

To: IMADA Members  
From: Jo-Ann Duncan, IMADA Secretary  
Re: Apr. 6, 2010 Meeting Minutes  
Date: Apr. 27, 2010

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The members of the Ipswich Music, Art and Drama Association, Inc. (IMADA) convened at 7 pm, Tuesday, April 6, 2010 in the Guidance Office of the Ipswich Middle/High School. Members in attendance included: President Terri Murphy, Treasurer Gerry Rogers, Secretary Jo-Ann Duncan, Anne Brown, Sandy Bemis, Kathy Butler, Gerry Dolan, Becky Gayton, Christine Hezzey, Trina Schell, and Steve Veiga and Alicia Zampitella.

President Terri Murphy chaired and opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

### 1. **March 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Becky Gayton motioned to accept the minutes, Christine Hezzey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### 2. **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Gerry Rogers submitted the April report and noted the Company requested \$4500 be added to their existing CD and rolled over for 6-9 months depending on the interest rate. Gerry also reported \$100 donation from IMADA concession sales at the Rotary concert was deposited, \$13,202 was being held for IMADA scholarships and summer study grants, and Gerry Dolan will spend \$750 of the money being held for coaching ensembles for the Berklee Big Band Outreach Program, which includes a concert and several master class workshops. A grand total of \$61,956.05 is in the IMADA account. After deducting the amounts earmarked for specific program, there is a total of \$10,529.85 uncommitted. Gerry Rogers also reported an IMADA CD is up for renewal soon and we will vote on whether it should be rolled over at next month's meeting.

Jo-Ann Duncan motioned to accept the treasurer's report, which was seconded by Anne Brown, and passed unanimously.

### 3. **New Business**

**Open positions:** Terri Murphy reported the organization needs to get serious about elections. Both the Treasurer and Secretary positions require candidates to take over in September. Both are currently held by members whose children have graduated. The Webmaster has asked to be replaced, the Vice president slot is still vacant, and the President has only one more year in office.

Thank you cards and a booklet were passed around from the students who participated in All States recently. IMADA was presented with a Music Advocacy award at the All States assembly this year. Several of the IMADA board members who attended the ceremony also got a chance to see the students in rehearsals and expressed their admiration for the program. A copy of the award presentation is attached.

### 4. **Old Business: Committee Reports**

**Budget Committee:** Nothing to report.

**Annual Fund Campaign:** Nothing to report.

**Fall Concert:** September 25 is the date set for the IMADA Fall Fundraiser. A discussion ensued about the goals for the fundraiser; a fun family night, affordable entertainment, raise money, appeal to students or adults or both, provide a good time. Low attendance over the past few years was brought up. It seems that many organizations are using concerts as fund raisers and maybe something different to draw a crowd was surfaced. Terri Murphy brought up Sidney Friedman, a mentalist entertainer ([sidneyfriedman.com](http://sidneyfriedman.com))

and Anne Brown brought up an a cappella group. Ideas are still being entertained and a decision will be made at May's meeting.

**Program Book:** Nothing to report.

**Thanksgiving Breakfast:** Nothing to report.

**Email/Website:** Nothing to report.

**Seat Plaque Campaign:** Nothing to report.

**Robin's Art for the Arts:** Steve Veiga reported all is ready for this weekend's auction. Artist forms are still dribbling in. More volunteers are needed for food and wine. Terri ran through the list of volunteers who will run various aspects of the event.

**Art Show Receptions:** The High School art show will be held May 3, the Monday before our next meeting.

**Front-of-House, Middle School Play:** Nothing to report.

**Front-of-House, High School Play:** Nothing to report.

**Scholarship Committee:** Sandy Bemis reported the forms were made available to students on 3/15. **Sandy will send an email to committee members to set up a meeting and get them "nameless" copies of the applications after the close date.** The committee needs to meet prior to 4/15 when the names of those awarded scholarships are due back to Guidance. In addition to the \$1,000 Robin Silverman Scholarship, the committee is authorized to award up to \$10,000 in IMADA Scholarships as approved at the March meeting.

**Mass HS Drama Guild Festival:** Nothing to report.

**Fine Arts Award Night:** The date is set for May 18. [NOTE: After the April meeting, the school informed IMADA that the date has been moved to MONDAY, MAY 24 at 6:00pm in the cafeteria.]

**Concert Clothing Closet:** The "closet" has been moved into the lobby for the upcoming All-Town Band Concert.

**Publicity:** Nothing to report.

**Quarterly Event Posters:** Nothing to report.

**Grant Writing:** Nothing to report.

## 5. Fine Arts Department Updates

Gerry Dolan reported there will be budget cuts which may affect a teacher's position but discussions are still being held. IMADA members should ask school committee members for their plan to provide general music to grades 4 and 5!

Gerry is continuing to pursue a travel package for next spring's trip to England and Scotland but there are no details as yet.

Gerry also reported he has ordered the new instruments funded by IMADA. A baritone saxophone, tenor saxophone, and some percussion instruments have been ordered. More details to follow.

## 6. Upcoming Events

**"All Town" Band Concert;** Wednesday, April 7 7:30 pm

**Robin's Art for the Arts;** Saturday, April 10 6:00 pm, First Church

**IHS Instrumental Concert;** Wednesday, April 14 7:30 pm

**Berklee Big Band Concert/Master Class;** Friday, April 16

**IHS "Pops" Concert;** Thursday, April 29 7:30 pm

**IHS Visual Arts Exhibition;** Monday, May 3 6:00 – 8:00 pm

**IAJE Northeast Jr. District Jazz Festival;** Tues., May 4 in Reading, MA

## 7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the Guidance Office** of the Ipswich Middle/High School.