

Simsbury Friends For Music and the Performing Arts
Meeting Minutes-June 4, 2018
Submitted by Karen Cantelmo

In attendance:

Angela Griffin
Elisabeth Hodson
Veronica Grossman

Karen Cantelmo
Melissa Richard
Christine Lill

Wanda Kirejczyk
Marie Winiarski
Sue Clancy

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

Approval of minutes: Karen moved to approve minutes. Roni seconded. Motion to approve carried.

Officers for 2018-19: Officers have agreed to continue in their roles for next year. Wanda will continue with Meadow Farms fundraiser.

Meadow Farms Update: Wanda reviewed the operation of the fundraiser including the limitations (e.g. no refrigeration) and the fact that different items have different yields. For next year, we would like assurance to have everything ship before Thanksgiving. Next year's fundraising will be 8/29 – 10/5/2018 with online sales to close on 11/2/2018. We need a volunteer to work with Wanda on Meadow Farms so that we have coverage in the 2019-2020 school year.

Membership: 313 members (about 21% from online donations) including April/May memberships which will count towards 2018-2019

Treasurer's Report: \$1805 collected in 2018-19 early memberships. \$250 in donations collected from Spring Concerts. We will end the year ahead of budget due primarily to an increase in matching donations. Deadline for teachers to submit 2017-18 reimbursement requests will be June 12. Karen will work with Carole T to identify status of outstanding requests. As of the meeting, there was about \$5200 in open and outstanding requests. Assuming that all of those are valid, we will end up with over \$6,000 remaining in our checking account. Carole will help to identify which of those requests are still to be submitted.

Discussions regarding soiree and venues: Eno will not allow for alcohol so is not going to meet our needs, Metro Bis is moving to the bank building next to Fitzzy's...depending on timing of event, may be available. Hopmeadow CC is probably most appropriate. Need pricing. Tentative event date 3/1/2019 with 3/2/2019 snow date. Idea for silent auction--schools would be assigned themes to build baskets for silent auction.

Liaison Update: FFM membership letters to schools in August. They will be stuffed in the HS paperwork. Angela thinks that the Open Houses may be tentatively scheduled. It would be helpful if a liaison is available to distribute forms and answer questions regarding SFFMPA. Some grade school music students get music folders...we may want to get a ½ sheet included in those. This varies by school.

Webmaster/Social media: No report

Additional Fundraisers for 2018-19: Roni is looking into the drawstring bags and another music spirit wear (maybe pajama pants and/or lanyards). Roni also identified a catalog that was New England based products with similar yields as Meadow Farms. The idea of a Fall Bulb sale was also well-received.

After discussion, it was agreed that we didn't want to overwhelm ourselves or the community with fundraising activities, particularly with the soiree. So for 2018-19, we will focus on spirit wear. It was recommended that we rotate other ideas (e.g. notecards, bulbs) annually so that our fundraisers don't become stale.

Discussion regarding ad hoc fundraising: The Board continued dialogue with Angela about operation of ad hoc fundraising requests. The Board had drafted an amendment to by-laws to address the appropriate protocols for handling these requests and the resulting funds. Roni will be making updates based on the discussion and will be distributing to Angela to ensure we are aligned. Jeff Pinney will be attending our September meeting to address any outstanding questions or concerns.

Director's Report: Simsbury once again was recognized as a Best Community for Music Education by NAMM. Rep. Elizabeth Esty sent Angela a letter congratulating on this achievement.

Teacher SFFMPA requests will be requested to be input by **9/10/2018**.

Colleen Thompson has suggested an SHS Music Fundraiser to support a scholarship fund for students who might not be able to take advantage of enrichment opportunities due to financial hardship. Sue mentioned that Friends had supported scholarships in the past, but this was discontinued. Karen will reach out to former treasurer Laura Towles to see whether she has any background on this. Elisabeth suggested that we identify a percentage of our income to fund scholarship. More discussion to follow on this.

FFM Meeting Dates for 2018-2019:

9/17/18	11/5/18	1/7/19	3/4/19	5/6/19
10/15/18	12/3/18	2/11/19	4/5/19	6/3/19

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.