

## SPFMBA – Minutes of the Meeting

February 19, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:36PM 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 organization 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 January 16, 2014 meeting made by Fran Wagner; seconded by Barbara Oster.

### **Staff reports:**

**Charlie Jackson:** 1.) Please extend my additional thank you to the Boosters for being a recipient of the 1st ever Grant award.

2.) Also, Joe Reo and I send A HUGE thank you for the Boosters help and dedication for another successful Day of Percussion. The 8th annual DOP was well attended, the kids got a lot out of it, and many comments were made to me that this one had a special "something" to it compared to years past. Reps from the music companies (Mapex/Majestic) and Sam Ash Music Store, who had attended DOP multiple times in the past really enjoyed this years event. THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE! Charlie J.

### **Committee reports:**

**Virginia Beach Trip:** April 3-6, 2014, coordinator is Lisa Zimmerman: [lisazimmerman7596@gmail.com](mailto:lisazimmerman7596@gmail.com). Final stages of preparation are underway. Parents Meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 5 at 7PM but may be rescheduled.

**Membership:** Grace is researching a database for membership that would be more user friendly and accessible to new and current members. Stay tuned.

**Day of Percussion:** successful!

**Valentines Day Gala:** successful evening; \$1,000 raised

**Jazz Festivals:** Amy Davies: SPF Jazz will be Feb. 28; Moonglowers is March 28. Volunteers are needed for both nights.

**Rep Theatre:** bookmarks are available; buy your tickets at [www.SPFHSRepTix.BrownPaperTickets.com](http://www.SPFHSRepTix.BrownPaperTickets.com)

### ***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:** Choir officers have selected a slogan for choral t-shirts: "Eat, Sleep, Sing" Grace will now order shirts. Fran Wagner suggested a ladies shirt version.

**Website:** The SPF Music Boosters new website can be found at [spfmusicboosters.org](http://spfmusicboosters.org). This is good news for a few reasons:

1. We're no longer limited to the capabilities of the web software that the district uses. We have things set so that anyone going to the old website will automatically be redirected to the new site.
2. The addresses that are used by the system are more human-friendly -- instead of using meaningless numbers (like the old [spfk12.org/domain/66](http://spfk12.org/domain/66)), we instead have more meaningful addresses like [spfmusicboosters.org/spf-jazz-festival](http://spfmusicboosters.org/spf-jazz-festival).
3. The new website is usable on phones and tablets. The old site was a disaster on anything smaller than a full-sized computer screen.
4. All content from the old site has been migrated over to the new one -- if committee chairs could double check and verify that email addresses are correct, that would be great. Any errors or omissions should be reported to [spfmba@gmail.com](mailto:spfmba@gmail.com)

### ***Other Business:***

As requested by Judy Klimowicz, donations will be made to Music Boosters in memory of her husband Larry Klimowicz; Mr. Turturiello suggests that donations be used towards the Music Boosters Grant Fund. We will send Mrs

Klimowicz our condolences and thanks, and will notify her of any donations we receive.

Oh'Brian's Pour House St Patrick's Day Fundraiser on Saturday March 8 from 12:30 – 9:30PM at Fanwood Train Station (northside) will benefit the Music Boosters. We will have tickets available for purchase.

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

### **Upcoming Events**

SPF Jazz Festival Friday February 28 5:30 PM at SPFHS

SPFHS Repertory Theatre performances of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying"

March 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22

Tickets can be purchased at [spfhsreptix.brownpapertickets.com](http://spfhsreptix.brownpapertickets.com)

Terrill in Tempo Jazz Festival: March 19 5:00 PM at Terrill Middle School

Moonglowers Jazz Festival: Friday March 28 at SPFHS

**Next Music Booster Meeting:** Wednesday, March 19, 2014

Motion made by Jeanne White to adjourn meeting at 7:39PM, seconded by Joe Guidi.