

FMPA Minutes September 12, 2011 Media Center

Members present: Colleen Grogan, Jason McKee, Rick Canter, Brenda Dennis, Lori Kleiman, Glenda Esslinger, Kim Fain, Angela Murphy, Renee Keith, Joan Gordon, Penny Sauer, Marsha Grubbs, Heidi Johnson, Jeff & Kellie Smoker, Bill Fessler, Anita Ruffin, Ric & Jenny Towner, Cathy Zimmerly, Sue Burton.

Secretary's Report: Corrected August 2011 minutes submitted. A motion to accept the corrected minutes was made by Colleen Grogan, seconded by Glenda Esslinger. Motion passed. Sue will send Cheryl's band report to Renee for inclusion in the FMPA newsletter. Thank you notes for assistance in outfitting the band in new uniforms and reconfiguring uniform storage were written to Donna Bebb and Burt from Midwest Band, along with Tim Fain and Art & Ruthann Schwartz. A note was previously sent by Marsha Grubbs to Jim Dickerson for his help as well. Thank yous were announced at the football game last Friday, but Rick will also send out Cheryl's Sept. Uniform Report to the band email distribution list. Penny sent a note to the Archambeault/Shelton family & a donation was given via Angela Murphy at the passing of Rebecca Archambeault.

President's Report: Penny thanked the Smokers for all their work with the band and at band camp. She also reminded us to be a positive voice of support for the entire Finneytown community, sports teams, and other school groups. We should not get caught up in or contribute to any feelings of rivalry between groups.

Cookie Dough: Penny Sauer and Colleen Grogan to coordinate the fundraiser this year with assistance (particularly in order processing) of the Towners. Cost of a tub raised to \$11.00 after most other groups selling this have done the same. Penny/Colleen will make up a fact sheet/procedure reminder for all VP's. VP's will visit all music classes early in the week of October 3 for kickoff. Order collection week of 10/24. We will distribute dough on Nov. 17 using half the secondary campus gym. Please be prepared to help out on 11/17 if possible. Ric T. emphasized to please try to catch errors immediately at the source – makes it much easier to track.

Band report: FMPA Report- HS/Whitaker Band

- 1) The Whitaker Bands are off to a great start- The new 6th Grade Music Schedule is working well so far.
- 2) 6th Grade Band has 55 members, 5th Grade Band has 71 students signed up.
- 3) We are in need of instruments for several students that cannot afford them. If you know of anyone that can donate old instruments, please have them get in touch with me ASAP.
- 4) The Marching Band will have their first contest this Saturday at Tipp City. The contest will be at Tipp City Park.

5) The Marching Band wore their new uniforms for the first time on Friday and they look fantastic. Thank you to all of the parents and community members that were involved in the process with fittings, alterations, etc. A special thank you to Cheryl Shrider for heading everything up. All parents were thanked formally on Friday at the game.

6) The Color Guard uniforms look fantastic as well- a special thank you to Brenda Dennis for getting them ready as well for last Friday's game.

7) Thank you to the parents that have helped with Marching Band so far, whether with picnics, pit crew, etc. and especially to the Smokers for all of their support and help in organizing events. They have all been fantastic!

8) Congratulations to all of our OMEA All State Band alternates. We have four now: Kara Sauer, Kristi Cowan, Janelle Bouman and just in: Megan Zimmerer.

9) The first Disney trip payment is due on Thursday. It is a deposit of \$100. Checks made payable to Finneytown Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard J. Canter

Smokers: There is about \$100 from the fun fund per each contest meal – need one more main meal idea. They want to form a committee for band camp 2012, prob. will email starting in Jan. 2012. They very much appreciated the community involvement in 2011 band camp. Discussion of homecoming parade route and reasoning for route change.

Also, Rick noted that shelves are needed for the instrument storage room off the Media Center. Jeff S. will check with Jeff Hershey to see if he can help w/this.

Choral report. Jason McKee **Choral Report for September 2011 Minutes**

1) **Date change:** The Finneytown Chorale will be combining with the Lakota West Chorale and the Taylor Senior Choir on Saturday, December **10th** to perform the Christmas section of Handel's Messiah. The performance will take place at 7:30pm in the auditorium on the campus of the College of Mount St. Joseph. All proceeds will benefit the Alzheimer's Foundation, so we hope that many Finneytown folks will come out and support this very worthwhile event!

2) The choir VP's are working out plans for polo shirts for the middle school choruses this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason McKee

Also: Riser transport is needed for the 12/10 choir performance at MSJ. Price quote for a 24' truck is \$100. Lori Kleiman may have a contact for a truck for free/less than that. Must hold 8 – 6' risers.

Rehearsal for 12/10 performance will be at 11:30 am that day. Jason will get this event scheduled on the district calendar.

There are 40-41 kids in 6th grade choir this year. Jason is adjusting to working with kids of this age ☺.

Orchestra Report. Heidi Johnson

FMPA Report - Orchestra

9/12/11

1st concert at the PAC: Wednesday, October 19th

Performing

Groups: HS String Ensemble, MS Orchestra, and FUSION

***This was left off the printed District Calendar by accident—please add this date on your copy of the calendar)

We're off to a great start! **FUSION** is going great and will have its premier performance at the HOME COMING PARADE on Thursday, Sept. 22nd. Baroque Violin Shop (Paul Bartel) has loaned us a trailer for the parade, & Our FMPA Orchestra Rep. (Joan Gordon) will pull it with her van. Students from the Middle School Orchestra will be invited to walk beside the trailer and hand out candy. On Wednesday, 9/21 (early release day), the students are invited to meet at the Gordon's house (9075 Cherryblossom) at 1:15ish to decorate the float and rehearse playing on it.

Still need to get hay bales for the trailer, and candy for the MS Orchestra students to hand out.

Jenny Friedhoff and Rachel Gast have been working on a T-shirt design, so the students will wear their T-shirt and jeans for the parade.

We have a tentative sponsor for the T-shirts: Mike Devaney, State Farm Insurance

Lockers for violins/violas and other small instruments: Mr. David Kennedy has agreed to let us use the empty lockers outside of Room 120 for violin/viola storage (since I won't be back every afternoon to unlock the room after school). If you want to use one of these lockers YOU WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE YOUR OWN COMBINATION LOCK and give the combination numbers to Ms. Johnson (who will give them to Mr. Kennedy).

(These lockers are school property and are liable for search just like any other locker!)

MS Orchestra – will need to get their uniform shirts by October 19th.

4th grade Recruiting will start in the next 2 weeks

FINNEYTOWN NIGHT AT THE SYMPHONY – Thursday, January 5th 2012

Dr. & Mrs. Newell have once again generously donated \$2,000 for this annual event, which means a free concert (including a light meal before the concert) for 200 people. Dinner is at 6:15, Concert at 7:30pm. Emanuel Ax is the piano soloist for the Mozart Piano Concerto No. 22. The rest of the concert includes

the Schumann “Manfred Overture” and the Symphony No. 5 by Prokofiev (one of my favorite symphonies!)

The Turtle Island String Quartet is presenting 2 improvisation workshops on Sunday, Sept. 25th at NKU. Cost is \$35.00 per student for one session, at either 1:00 or 4:00. This is sponsored by the Antonio Violins Shop—for more information, call their store at 679-7742.

MS Band: Lori Kleiman – no report

Elementary Music: Kim Fain plans to nominate Steve Jones as Educator of the Year. She will forward info to us about this.

Uniforms: From Brenda Dennis - Color Guard is nearly finished—they wore their new uniforms last Friday, and a few tweaks need to be made.

Fittings for choruses will begin Tuesday, 9/14. Anyone who feels moved to come & join the fun can meet me in the chorus room around 9:00 (2nd bell) for Women’s Chorus, 9:50 (3rd bell) for Chorale. I’ll begin with the ladies, and work with Men’s Chorus (7th bell—2:00)late this week or next week.

Discussion of cost of marching band uniforms/cleaning costs/students eating in uniforms. They may check into Skyline bibs for eating, to protect the white “F”! Jackets cost over \$200 each. Some suggest that letting the kids know the cost might help them treat the uniform with respect when eating.

2011 Band Marching Band Uniform Report Submitted By: Cheryl Shrider

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It takes a village to care for the Finneytown Wildcats Marching Band!

Without the passion and without a doubt “yes I’ll help” from so many parents would the uniform process be achieved! Thank you cannot be enough for the parents who have stepped up this year. Here is the FABULOUS team.

Uniform Storage Improvements: Art Schwartz for building hat storage (he took a vacation day from work to do this for us!). Tim Fain for reconfiguring uniform racks. Jim Dickerson for enlarging the plume box.

Painting the band room: Lindsay Salters & Sarah Floyd for taking 4 hours on the Friday before Band Camp to paint the back wall.

Fitting Team: Lillie Healy, Ruth Ann Schwartz, Claire Snyder, Marsha Grubbs, Bev Nichols, Emily Clausing, Kim & Mark Besserman, Katherine Mungur (Megan Zimmerer mom), Christina Hernandez (Lindsay Salters), Karen O’Connell.

Alternations Team: Lillie Healy Darlene Bryant, who is the grandmother of Haley Hatfield. Sonya Valerio, Claire Snyder, Angela Murphy, Penny Sauer, Linda Carlsson, Emily Clausing, Marsha Grubbs (winner with around 55 pairs).

Organizing Team: Ruth Ann Schwartz, Lillie Healy, Marsha Grubbs.

Distribution Team: TBA **Glove Washing:** TBA

Amazing Band Directors: Rick & Mike for all their support!

New Uniforms: Donna Bebb from Midwest Band has been a great communicator with assuring we were well informed of when uniforms would arrive and all the additional communication I have done with her. Burt from Midwest Band (Stanbury) also deserves a round of applause for his quick measuring and innovate ways for us to get new uniforms!

Donations for Uniform Storage Improvements: The following parents gave donations to the cause above and beyond their orders of pillows or buttons to assure success of the improvement: Sherry Marshall, Dawn Fink (Morgan Wolfram color guard), Cathy Zimmerly, Marsha Grubbs, Penny Sauer.

Band Buttons – Linda and Bruno Carlsson

Membership: Angela Murphy

Current membership 41 families, 14 patrons, 4 memorial, 3 alumni, 1 harp fund (old form used)

Angela did a makeover on the picture boards used when promoting FMPA. Penny reports that per Shawn Maus any recognized school organization can have access to alumni mailing list. Angela will check on this.

Newsletter: Renee Keith

Renee mailed out letters to 10 advertisers, no responses yet. Next newsletter deadline for submission is October 14, goal of Oct. 24 to duplicating. Two suggestions are to include that FMPA paid half the cost of new band uniforms after saving for 9 years toward them, and to do a "Spotlight on Whitaker". Other suggested topics also given.

Website: Bill Fessler

Bill will add FMPA polo shirt info to website and check link to luminary photos that doesn't seem to be working.

School Board Representative:

Anita Ruffin shared about our Excellent school rating. Focus this year is on student achievement and stewardship with finances and facilities. She is running again for a 4 year position for school board member and has signage available if interested.

Treasurer's Report: Cathy Zimmerly

A new checking account is open at Wesbanco where our savings is also. Northside Bank and Trust account closed, now all finances are being done through the same bank.

Motion to accept this report by Angela Murphy and seconded by Colleen Grogan. The motion passed.

New Business

FMPA Polo shirts were passed out and new orders taken

Homecoming Parade – Penny asks if anyone would be able to walk with her – Jeff or Kellie will, others will check their calendars.

Dinner Before the Show date – there is no musical this year. Should we have this in conjunction with Casablanca play? A separate event? In conjunction w/the faculty concert? Discussion ensued with no final consensus.

A motion to adjourn was made by Colleen and seconded by Anita/Jenny. The motion passed.
Adjourned 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Burton

Secretary