# Attendees

Courtney Cratty, Jess Manger, Sarah Dailey, Meredith L’Hommedieu, Melissa Reiner, Judy Dyer (Music teacher), Kristen DeLuco, Kat Copeland, Kara Herbertz, Alice DeLuca

# Agenda

## Introduction and Roll Call

* Courtney Cratty called the meeting to order

## Special Guest - Stow Friends of Music

* Melissa Reiner, new president and Judy Dyer attended
* Registered non-profit organization to support music programs at Center and Hale
* Yearly budget is around $4,000-5,000
* Pay for instrument care and tuning, help supplement transportation to Hale band trip, will be purchasing rolling cart for Center, among other things
* Current goal is to raise money for risers at Center
* Major fundraisers are fall sponsorship drive for flat donations (names are printed in winter concert programs), winter poinsettia plant sales, and holiday dance at Hale
* Mrs. Dyer shared that Center has been borrowing Hale’s risers for Center chorus concerts, which has created wear and tear on the risers
* When the Center was rebuilt, Mrs. Dyer and the music program asked for five sets of risers, but they only received one set
* Mrs. Dyer is hoping that if Stow Friends of Music works together with the SPTO to purchase some of the remaining risers needed, the administration will pledge to purchase the remaining risers needed
* Four sets of risers would cost $8,500
* Kat Copeland suggested that the Stow Friends of Music ask for donations at the band and chorus concerts with some information about the cost of the risers
* Kat also came up with an idea of selling flowers for families to purchase for their student at concerts as a potential fundraiser
* Kara Herbertz will look at the SPTO budget and will present her findings about whether money is available to put towards this need at the next general SPTO meeting; the group will vote on the proposal at that time

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## Principal’s Update

* Mr. Mulkerin was unable to attend tonight’s meeting

## Officer Updates

Treasurer

* Kara Herbertz used all the money that was donated for Center’s nurse at the Halloween Dance to fulfill her Holiday Wish List of spare clothing for the students
* Kara has also been paying out Arts and Culture programs as they occur

Website

* Sarah Dailey said that a few people contacted her because they are having a hard time finding the directory versus the class list pdf
* Discussed the possibility of posting the directions for how to find the directory on the main page of SPTO website
* SPTO will ask both Mary and Cheryl in the main offices of each school to inform Sarah when a student leaves the district so that they can be removed from the directory

Fundraising

* The gift card fundraiser ended today
* Jen Morhous will place the order by noon tomorrow after checking that there are no remainined orders at either school
* Center will net $570 and Hale will net $242
* The grant that the SPTO applied for through MathWorks for Mrs. Backiel’s Makerspace will be decided on in January 2018

## Committee Updates

Arts and Culture

* Kat reported that most grades are booked with programs for the year and that things are going well

Lip Sync/Talent Show

* Kat has been finalizing a google doc for families to use to sign their child up for the talent show
* Courtney Cratty suggested that Kat also put out a paper information sheet in case they are not in the directory and would not get an email blast
* Discussed shortening the time of each act rather than limiting the number of acts per show
* Kat and Marcy Eckel will put out the information this week
* Kat brought up that the committee is open to fundraising for the risers at the talent show

Wishing Snowflakes

* Ilana Brown and Kara Herbertz published the lists at the beginning of the month
* Both principals assisted in encouraging teachers to fill out their lists

Project Prep

* Kathy Konno will be drafting a letter with information about Project Prep to try to get new parents to volunteer
* Discussed having Mr. Mulkerin blast the information so that it reaches the entire Center community

## Old Business

Mrs. Backiel’s Makerspace

* Mrs, Backiel would like to use $300 of the money that has already been raised with the gift card fundraiser to buy 4 Bose Speakers now; a parent from Center has offered to use her employee discount to buy these speakers at a discount
* 8 attendees voted yes

0 voted no

## New Business

* Alice DeLuca, Stow’s representative to the Minuteman Regional Vocational School Committee, gave an update on the progress that has been made on the new school building
* School should be completed about a year ahead of schedule

Next Meeting Monday January 8 at 9:30am at Hale’s Conference Room