

**Nathan Hale Friends of Music
September 7, 2011
Chorus Room B113**

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

In attendance were: Jean Gaska, Greg Hintz, Joelle Karth, Leah Ivancic, Kris Palmer, Jeanette Menzia, Lisa Jervis, Joan Flemming, Mary Jo Martin, Kristi Wichihowski, Cathy Kolb, Brian Cooney, Nancy Cogan, Carla Sitz, Sharon Nelson, Jan Sullivan, Barb Suleiman, Matt Lesar and Rita Bauman.

Minutes from May 23, 2011 meeting were approved as is
President Barb Suleiman introduced 2011/2012 officers as follows:

President –	Barb Suleiman
Vice President/Co-Vice President:	Mary Jo Martin and Jeanette Menzia
Treasurer/Co-Treasurer:	Kris Palmer and Jan Sullivan
Secretary/Co-Secretary:	Nancy Cogan and Sue Daniels

Music Directors Reports:

Orchestra – Cathy Kolb

- FOM President welcomed Cathy to Nathan Hale and to FOM. Cathy teaches at Central, Pershing, Longfellow and Hale.
- Ms. Kolb has 64 students, all are working on seating auditions
- First concert is October 24, 2011
- Marquette Music Festival is Thursday, November 3, 2011 – kids will listen and perform
- Current concert / event calendar was given to FOM

Band – Kristi Wichihowski

- Kristi is happy to be teaching at Hale and Frank Lloyd Wright this year
- Working on Guest Conductor from Army Band
- September 16th is first football game against Sussex Hamilton, kids will be marching.
- Band (concert and symphonic) has 113 kids
- Jazz Band has 36 kids (This is an early bird course)
- Music Honor Society in the works, Juniors and Seniors can be nominated in Fall
- Leadership workshop will took place on August 17, 2011, FOM to supported with \$600
- Mr. Corley assisted with Band camp this summer, it was asked for \$250.00 for his time, this was approved.
- Current concert / event calendar was given to FOM

Chorus – Steve Joyal (not present, emailed President)

- FOM President welcomed Steve to Hale via email as Mr. Joyal was not present

- Mr. Joyal will be teaching at Central and Hale this year
- Current concert / event calendar was given to FOM
- Mr. Joyal notes the Hale folders are in a general state of disrepair and asks if FOM would assist with the purchase of new folders.
- Central and Hale will be performing with other High Schools with the MYSO organization for a performance of sections of Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Dona Nobis Pacem in March. This will be on March 11, 2012 at Elmbrook Church, in light of this opportunity, Mr. Joyal is asking the assistance with transportation costs for this performance..

Treasurer's Report – Kris Palmer

- There were 81 Family passes and 1 Teacher pass sold at Forms and Fees Day, included in that were some unexpected donations to FOM.
- There were 4 shirts, 1 Hoodie and 4 Dogs sold as well
- Balances in both Savings and Checking were noted
- Seroogys candy bars are still a great fundraiser. A carton costs \$72 and student gets \$36 in their account once carton has been sold. If anyone needs a carton, please email Kris Palmer directly.
- Band – Mr. Corley worked with the kids this summer – a \$250 compensation check will be given.

President's Report – Barb Suleiman

- Request from Jack Ryback (Community Concert on 12/3/2011) Concert is at 7 p.m., Concessions could be sold before/during/after concert. FOM will do simple refreshments (bake sale) vs a dinner. There is a potential for 400 persons to attend. Will discuss further as time draws closer.
- Cameras are functional in the music hallways per Mr. Lesar
- Concert schedules were given to FOM to plan accordingly
- First concert is all 3 departments, Band, Orchestra and Chorus (Jazz will not be performing at this concert)
- Band will provide Refreshment student helpers
- Orchestra will provide Usher student helpers

New Business

- What is happening with the Musical this year? This discussion was tabled until the end of the meeting when Mr. Lesar was there to discuss further. Options were to have a musical bi-annually, going between a comedy and musical. Kids are not that enthusiastic if it is a production they are not familiar with. Drama dept needs more parental support during the plays to help with fundraisers.
- Rita Bauman photos for 2011 – ritabauman@smugmug.com/FOM/2011 , to view photos. A new folder will be set up for 2012.
- Volunteers – how do we reach out to volunteers? Mr. Lesar will see if he can prompt the phone system to pull in Music student parents to send a message home day of concert.
- Greg Hintz thanked the FOM committee for his son Martin's scholarship – He was very appreciative and thought it was important to come to meeting to say it in person! September

15, 2011 is Open house, volunteers are: Sharon Nelson, Joelle Karth, Mary Jo Martin, Jan Sullivan, Leah Ivancic.

Looking ahead:

- Nathan Hale Craft Fair is Saturday, November 5, 2011, FOM will provide concessions and bake sale.
- Solo at Central in 2012?
- Cardinal Stritch concessions?

Great turn out tonite – we hope to see more parents at future meetings!

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy J. Cogan