

FRIENDS OF MUSIC MEETING MINUTES
10 November 2014

In attendance: Paula Castner, Bob Nuzzo, Kelly Williams, Joe McCarthy, Susan Mianulli, Christel Conlin, Norah Braudis, Kathy O'Keefe, Karen Fox

A motion was made to close the October meeting. The motion passed.

October Minutes

Corrections: Clarification on the grants that have been applied for and what they will be used toward. Change "Beth Atkinson" on attendee list to "Paula Castner."

A motion to approve the minutes as corrected passed.

Treasurer's Report

Kelly reported \$14,624.97 in expenditures during the preceding month, the largest amounts going to Suburban Tours for the NYC trip (\$10,800) and Superior Fundraising (\$1,350) for the discount-card fundraiser. Deposits for the month totaled \$9,121.89, leaving a balance of \$15,659.09.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report passed.

Paula reported that a check for \$7,450.50 had just been received reflecting FOM's portion of the proceeds from the Friends of the Arts ad campaign. This amount will be reflected in next month's Treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS

October band concert

Went well except for a slight glitch with the microphones.

UMass Band Day Recap

Went well, mostly avoided the rain.

NYC Trip Update

Music students interested in the trip filled 45 of the available 48 slots. Since optimal pricing is based on fulfilling all 48 slots, the remaining 3 were made available to drama students (not already eligible as music students). One more student signed on as a result. The consensus of those present was to continue soliciting the drama program to fill the last 2 spots.

Holiday Pops Concert

Permission slips for the Holiday Pops Concert have been sent out; 20 have come back with payment (47 to sell). The bus will leave NRHS at 1:45; expected to return at around 8:00.

Fundraising Update

The "discount cards" are in! A total of 18 businesses ended up participating. We've been given permission by drama to sell these fundraiser cards at the Sunday matinee performance of "It's a Wonderful Life" (23 November); and we will also sell them at the December band and choral concerts (12th and 19th). The cards are good through the end of 2015.

Sadly, the "Guitar Smash" fundraiser idea is out because of policies and procedures governing the disposition of school-owned property.

The Sky Zone fundraiser is still being explored. The deal is that we get 25% of the proceeds, *but* we can't do it during school vacation week or on a holiday. The available days for this are

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. A further requirement is that we'd have to get a minimum of 50 participants in order to qualify for the 25% of proceeds. This will require a lot of promotion activities to make it fly. The consensus was to give it a shot for 11 February 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

Central Districts

Audition time is 11:18 on 15 November. The planned departure is 9:30, with a return at around noon.

December concerts

Julie Daisy will do program covers and posters. Norah and Nancy are doing the planning.

Dunn Brunch

In appreciation for the printing services provided gratis by Dunn and Company, Friends of Music provides a brunch for the company's employees in October and May. Paula was able to deliver a big spread for the October brunch for \$175.

Pep Band Uniforms

A discussion was opened about how to raise funds toward new band uniforms. These will be needed within a couple of years, so a fundraising strategy for them will need to begin soon.

Funding Requests

- Bus to Holiday Pops—probably up to ~\$500
- Bus to CDAs—probably up to ~\$500

A motion to cover the cost of the buses passed.

A \$38.06 charge for shipping tuxedos back to supplier was covered by Susan.

A motion to reimburse Susan for the shipping expense passed.

Items from the floor

Paula talked with Dr. Graham about putting money into the next budget for buses to CDAs, graduation, etc. That would free up money to be used toward uniforms.

Kathy O'Keefe will be the new website manager.

NEXT MEETING

The November meeting was continued to next meeting date, 8 December 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Nuzzo, Secretary