bryan Buchanan, Paul Cherubini, Anna Close, Jonathon Dawson, Conor Flood, Ethan Graham, Joseph Haverlock, Steven Haverlock, Alexander Karakis, Lauren Kilcullen, Kyle Magee, Maya Mitterhoff, Ross Mulcahy, Brianna Peterson, Hansel Romero, Meghan Ryan, Matthew Schuman, Zoe Verrico, Alex Walejewsky

Junior Maya Mitterhoff and Senior Jonathon Dawson received the top score in their respective vocal parts. All students will perform at a concert under the direction of esteemed choral directors on Sunday, January 26, 2014 at 3PM at Monroe Township HS.

Preparations for Cabaret Night are moving forward quite well! Come out to hear music from Newsies, Pirates of Penzance, The Phantom of the Opera, RENT, Cats, in addition to the music by Rodgers and Hammerstein. There will also be many featured soloists from the students. The performance is on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 7:30 PM in the SPFHS Auditorium. It's not to be missed!

REP THEATRE: How to Succeed In Business rehearsals are in full swing! Already it is apparent this is going to be a great production. Thank you to all parent volunteers who are essential to making this happen. All ticketing will be done online this year, and purchasing information will be available at the end of the month on Mrs. Allen's teacher page.

John Gillick, Terrill Middle School

Percussion ensemble will perform in 2 USBANDS competitions this Spring; March 1 at Woodbridge HS and 3/22 at Hunterdon Central HS.

Terrill Jazz Band will perform at McGinn School on 3/12 and Coles on 3/13 as part of Music in Our Schools Month.

Terrill will also host the 2nd Terrill in Tempo Jazz Festival on 3/19 starting at 5PM. This show will also feature a clinic with Al Chez former trumpet player with Late Night with David Letterman and a performer with countless rock and roll hall of fame members such as Bruce Springsteen.

Seussical the Musical to be performed at TMS Friday and Saturday January 24 and 25th at 7:30; Sunday January 26 at 2PM; tickets available on line.

Committee reports:

Membership: still trickling in, particularly from elementary and middle schools.

Virginia Beach Trip: April 3-6, 2014, coordinator is Lisa Zimmerman: lisazimmerman7596@gmail.com. Feb. 5 and 6 will be bus signup; payment in full and all forms are required in order to sign up. Feb. 5 will be after school for seniors and juniors Feb. 6 will be in the evening for sophomores and freshman. Invoices will be mailed soon; payment due Jan. 30.

BOE: Chamber Choir performed at BOE meeting; very enjoyable.

Day of Percussion: Lucia Diaz-Romero: Feb. 1 publicity is underway; posters designed by Pam Sayles are available for distribution. Please volunteer and/or come and enjoy!

Jazz Festivals: Amy Davies: SPF Jazz will be Feb. 27; Moonglowers is March 28. Interest meeting for volunteers will be held soon. Please get involved!

Music Boosters Valentine's Day Gala: Friday, February 14 at Italian American Club. Volunteers needed for planning.

Fundraising:

Grocery cards: ongoing and all year: Grace Cheney. Each \$100 grocery card costs \$100; \$5 is profit to student's trip account. Shop Rite, Stop & Shop, A&Ps nationwide. Orders are placed on Sunday; cards are available on Saturday; must be picked up from Grace's home.

SCRIP fundraising: **Mark Schuman** is contact. SCRIP = gift cards/certificates from hundreds of retailers. Full value is paid by purchaser; organization pays a little less, profit goes to student's fundraising account. It is completely web-based; paid via electronic transfer from bank account (no paper checks, no credit cards). Some gift cards are physical cards and some are electronic. Mark recommends SCRIP NOW (electronic) for immediate receipt of cards.

Wearables: new merchandising products are in the works: luggage tags, pen lights, etc.

Website: Brett is looking into purchasing a domain name.

Other Business:

Scholarships for graduating seniors? Athletic boosters award 4 scholarships. We have awarded scholarships in the past (John Ho scholarships); we will look into reinstating the scholarships in the future.

Middle School Students from Park and Terrill have students selected for the CJMEA region II intermediate chorus:

Color Guard: Advisor Jackie Tumuolo is looking for fundraising ideas fequipment for winter guard.

O'Brians Pour House is planning a St. Patrick's Day Festival in Fanwood on March 8 to benefit Music Boosters. This generous offer comes to us through Nancy Barnes, who has children in the SPF elementary and middle music programs.

8th grade activities committee at Park Middle School is looking for performers for its Dine In Dash Out (formerly Quarter Dip) January 30.

Upcoming Events

Concerts: School One Winter Concert: Jan. 22

SPFHS Pops Concert Jan. 29

Evergreen Winter Concert: Feb. 3

SPFHS Cabaret Night Feb. 12

Valentine's Day Gala: Feb. 14

How To Succeed in Business: March 14, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24

Next Music Booster Meeting: Wednesday, February 19, 2014

Motion made by to adjourn meeting at 8:59 by Yvette Speranza, seconded by Lisa Zimmerman.