**Friends of Colchester Music Meeting - September 8, 2015, 6:30-8:00, CMS Band Room**

**Members in Attendance**

Marie, Angela, Laura, Martie, Melissa, Bridgette, Emily, Janet

1. **Time to mingle** – 15-20 minutes
   * IT’S ANGELA’S BIRTHDAY!!! Thanks for the cake and juice, Marie!
   * Sounds like everyone is having a great start to the year
2. **Intro and Welcome** – Marie
   * We are now an official non-profit! HOORAY!
     1. Makes it easier for fundraising and receiving instrument donations
3. **Teachers updates** – 30 minutes
   * Martie
     1. great start, has air conditioners in her classrooms!
   * Evan and Melissa
     1. have had a great start to the year! Even more students than last year (some students can’t join due to scheduling conflicts)
     2. NYC trip info, working with a local company this year
     3. music directing musical this fall - excited about new director - stage and backstage are clean! - quotes for renovating the theatre...ooh la la
     4. New tuba and new timpani from CHS surplus money! WOW.
   * Bridgette and Emily
     1. Chorus: 85 in 7/8th, 27 in 6th - clubs are difficult to schedule around
     2. Band: 54 in 7/8th, 30 in 6th - clubs…
     3. planning to teach ukulele to 7th graders
     4. using Google Classroom for Band, also will be using Noteflight in 6th grade classes
   * Tyler
     1. ukulele/MIDI keyboard program in 5th grade
     2. September 27th - instrument rental night - would be nice to have FCM presence there (especially for upcoming fundraising)
     3. moved to Burlington!
     4. late Nov-early Jan paternity leave and after school concerts in the spring (still conducting Band)
        1. babies! Rhodes Rowan and Wilder Sky! Happy and Healthy!
4. **Budget update** – Laurie
   * Couldn’t be here tonight, but have about a $5900 balance
5. **Fundraising update** –Angela
   * Coin Drop 9/11
     1. We’re looking forward to it
     2. Sally has taken care of the PR for this event!
   * Ski and Board 10/3-10/4
     1. We’re also looking forward to it. Angela and Marie are going to run the concession stand. Look for the signupgenius link for baked goods and other items.
   * Krispy Kremes
     1. We’re really looking forward to it. Thursday, November 12th drop off date. Forms will be available October 13th for teachers. Forms and money need to be back November 6th.
   * Silent Auction for CHS
     1. Friends/family with special talents for items - send them Angela’s way!
6. **Spending priorities over year**
   * Get a sense of priorities and where we expect needs to be
   * Teacher’s current needs/requests
     1. choral mics (and stands) for CHS (perhaps CHS theatre renovations could include mics)
     2. sound panels for CMS
     3. choral mics (and stands) for CMS (could share with CHS)
     4. ukulele (25) and materials for building a stand (about $1800)
        1. Angela - motion to contribute 75% of costs? ($1,350), perhaps MBS can cover the other 25%. Motion passed unanimously!
7. **Other brief business** – 5 minutes
   * 1st concert of year at CHS: October 22, 7pm, CHS Choral Concert
     1. need help posting to FPF, looking for people in other Front Porch Forums to post for FCM
     2. need parent volunteers for help with concerts - Bridgette will compose an email appeal, send contacts or lists to Marie at friendsofcolchestermusic@gmail.com

**Next meeting date: Tuesday, October 13th**