

MINUTES OF MEETING 10/07/19

SIMSBURY FRIENDS FOR MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS (SFFM&PA)

Respectfully submitted by Kim Sudnick.

The meeting started at 5:30 pm on 10/7/19. Members in attendance included, Amy Bobinski, Angela Griffin, Elisabeth Hodson, Marianne Longo, Cindy Reed-Brown Kim Sudnick, Anna Vdovenko, Sarah Warner, Marie Winiarski, and Lynn Yu.

The president Elisabeth Hodson opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions. She followed with a discussion on the importance to share the membership posts found on SFFMPA Facebook page with your school friends groups, ect. Sharing and engagements with PTOs, Parent Facebook pages for the various schools and website sharing was encouraged to help get the news out about SFFMPA.

The president then led a discussion on the liaisons at the schools. New liaisons were recognized and openings at Latimer Lane were discussed. New bags were prepared by Marianne Longo with all that a liaison needs to attend a concert and run at table at a musical performance. Distribution of the same was planned 30 minutes before the next general meeting on 11/4/19.

A discussion followed regarding the Pizza Wars Fundraiser held by Colleen Thompson of the Music Department to raise monies for students in need who may otherwise not be able to attend the Music Department Europe trip and attendance at the October 27, 2019 event was encouraged.

A fundraising report update was given by Marie Winiarski as to the progress of the Meadow Farms fundraising efforts. A discussion followed about extending the efforts into delivery dates before Thanksgiving to increase fundraising. The reusable bag sales was also reported on and a discussion ensued on the color design and logo and more research would be conducted on purchasing options. A discussion followed about securing samples of possible fundraising items be done.

Amy Bobinski reported on website enhancements and the priorities for 2019-2020. All ideas to enhance website design were encouraged to be sent to Amy Bobinski.

A statement followed that general meeting minutes would be stored on the website for future boards to see and this would be accomplished through the help and guidance of Sue Clancy, who provided storage options.

Angela Griffin submitted a Director's Report. The report noted that the Simsbury High School Gospel Choir begins 10/10/19, the One Act Festival occurs on 10/19/19 with a morning and afternoon show, the Simsbury Musical Auditions for the Musical Hairspray begins the weeks on October 21st, and Men's Night Out would occur on 11/7/19.

A discussion followed by Anna Vdovenko about new potential "Where are they now?" videos to post on the SFFMPA website and facebook.

The treasurer's report was submitted by the treasurer Lynn Yu. A financial statement for 2019-2020 was projected and explained that included an annual budget column, an actual to date and overage and underage reported. This was then followed by the treasurer's report for funding requests. The treasurer prepared a one page summary of the teacher grant requests. The format of the report includes columns for: (1) who submitted the request, (2) the number of requests for this year and last year, (3) a concise description of the request, (4) the requested amounts for 2019-2020, (5) recommended amounts to be paid in 2019-2020, (6) the requested amounts for the prior year, and (7) allocated amounts for the prior year. The treasurer then gave a line by line explanation of each request that followed by a vote and in some instances a discussion before the vote.

The 2019-2020 meeting dates are copied from the 6-3-19 meeting minutes for convenience as follows: December 16, January 6, February 10 (musical snow date), March 2, April 6, May 4, and June 1. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

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