

Simsbury Friends For Music and the Performing Arts  
Meeting Minutes-January 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm  
Submitted by Elisabeth Hodson

In Attendance: Angela Griffin, Sallie Pellon, Manuela Hanshaw, Sue Clancy, Karen Papagelis, Joe Campolieta, Marie Winiarski, Melissa Richards, Valerie Gallo, Christine Lill, Rachel Gorecki, Aaron Hollander, Karen Cantelmo and Elisabeth Hodson

- Introductions made by all present.
- Approval of January minutes by Elisabeth Hodson and Sallie Pellon.
- The next FFM meeting is scheduled for March 6 at 7:00 in the SHS Library
- Membership.
  - FFM received about 10 new members this month for a total of 308.
- Treasurer's Report
  - We reviewed the current financial statements. Members are welcome to attend monthly meetings to review the Treasurer's report.
  - The FFM checking balance is \$26,819.62 and the savings balance is \$22,704.12.
- Town-wide Choral Festival
  - The Town-wide Choral Festival will take place April 3 and 4. The Guest Artist this year is Elizabeth Nunez who comes to us with a wealth of experience and talent. Our talented Choral teachers will be busy planning this extraordinary opportunity.
  - Chair people are in place on various committees, and we are now looking for additional help to support committee chairs with the following: concessions, publicity and "house" details. If you have an interest in any of these committees, additional help would be welcome.
  - There was also a motion to have a FFM representative at the Festival to advertise what FFM supports, encourage membership and to take donations.
- Angela Griffin – Director's Report
  - MLK Day Performance: The HJMS Select Choir will perform at the First Church celebration on Monday, January 16 at 2:00.
  - Please attend a performance of 42<sup>nd</sup> Street!! Dates are:
    - February 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 7:00
    - February 5 and 12 at 2:00
  - The Northern Regions Festival is on Saturday, January 14. 35 SHS students will perform.
  - Simsbury Schools held Irish Fiddle Workshops and they were a great success. The clinicians worked very well with students.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.