



Unionville Music Parents Association
740 Unionville Road
Kennett Square, PA 19348

UMPA General Membership and Musical Meeting 2/2/23

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President Sharon Zwillinger.

President's Report:

Sharon introduced UMPA and what we do.

Who We Are

The Unionville Music Parents' Association (UMPA) is comprised of parents of students in performing arts at UHS. UMPA is the umbrella under which all other performing arts programs fall. UMPA enhances and enriches our children's music experience by supporting the educational and musical goals of the UHS music department. UMPA hopes our children will achieve a lifelong love and appreciation of music.

What We Do

- *Support High School Music events: concerts, competitions, musical and PMEA districts and regionals.*
- *Provide funding for directors to purchase equipment and/or provide extra enrichment.*
- *Host the end of year banquet.*
- *Purchase and personalize awards for every music student presented at the banquet.*
- *Fund Tri-M Music Honor Society membership and graduation cords*
- *Provide refreshments for students at auditions, concerts, and special performances.*
- *Provide individual fundraising opportunities for students to raise funds to offset additional expenses.*
- *Purchase personalized music folders for graduating seniors.*

How to Pay Your Dues

- ***We are down 30% in dues this year!*** UMPA annual dues are \$35 per music student. You can pay by check to UMPA submitted to the band box, Paypal, Venmo, or RaiseRight/Scrip account. Submit your membership form and payment under "JOIN NOW" at the bottom of the UMPA webpage.
- Musical fees are to be paid in two checks – a \$10 check made out to "UHS Activities" and a \$75 check made out to "UMPA". Payment should be given to musical director Cathy Quigley or Aidan Breger, or can be dropped in the band box.
- **Note that the \$75 musical fee is not the same as \$35 UMPA dues.*

Director's Reports

Band: Eddie Otto

- Mr. Otto explained the difference between the two music parent organizations. UMBB (Unionville Marching Band Boosters) supports the marching groups (marching band, indoor drumline, indoor color guard). UMPA supports the classroom ensembles (choral, bands, orchestra) and the musical.



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- “Every program must be successful in order for any program to be successful.” Please support UMPA by volunteering and paying your dues.
- We have only a 17% retention rate of band from middle school to high school. Middle school recruitment is underway. Band is one of the few activities where you need no experience to join.

Choir: Jason Throne

- *See Choir Rep’s report.*

Orchestra and Tri M: Leo Zumpetta

- *See Orchestra Rep’s report.*

Vice President’s Report:

Jennifer McDonald

- We have started a large social media push. We have an Instagram page. Please like and share across social media.
- **Please consider volunteering for VP for next year**

Secretary’s Report:

Katie Acland (shadow, Judy Greeley)

- Be sure to 1) Complete the membership Google form and 2) pay your dues by visiting the UMPA website and scrolling down to JOIN NOW.
- Helping Hands funds are available to pay UMPA dues. Please email UMPA if you are in need of assistance.
- Email UMPA if you have questions about dues or if you are not receiving emails from UPMA@ucfsd.net.

Treasurer’s Report:

Brian Dye

- Venmo is now available to pay UMPA dues. Please do not select good and services.
- We also accept payment via check payable to UMPA submitted to band box, PayPal, and RaiseRight/Scrip funds.

Representative’s Reports:

Band Rep: Amy Costello

- Several students are participating in district bands in this year.

Orchestra Rep: Sue Reno

- Mr. Zumpetto is currently taking a sabbatical leave. Sydney Szwarc is filling in for Mr. Zumpetta.
- Several students are participating in PMEA Regions Orchestra.



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Choir Rep: Mary and Steve Thomas

- Several students are participating in PMEA regionals on 2/18.
- Six choir students have been selected for the ACDA national choir conference to be held Feb. 22 – 25. This is the highest number of choir students in UHS history. (side note, not discussed)

Committee Reports:

Musical: Joanna Breger and Aparna Peri

- *There is more on the Spring musical at the end of the minutes.*

Jazz Along the Brandywine: Michelle Modesto and Sue Reno

- Jazz Along the Brandywine will also be held on 3/24/23.
- **We are seeking committee leads and volunteers for the event.**

Senior Folders: Julie Brun

- The senior folders have been distributed to seniors.

Senior Corsages: We are following up with those who have volunteered.

Scrip/RaiseRight Student Accounts: Sue Reno

- Students can fundraise for themselves via RaiseRight (formerly Scrip). You earn money by purchasing gift cards and receiving a percent back into your account. RaiseRight account funds may be used to pay music expenses including UMPA dues.
- To use your RaiseRight funds to pay UMPA dues, please email UMPA and include "RaiseRight/Scrip acct, attn Sue Reno" in the subject line.

Refreshments: Stacey Cotrotsios

Music Awards Banquet: Eileen Day and Leslie Neuberger

- The Spring Music Awards Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at the Red Clay Room.

Publicity: **OPEN**

Videography: Chris Shigley for instrumental concerts and Bill Tsai for musical and choir concerts.

Photography: Dan White for musical

Old Business:

None



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New Business:

Call for volunteers

- Jazz Along the Brandywine
- VP for next year

Musical

Director: Cathy Quigley

- We've had 3 weeks of rehearsal for this year's production of Once upon a Mattress.
- The show is a comedy and will run from 3/16 – 3/18.

Coordinator: Joanna Breger

- Several positions are in need of a shadow for this year:
 - Coordinator (currently Joanna Breger)
 - Ticketing
 - Candygrams.
- A family volunteer is needed to host the musical cast party.
- Information will be sent soon regarding additional fees for TECH WEEK food, t-shirts, and directors' gifts. TECH WEEK will need 2 parents to coordinate this plus many parent volunteers. There will be 100 people to feed, and we will need food donations (a restaurant in the past have donated food for this), straws, paper plates, plastic utensils, and hand sanitizer. In the past we have provided free ads to any organization who donated food.
- Dan White is the photography volunteer. He will take headshots for the musical and will also take photos during rehearsals.
- Bill Tsai will continue to volunteer videoing the musical.

Costumes: Mary Paxton

- Mary needs help with helping students try on costumes, snipping threads, and steaming costumes.

At the end of the meeting, Sharon Zwillinger announced that car magnets were available for those who paid their UMPA dues. Additional magnets could also be purchased for \$5/each.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm by President Sharon Zwillinger.



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IMPORTANT LINKS:

- UMPA email: umpa@ucfsd.net
- UMPA webpage (includes links to membership form, PayPal, and Venmo under JOIN NOW at the bottom of the page): <https://www.ucfsd.org/performing-arts-boosters/umpa>
- UMPA membership form: <https://forms.gle/uMf9W69cwUdT7oBP6>
- Follow UMPA on Instagram: <https://instagram.com/umpa.uhs>
- Follow UMPA on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UMPA-Unionville-Music-Parents-Association-166905586834256>
- Pay dues via Venmo below



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