

FMA Board Meeting Sept. 10, 2009

Call to Order: President Mike Cannon called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Members of the 2009-10 Board of Directors introduced themselves.

Budget

Treasurer Jill Halco presented a proposed budget for the 2009-10 year. Anticipated expenditures are \$22,100. Expenses have been broken out more specifically in this year's budget to help control spending by seeing where the money will be spent. Laura Shroul moved that the budget be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Greg Koehlinger and approved.

Music Department Reports:

Orchestra—Marla Caballero reported that the orchestras are preparing for the Collage Concert, set for Oct. 1. The District 211 orchestra program held a successful chamber retreat, with 196 students attending, 40 of whom were from Fremd. Five groups will perform at The Moorings on Sept. 17, and 16 of the 24 performers are from Fremd. Marla said she is hoping to have more students playing for Open House this year. Orchestra orientation night, for parents of freshmen, sophomores and new students, will be held Sept. 14. The festival/junior high orchestra night has been moved to October because of Marla's impending maternity leave. It will be hosted by Palatine High School. The number of students in orchestra is up from 91 to 94, despite the fact that 21 seniors graduated last year.

Band—Jan Brotzman reported for Matt Moore, who was rehearsing with the Viking Marching Band. Matt extended his thanks to all parent volunteers for an outstanding band camp finale in August and for helping with sizing student uniforms. The entire "Twist of Classical" show will debut at the varsity football game on Sept. 17. On Sept. 26, the Marching Band will perform at two competitions at Wheaton North and Wheeling high schools. The first band concert of the year will be Nov. 9. All four bands will have auditions/chair placements over the next four weeks. Tom Odon, a student teacher from the University of Illinois, has been working with all of the bands, the Viking Marching Band, and teaching brass sectionals. Plans are being finalized for a trip to San Diego and Disneyland over winter break of next school year.

Choir—To date, 13 students have signed up for the trip to Montreal/Quebec. Thirty sign-ups are needed.

Fundraising—Lori Quinn reported that cookie dough sales are in progress and the orders are due next week, with delivery Oct. 8. Caramel apple sales are continuing this year. Lori introduced CheckAwards, a possible fundraiser for early spring. The consensus of the board was positive providing that the minimum number of sales required could be reduced. Lori's recommendation was to go with candy sales (February), CheckAwards if minimum sales can be lowered, and citrus sales (November/December). Two people have volunteered to coordinate citrus sales: Jan Mikkelsen and Renee Thorsell. Jill moved that the fundraisers be accepted as presented, and Laura Shroul seconded the motion, which was approved.

Student Accounts—Ann Isola reported that the amount of money remaining in student accounts for seniors who graduated and do not have a sibling in the music program was \$3099.54. That amount will be transferred to the FMA budget.

In-Need Scholarships—Laura Shroul said applications are currently being accepted for students who qualify for free/reduced lunches or who have special circumstances. The deadline is Oct. 1. The budgeted amount of \$1,300 will be distributed evenly among the qualified students who apply, paying for one-half of each lesson.

Newsletter—Mary Quinlan reported that she plans a new look for the FMA newsletter this year. She also plans to add a classified section for items related to music. The deadline for the first issue is Sept. 18. Mary will prepare a brief statement about FMA to be included in Parents' Open House materials.

Uniforms—Laura Diaz said she needs volunteers to help with fitting band tuxes no later than the first and second weeks of October. Karen Kuhl coordinated fitting girls' performance uniforms, and Doris Glazer and Sasi Subramanian handled tux fittings for orchestra.

Recording Committee:

Paul Halco reported on sales of "Best of Fremd" recordings. This is not a revenue generator for FMA, but is a break even project, he said.

Membership—Greg Koehlinger said a new letter went out with the directors' letters during the summer, including a membership form. He has the volunteer list and can e-mail it to those who need it. Membership stands at 100 so far this year, which represents 66% of the projected \$13,000 income. The amount of dollars collected so far is ahead of what had come in at the same time last year.

New Business

The subject of whether FMA should buy an ad in the Fremd Booster Club dinner dance program was discussed. Jill Halco moved that FMA spend \$150 to buy an ad. The motion was seconded by Laura Shroul and was approved. Laura will design the ad.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meetings (7 p.m. in Band Room):

- November 12
- No December meeting
- January 14