

SPFMBA – Minutes of the Meeting

September 18, 2013

Meeting called to order at 8:05 PM by Grace Cheney.

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 June 13, 2013 meeting made by Audrey Lombardi; seconded by Camille Jadelis.

Treasurer's Report: Last year was successful, due in part to careful spending. Budget for 2013-14 year has new item: music booster member donated his volunteer hours through his company (MicroSoft); they paid \$1,200! Motion to approve the budget made by Lisa Zimmerman; seconded by Fran Wagner.

Audrey looking for accountant to do audit at reduced rate or pro bono.

Staff reports:

Ms. Allen: Off to a great start; all after school choirs are underway. All information is on her teacher page, including concert dates, MP3s

Winter Concert: Tuesday, December 17

Cabaret Night: Wednesday, February 12

Spring Concert: Wednesday, May 21

There is an after school rehearsal for each concert the day before.

Saturday, November 16 – Select choir at Westminster Choir College,

dress rehearsal at Bridgewater Raritan on Tuesday, November 12

All choirs to perform on Virginia Beach trip

Rep Theatre – How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying

Interest meeting Friday, October 4 after school

Mrs. Shapiro, former parent of music student, 4th grade chorus teacher at Evergreen and School One: welcome to all new parents! Get involved!

Mr. Turturiello: In his 35th year here at SPFHHS. Nick Ellis is new 7-8th instrumental teacher at Park, Mr. Whitfield new 5-6th instrumental teacher at Terrill.

Mr. Thomas: marching band students are working very hard; performing at Park and Terrill on Friday. The first football game is this Saturday; then they perform in exhibition at our home show Saturday night.

SPFJazz will begin late October.

Pops Concert: Thursday, January 30

Spring Concert: May

Committee reports:

Membership: Randi Traiman: off to a great start due in part to reaching out to elementary and middle school parents.

Choir liaison: Grace Cheney; make sure new choral students have ordered choral apparel

MB liaisons: Barbara Oster & Marcia Zimmermann: old marching band uniforms were donated to school in midwest

Home Show: Tracey Foley: all systems go for Saturday night; looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Virginia Beach Trip: April 3-6, 2014, coordinator is Lisa Zimmerman: Informational meeting Monday, September 23 at 8:00PM in auditorium. Marching band students who do not perform with another group but would like to perform should speak to Mr. Thomas.

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.

Yankee Candles: Music teachers have packets if you haven't received them from your student. 40% of sales will go directly to your student's trip.

Magazine Sale: packets were distributed today; magazines can be ordered online; 40% of sales will go to student's trip; deadline is next Friday, September 27.

Pasta Night: Wednesday, October 23, 2013. \$6 includes entrees, beverages and dessert. Great dinner and entertainment All food is donated.

Day of Percussion: all day event of entertainment, clinics, giveaways, food. Date is to be determined.

Open committee chair positions... Listed on flyer, please take one

- 50/50 raffles (at home football games)
- Repertory Theatre Fundraiser
- Choral Parent Committee
- 4th Grade Spring Concert Receptions

Committees that will need new chairs next year:

- Marching Band Home show
- Pasta Night
- Day of Percussion

Website – links and forms are available for download; go to www.spfk12.org, click HS, then click Communities for Music Boosters page.

Photos: If you have any pictures or videos that you'd like to share (maybe from Papermill Playhouse's Rising Star Awards , Disney photos, spring concert photos, etc) contact Dan Murphy at spfmb.photos@gmail.com to find out how to get them posted to the SPFHS Music and Band blogspot.

Wearables – Joan Chemidlin –shirts and more will be available at home show; fleece jackets can be ordered online

50/50s: One or two people needed to run 50/50s at home football games ASAP. On the job training available!

Upcoming Events

Marching Band Festival this Saturday, September 21 at 5:00 PM

Motion made by Marc Schumann to adjourn meeting at 9:00PM,
seconded by Jeanette Kilcullen