

## **SPFMBA – Minutes of the Meeting**

**November 13, 2013**

Meeting called to order at 7:44 PM 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 October 16, 2013 meeting made by Kalpana Krishna-Kumar; seconded by Marcia Zimmermann.

**Vice President's Report:** Jeanne provided an update on the SPFMBA Grant Program. The program has been approved by Dr. Hayes and the Grant Application is being finalized. Grace and Amy will attend a Music Department meeting later in November to tell the teachers about the program and invite them to submit applications. We plan to have a submission deadline of December 31, with funding decisions made by January 15.

**Treasurer's Report:** Audrey distributed reports updating Cash Receipts and Disbursements for all Music Booster accounts, as well as details of activity in our Restricted Funds accounts.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Kalpana is working on weeding out the SPFMBA email database (which currently contains over 700 email addresses!). If you know of anyone who should be getting our emails but is not, please have them contact Kalpana. Also feel free to forward SPFMBA emails to others who may be interested in our activities and events.

### **Staff reports:**

**Mr. Thomas:** Thanks to the many supporters who helped out during the Marching Band season, and thanks to Marcia and Barbara for all that you do! Dr. Hayes would like to recognize the Marching Band, and their impressive accomplishments, at the Board of Education meeting on November 21. A formal letter will be sent out to Marching Band families.

A Director's Cut video of the band's performance is available and will be placed on the website by Mr. Moskal. Also, a trailer to carry Marching Band equipment has been chosen and will be painted/decorated. Next, we would like to purchase a tractor to pull the trailer.

Jazz Band season is up and running! Plans are underway for two Jazz Festivals this year, on February 27 and March 28. More details to come.

**Mrs. Allen:**

CHOIR NEWS:

\*Thank you to all parents for the support of the choirs thus far this year.

\*Choir uniforms have arrived! Please make sure everything fits properly. A special thank you to Grace Cheney and Karen Zikas for their help with the uniform orders.

\*Select Choir and Chamber have the amazing opportunity to perform with 4 other high school choirs at a concert celebrating the composer Benjamin Britten's centennial. They will be performing two of his works, during one of which Mrs. Allen is a soloist. Chamber Choir will be performing one piece and Select Choir will be performing two pieces as they represent our district. We had an amazing combined rehearsal at Bridgewater Raritan HS last night and it is going to be a phenomenal concert. We'd love to have a huge body of support from SPF so please come to this concert at 7:30 PM at the amazing Princeton University Chapel this Saturday, November 16. It's not to be missed!

\*As the Winter Concert fast approaches, please keep an eye on the calendar on Mrs. Allen's teacher page as there are some schedule changes due to other events around this time of the year.

\*The Winter Choral Concert is on Tuesday, December 17, at 7:30 PM in the HS auditorium. The dress rehearsal for each choir will take place on Monday, December 16 after school. See Mrs. Allen's teacher page for specific times.

ALL-STATE CHOIR:

Congrats to the following students who had an outstanding performance this past Friday at the Teachers Convention in Atlantic City as part of the All-State Mixed Choir:

Anna Close  
Jonathon Dawson  
Lauren Kilcullen  
Maya Mitterhoff  
Ross Mulcahy  
Hansel Romero  
Alex Walejewsky

Their second and final performance will take place this Sunday, Nov 17, at NJPAC. Tickets are available on the NJPAC website.

REGIONAL CHOIR:

All choral students who have applied to audition for regional choir should be in the process of memorizing their audition selections, which are available on Mrs. Allen's teacher page. The audition is on Saturday, December 14, with the time TBD.

#### REPERTORY THEATRE:

The audition sign up for "How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" is now available on the bulletin board outside the chorus room. Students should sign up for their first audition on either Monday, Nov 25 or Tuesday, Nov 26. Callbacks will be posted late Tuesday night on Mrs. Allen's teacher page, and the callback auditions are on Tuesday, December 3. The final cast list will be posted on Mrs. Allen's teacher page the evening of Friday, December 6, and the first cast meeting is on Friday, December 13 in the choir room.

#### **Committee reports:**

**MB liaisons:** *Barbara Oster & Marcia Zimmermann:*

*Thanks to the MANY people who have helped out during the Marching Band season!!*

Please see your email for details of a first-of-its-kind contest off the field - USBands announces The Great 2013 USBands Video Challenge, in which schools can earn \$3 for every DVD of their band purchased at USBands championship events on Nov. 2 and 9. Plus, the winning band in each group will receive free USBands membership for 2014. (As of Thursday Nov 14, we were in 2<sup>nd</sup> place!)

Marcia suggests that Marching Band parents reach out to US Bands to tell them how you feel about this year's prices and how difficult it is financially to take a family to enjoy their student's performance.

**Virginia Beach Trip:** April 3-6, 2014, coordinator is Lisa Zimmerman: [lisazimmerman7596@gmail.com](mailto:lisazimmerman7596@gmail.com). Currently 257 students are signed up for the trip. Cutoff for fundraising for the second invoice is today 11/13. Tracey will begin working on invoices as soon as all fundraising info is submitted. Second payment is due 12/6.

#### **Fundraising:**

**Yankee Candles:** Please pick up your orders at Grace's house. Orders can still be placed directly on the Yankee Candle website:

Go to [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com) to sign up a seller. The group # is 99896735.

**Pasta Night:** Lucia thanks everyone who helped out to make Pasta Night a fun time and a great fundraiser! A total of \$2652 was raised!

***Darby Road Oktoberfest:*** As part of their Oktoberfest celebration, Darby Road Restaurant held a canister drive to benefit local non-profit organizations, including SPFMBA. Grace and Amy met with the owners to receive a check for \$307.00 and to discuss other fundraising possibilities.

***Enchantments:*** Enchantments will offer a special sale, just in time for the holidays, to support the Scotch Plains Fanwood Music Boosters. Details will be sent soon in a Music Boosters email.

**Website:** Brett and Kalpana are going to work on switching our website to external hosting, and will also look into purchasing a domain name.

### **Other Business:**

We would like to expand our efforts to publicize Music Booster events and Music Department student accomplishments. Several possibilities were discussed, including contacting Mrs. Brand about having students do write-ups for the Fanscotian.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Concerts:**

Park Instrumental Concert - December 5

Terrill Choral Concert – December 5

Park Choral Concert - December 16

High School Winter Choral Concert - December 17 7:30 PM

Terrill Instrumental Concert – December 18

**Next Music Booster Meeting:** January, date to be announced (No December meeting)

Motion made by Audrey Lombardi to adjourn meeting at 8:50PM, seconded by Kalpana Krishna-Kumar.