

## SPFMBA – Minutes of the Meeting

March 19, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:35PM 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 February 19, 2014 meeting made by Sue Spirko; seconded by Wendy Abdy.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Sent 8 thank you cards to donors of Larry Klimowicz donation fund.

**Treasurer's Report:** currently \$43,000 in bank; half of grants have been paid out; good financial shape for the trip.

### **Staff reports:**

**Mr Thomas:** 1. Thank you to all music Boosters, parents and friends on the SPF JAZZ festival ! It was a big success.

2. Thank you to the Board of Education and Mr. Turturiello for helping to facilitate the purchase of our new trailer . We will be utilizing the trailer for the 2014/2015 Marching Band Season, once it has been outfitted with shelves etc.

3. Congratulations to SPF JAZZ for successfully achieving entrance to NJAJAE Division 2 State Finals which will take place on Saturday April 26, 2014.

4. 2014 SPF Marching Band Tentative schedule will be available soon and 2014 SPFMB Home show will take place on Saturday Sept.20, 2014.

**Mrs Allen** - \*Will be ordering black choir t-shirts, probably about \$8-\$9 each hope to have for district choral night

\*How to Succeed in Business 3 performances left! Come out to it!

\*Concert Choir, Select Choir, Las Cantadoras, Men's Choir and Chamber Choir ready for trip.

\*District Choral night Wed 4/9 SPFHS auditorium. Select, Men's, Sensations, choirs from both middle schools and 4th grades from Coles and McGinn

### ***Committee reports:***

**Website:** The SPF Music Boosters new website can be found at [spfmusicboosters.org](http://spfmusicboosters.org). 30-60 visitors daily

**Jazz Festivals:** Moonglowers jazz festival is next Friday, March 28. Volunteers are still needed! We netted \$1,600 for jazz program at SPF jazz festival.

**Rep Theatre:** \$50 donation was received for rep theatre cast party with congratulatory note from Carol Kraus. Buy your tickets at [www.SPFHSRepTix.BrownPaperTickets.com](http://www.SPFHSRepTix.BrownPaperTickets.com)

**Wearables:** Choir shirts are being ordered. Fran Wagner suggested a ladies shirt version.

### ***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. Physical SCRIP order is being sent out by the end of this month.

**Nominating Committee:** committee of 3 needed to select new slate of officers for next year.

### **Other Business**

Oh'Brian's Pour House St Patrick's Day Fundraiser held on Saturday March 8 was a big success. Mr. Gillick and Mr. Ellis did a great job pulling their groups together and it appeared that the general public was impressed!

Oh' Brian's has agreed to match our advanced ticket sales, which totaled \$856, so we should be able to put \$1712.00 into the Grant and Scholarship Programs. Our organization was, by far, the most proactive and involved. Brian Walter, co-

owner of Oh' Brian's, indicated that SPFMBA would be the sole beneficiary of any proceeds next year if the event is held again. SPFMBA, in turn, promised to provide manpower and support where needed.

### **Upcoming Events**

SPFHS Repertory Theatre performances of “How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying” March 20, 21, 22. Tickets can be purchased at [www.spfhsreptix.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.spfhsreptix.brownpapertickets.com)

Moonglowers Jazz Festival Friday March 28 at SPFHS

District Choral Night – April 9, 2014

Spring Instrumental Concert – Wednesday, May 14

District Jazz Night – May 19, 2014

### **Remarks for the Good of the Order**

How to get more people to attend Music Boosters Meeting? Perhaps we should hold the meeting prior to a concert; and/or before Marching Band inaugural parents meeting....

Next Music Boosters meeting TBD.

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Motion made by Mark Schumann to adjourn meeting at 8:12PM, seconded by Bret Porter.