

FINNEYTOWN MUSIC PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES
Mon., August 9, 2010; 7:00 P.M.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Penny Sauer, Kelley Hickey, Cathy Zimmerly, Sue Burton, Jane Elliott, Cheryl Shrider, Rick Canter, Jason McKee.

Absent: Dawn Miklavcic, Ric & Jenny Towner, Angela Murphy, Bill Fessler, Brenda Dennis, Dawn Gast, Kim Fain, Monika Haines, Colleen Grogan, Kim Kidd, Anita Ruffin, Heidi Johnson, Steve Jones, Marya Rusinak.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from June meeting were accepted. Kelley is taking notes on laptop for first time and thanks the board in advance for all corrections!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Thanks to all returning board members—some to new positions--and welcome back to Colleen Grogan who returns from a year's absence to become our new membership chair. Penny welcomed new board member and Webmaster Bill Fessler. His work on our website is a win-win as FMPA's site will be hosted by the same entity that serves Boosters and the two PTA's—and serves up to four organizations at the same price, saving money for each.

Penny also started off the new school year by reading FMPA's Statement of Purpose from the membership brochure as a reminder of our goals for the organization

CORRESPONDENCE: Invoice from Columbus Percussion and confirmation of the change in FMPA's insurance (drop of use of automobiles for fundraiser) to be forwarded to Cathy.

STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS:

Rick Canter & Dawn Miklavcic (Music Department and HS Band)

1) Marching Band season is off to a fantastic start. I would like to say a HUGE thank you to Dawn Miklavcic for all of her planning and help throughout Band Camp week. Having Band Camp at school provided more rehearsal space, better food, more rehearsal time, as well as a lot of fun throughout the evenings. Some of the fun events during the week included a softball tournament, a movie "on the green," a carnival night and an evening at the Brentwood Swim Club. The students did a great job throughout the week with a very challenging show. We are looking forward to another wonderful year!

2) Beginning of the school year is coming soon- more info on 5th and 6th Grade Band coming soon!

Respectfully submitted by Rick Canter

2010 Band VP Report Respectfully Submitted by Dawn Miklavcic

- Band Camp was an amazing experience!
- For those who do not have band members. Band camp was held at the High school this year, and since it was local the campers were able to participate in activities after they finished their work, we planned activities that they would never get to do at an offsite location.
- On Monday we planned a field day where each class played each other and the winner (Juniors) played the staff members, which the Juniors won. Tuesday was movie night, Wednesday was Carnival evening, Thursday was a night at the pool, yuk yuks and class skits, and Friday was the band's show.
- There are many THANK YOU's due!
 - The Band team of Senior planners! Lead by Zach Stump. They were **Amazing!** They created the list of what they wanted to do in the evenings. This list made the planning so easy!
 - All the **FABULOUS** Chaperones! They stepped in and helped with everything from the keeping water jugs full, volunteering for evening activities, passing out first aid and assisting with meals!! Special Thanks to Cheryl Shrider for being there everyday!
 - The Caterer, *The Butt Shack BBQ*, owned and run by Andy Castle. He was a wonderful help! http://www.buttshacksauce.com/Butt_Shack_BBQ.html
 - He created a Kid friendly menu, (out of his usual menu) and at a VERY reasonable price.

- The overall response from those who had gone to band camp at Wright State in the past claimed that the 'food was MUCH better'.
 - Thanks to Mr. Canter's friend who donated a lot of time and his equipment for the Movie night.
 - Thanks to the Athletic Boosters for donating the popcorn and especially to Lori Viola for taking her time to pop the popcorn!
 - A Thank You also goes out to Dave Fischer, the owner of MaxwellJump Carnival rentals. <http://www.maxwelljump.com/> He rented us the Dunking Booth and Super Slip and Slide for the cost of just the slip and slide!
 - Another big thanks goes out to the Brentwood pool for help making Pool night a great success!
 - A HUGE thank you must go out to the high school Facilities crew! They were amazing! They helped me and the band with so much I can't even list it all, but the last and most helpful of all was that they took all the carnival items back to Cottonwood ~without my knowledge, when I found out it was a wonderful relief and a great surprise.
 - Thanks to my son, Matthew, just for being there and jumping in when needed!
- Some of the things I noticed about band camp at home
 - The need for first aid changed. I looked back at previous medical needs and on Wednesday's for the past 3 years they averaged 44 ibuprofens, 18 band-aids, 8 Tums and loads of sunscreen. This year on Wednesday we gave out 6 ibuprofens, 4 band-aids and loads of sunscreen.
 - Having chaperoned many times over the years , I believe, that the kids seemed to be much more rested throughout the week and able to participate at a higher level
 - Frustrations with each other seemed much less.

Mike Kennedy & Angela Murphy (MS Band)

Heidi Johnson & Jane Elliott & Dawn Gast (HS and MS Orchestra)

Jane reported that she's looking forward to helping out Heidi with the concerts & activities this year.

Jason McKee, Kimberly Kidd and Sue Burton (HS and MS Chorus)

1) 2011 All-State Choir Applicants: We should know by the end of the month the status of Danielle Chatman, Alfred Kimbro, Tim Ovia, Rachel Sauer, Kody Sexton's participation in this year's OMEA All-State Choir. The OMEA conference will be held in Cincinnati from January 27-29, 2011.

2) Alumni help:

* Eden Lee has sent me an arrangement for Noteworthy over the summer and may become one of our arranging options for the future.

* I am waiting to hear back from Katie Lutz about teaching private voice lessons here on campus this year. I think this would be a great opportunity for her and for our students!

3) Technology need: I was very excited to see a music teacher's use of a SmartBoard over the summer, and it's prompted me to actively pursue funding the purchase of one for the choir room. The educational possibilities for this kind of equipment in my class are too numerous to name in this report...

4) Looking forward to another great year!

Respectfully submitted by Jason McKee

Steve Jones, Marya Rusinak, Kim Fain (Elementary Music) not present

Brenda Dennis, Cheryl Shrider & Monika Haines (Uniforms): Fitting of the Marching Band is going well. Seniors have been fit, and most juniors & sophomores. As usual, some of the students

have grown a lot. Cheryl praised Monika's remarkable ability to "size up" someone at a glance, then alter the uniforms to fit.

Bill Fessler (Website) not present. See Penny's report about this new position. You can find the website at www.finneytownmpa.org.

Ric & Jenny Towner (Fundraising) not present, but reported:
I'll confirm the cookie dough dates with Savory Sweets this week and start getting the publicity information together and out to folks to review before the September meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Cathy Zimmerly): (See attached spreadsheet)
Attached are reports for final activities through 2009-2010 fiscal year as well as new activity for August 1 - August 9. For now, I am keeping this year and last year's reports within the same file so you can tab around to any month if you need.

Please remember to turn in all receipts for reimbursement throughout the year.

Thanks!

Cathy

BUSINESS:

Summer Mailing and Newsletter Position: Kelley reported on the combined summer mailing.

Tomorrow we will mail Music Notes and the new Membership Brochure to 650 Grade 7-12 households, in a combined mailing with Boosters, Secondary PTA and Finneytown Foundation. Some stuffing and mailing remains to be done. Kelley submitted a receipt for the purchase of envelopes, and will pass along the receipt for postage once received. Treasurer needs to reimburse the school district for the postage. Treasurer also should invoice Boosters, Foundation and Secondary PTA for their shares of the cost (Envelopes + Postage, divided by 4.)

The search continues for a newsletter coordinator. Here are the most urgent tasks:

1. Mail all current advertisers the summer newsletter with a letter inviting them to renew for this year for \$85.
(Do not invoice Tina Marie—they paid!)
2. Approach new advertisers with similar letter.
3. Secure K-12 Excel address list from Bev Thal. As established last year, the procedure is that Bev provides the list (in Excel format) ONCE—in late September/early October when she provides directory info to Secondary PTA. Newsletter coordinator uses this list to create four sets of labels (for October, December, February & April issues), while removing duplicate households. The most effective way to do this is to sort the list by STREET ADDRESS (Not last name).
4. Deadline for the October issue is September 15, or so. The October 1 issue might be late, depending on the availability of labels. Newsletter editor uses meeting minutes, contributions from board & faculty, Finneytown.org, "approved scuttlebutt" and various other info sources to create articles and calendar info for the newsletter.
5. Newsletter person should begin coordinating with Tri-M to assemble mailings (or find another source of free labor). Students can earn service hours. If not Tri-M, National Honor Society was the other suggestion. Study Hall workers have proved less than ideal.
6. See Kelley for "how to's" regarding the US Postal Service and bulk mailing.

I will take care of items 1 & 2. Probably 3. Possibly 4 but I'm also quite happy to stay the heck out of somebody's way. 5. if needed. Probably 6. But just this once. Respectfully submitted by Kelley Hickey, Former editor, *Music Notes*

Colleen Grogan (Membership) not present

Open Houses: Penny will be in contact with Colleen about staffing the HS/MS Open House Activity Fair (Aug 24), as well as Whitaker Celebration (Aug 23)

Disposal of Old Uniforms: Brenda and Jason to coordinate.

Next meeting : Monday September 13, at 7:00 P.M. in the Media Center

Respectfully submitted by Kelley Hickey, Secretary and former *Music Notes* Editrix.