**FOGM Meeting Minutes**

**October 4, 2023**

**7pm-7:52pm**

1. **Welcome and Introductions– Nancy**

* **Organizational Support**
* **What we do**
* **FOGM leadership intro**

1. **Directors– Jared & Mike**

* **Best way to communicate with families? Calendar?**
  + **Update in multiple places (shared calendar, web site, text messages direct to family, newsletter)**
* **Event Calendar 2023-24: Concert coming up on 10/26/23**
* **Optional rehearsal after school tomorrow (Thurs 10/5/23)**
* **Many Messiahs– Dec 16, 2023 and more dates re: rehearsals to come**
  + **There are tickets for sale through Meany Hall, but discounted tickets info to come.**
  + **Transportation– because it’s outside of school schedule, student families will take care of their own transportation**
  + **The music will be available in early Nov?**
* **Weekly coaching**
* **Ensembles are starting to gel**
* **State of the senior solos?**
  + **Will be ramping up in the spring**
* **Pops concert?**
* **Talking points a great way to reach out and be in communication**
* **Shared Google Calendar–subscribe!**
* **There are candidates for the orchestra director position (the position is closed as of now–there is a hiring process going on currently)**
  + **Jared will be very much involved in the process**
  + **Dr. Hart is involved and in communication with Jared**

1. **Winter Waltz– Jean**

* **Waltz theme: Masquerade**
  + **Concert and a dance**
* **Auction items needed–please help procure items! Ideally, we’d need procurements by the end of the year so that we can bundle items together**
* **Restaurants, neighborhood (local) items would be great**
* **Tickets will go on sale around time of last concert in Dec (mid Dec)**

1. **2024 Spring Festivals/Trips**

* **Two nights somewhere in WA state**
* **Survey will be sent out for family feedback**

1. **2023-24 Budget Update**

* **Benaroya Hall ($5000)**

1. **Volunteer Support Needs**

* **We have a possible 2nd treasurer**
* **We’d love help with merchandise help**
* **Someone who could help with video during performances (student participation would be great–doesn’t need to be an adult)**
* **Creating programs**
* **Middle School outreach**
* **Newsletter–volunteer opportunities will be announced there as well**

1. **Meeting adjourned**

**Respectfully Submitted by Keren Kang, Secretary**