

Simsbury Friends For Music and the Performing Arts
Meeting Minutes-March 6, 2017 at 7:00 pm
Submitted by Elisabeth Hodson

In Attendance: Angela Griffin, Sallie Pellon, Manuela Hanshaw, Sue Clancy, Melissa Richards, Rachel Gorecki, Regina O'Sullivan, and Elisabeth Hodson

- Introductions made by all present.
- Approval of January minutes by Manuela Hanshaw and Elisabeth Hodson.
- The next FFM meeting is scheduled for May 8 at 7:00 in the SHS Library.
- Membership.
 - FFM received about 11 new members this month for a total of 319.
- 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 \$25,780.32 and the savings balance is \$22,707.79.
 - We were able to fund some additional teacher requests and unfunded requests that were made back in October.
- Town-wide Choral Festival updated planning items
 - The Town-wide Choral Festival poster was updated and printed for distribution in Simsbury and other key locations in the Farmington Valley.
 - Volunteers will organize a concession stand with all donations benefiting FFM funds for performing arts programs
 - A plan for sandwich boards was discussed
 - House plans were made to secure Tri-M ushers and stage decorations
- Angela Griffin – Director's Report
 - March is Music in Our Schools Month!
 - HJMS: Ken Steen, a visiting Hartt composer worked with Music Tech students, providing feedback on compositions.
 - HJMS: Seussical will take place at SHS on March 16-18.
 - SHS: The Lydian Festival adjudication at CCSU is planned for Monday, March 13.
 - SHS: The Choral trip to NYC is planned for March 11-12. Students will work with artists and have the opportunity to see the performance Miss Saigon.
 - The elementary schools will hold an Irish Fiddle workshop for interested students. These workshops have been a success in the past.
 - Tootin' Hills elementary school will participate in a Strings Workshop with led by Hartt instructors.
 - The Oake Festival takes place March 23-26.
 - CMEA: Middle School Regionals will be held March 25-25. Twenty-five HJMS orchestra, band and choral students will be among those performing.
 - Selected SHS students will participate in the CMEA All State festival on March 30-April 1.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.