

Simsbury Friends For Music and the Performing Arts
Meeting Minutes-September 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm
Submitted by Elisabeth Hodson

In Attendance: Angela Griffin, Sallie Pellon, Sue Clancy, Marie Winiarski, Melissa Richards, Regina O'Sullivan, Valerie Gallo, Roni Grossman, Christine Lill, Rachel Gorecki, Karen Cantelmo, Wanda Kirejczyk, and Elisabeth Hodson

- Introductions made by all present
- Approval of June minutes by Sue Clancy and Rachel Gorecki
- The next FFM meeting is scheduled for October 18 at 7:00 in the SHS Library
- Membership
 - There are 348 FFM members as of September 11. This is a bit lower than last year. There are several new members who are signing up online so we will update the membership number at the next meeting. There are several people who started the PayPal process but did not complete the transaction. We will investigate why this occurred.
- Treasurer's Report
 - We reviewed the current financial statement. Members are welcome to attend monthly meetings to review the Treasurer's report.
 - The FFM checking balance is \$7,900.68 and the savings balance is \$22, 696.56
 - Sue Clancy reviewed the process to allocate funds for teacher requests. Allocation of funds will take place at the October 18 meeting.
- Liaisons
 - Christine Lill volunteered to be the liaison for Tariffville, Marie Winiarski for Latimer, Melissa Richards for Tootin Hills, Regina O'Sullivan and Roni Grossmann for Squadron Line and Valerie Gallo for HJMS. Thank you!
- Fund Raising
 - Packets were distributed on September 5, 2016.
 - All items ordered will be shipped to students' homes. Online orders will be shipped immediately, whereas paper orders will be shipped on October 9.
 - Liaisons need to confirm that all checks are written to Simsbury Friends For Music and to verify that the order total and check amount match.
- Board Positions
 - FFM would like to invite individuals interested in Board positions to contact a Board Member. We would like to establish a plan for succession.
- Open House
 - A communication for FFM meeting dates and an explanation of what our function is will be distributed at the Open House events at HJMS and SHS.
- Angela Griffin – Director's Report
 - We are pleased to welcome new staff members to our district. Jason Stammen: HJMS Chorus; Mike Casey: SHS Jazz Band-"Big Band"; Josh Berman: SHS Asst. Technical Director.
 - The Townwide Festival will be a Choral Festival this year and will take place April 3 and 4. We are expecting that more parents will volunteer to help out this year. Angela has already spoken to parents about this need. The Guest Artist this year will be Elizabeth Nunez who comes to us with a wealth of experience and talent. All of our talented Choral teachers will be busy planning this extraordinary opportunity.

- The musicals for this year have been announced. SHS will produce 42nd Street and HJMS Seussical.
- The next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2016 at 7:00 in the SHS Media Center.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm