

FRIENDS OF MUSIC RECEPTION AND MEETING
8 September 2014

Meet-and-Greet Reception

Dr. Parry Graham made opening remarks to kick things off and introduced the new band director, Joe McCarthy.

Joe described some of his short-term and long-term plans, including:

- A possible District-wide Jazz night—next year; w/students and professionals, and clinics.
- Doing concerts for 4th graders.
- Revamping Pep Band. Will play not just at football games. This year they will still perform at home football games—and maybe Thanksgiving Day game too?
- Transitioning Pep Band into a marching band over the coming years. He has made contact with NESBA.
- Hopes to bring shows to Nashoba.
- Hoping to get new uniforms.
- Having a Visual Arts Department “arts night,” with the jazz band playing during the show.

One change he has already made is that students can now follow Music Tech class assignments on line.

Joe ran down the schedule for the year. He also mentioned that concert attire this year is black pants, white shirt, and a black regular (non-bow) tie.

Susan Mianulli

Susan announced that there will be an alumni choral reunion concert on 15 May 2015.

Another update is that there will be two new choirs this year: Broadway Women’s Ensemble and Mixed Chamber Choir (combination of madrigals and jazz choir).

Paula Castner

Paula “made the pitch” for parent participation. She gave a synopsis of what Friends does, has done, and how parents can get involved to help out.

MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Paula Castner, Bob Nuzzo, Kelly Williams, Joe McCarthy, Susan Mianulli, Amanda Bennett, Nancy Weber, Marianne Sharin, Norah Braudis, and several prospective new members: Denise McKenna, Robin Wendler, Amy Yap, Heather Tanashian, Janet Moffat, Kathy O'Keefe, and Karen Fox.

A motion was made to close the June 2014 meeting. The motion passed.

June Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes as written passed.

Treasurer's Report

There was not a lot of activity over summer. There were expenditures of about \$5400, \$3K of which were payouts for scholarships. The balance at the end of August was just over \$24,303.37. After presentation of the June, July, and August Treasurer's reports a motion was made to approve all three reports. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

FOA Ad Campaign

Paula explained the ad campaign. She asked for volunteers to follow up with "unclaimed" businesses.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of summer expenditures

- 501(c)(3) filing fee—\$18.50
- Welcome reception food—\$81.83
- Flyer holders—\$28.99
- Holiday Pops Tickets—\$46 * 51 (for performance on 5 Dec. @ 4:00)

These were expenses that came up in August and required action before tonight. A motion to approve all the foregoing expenses passed.

Kelly also requested reimbursement of the \$10 fee she had to pay in filing for us to conduct raffles for the next year. A motion to reimburse Kelly for this fee passed.

NYC Trip

Paula has consolidated information for the trip into a 4-page document—itinerary, financials, medical forms, and permission slips. The first deposit is due from students by 10 Oct. The District has approved the field trip form. The trip is limited to the 1st 48 students.

Car Wash (13 Sep)

The car wash will be held this Saturday from 9-2 at the High School. The cost is \$5 per car.

Holiday Pops Concert Tickets

Tickets (51) for the 4:00 PM Holiday Pops concert performance on 5 December have been ordered and are available for students to purchase.

Fundraising Brainstorming

Several fundraising ideas were brought forth for consideration:

- Selling raffle tickets for an opportunity to smash a guitar (one of several unrepairable practice guitars);
- Holding a talent show;
- Apply for a Massachusetts Cultural Council Grant;
- Hold the magazine sales fundraiser (Great American) again;
- Sell "school spirit" items.

It was decided we should go ahead and apply for any open grants we are eligible for.

NEXT MEETING

The September meeting was continued to next meeting date, 6 October 2014.

*Respectfully submitted,
Bob Nuzzo, Secretary*