

FMPA Minutes November 14, 2011 MP Conference Room

Members present: Sue Burton, Cathy Zimmerly, Glenda Esslinger, Marsha Grubbs, Jeff Smoker, Bill Fessler, Colleen Grogan, Cheryl Shrider, Heidi Johnson, Jason McKee, Rick Canter, Joan Gordon, Angela Murphy, Renee Keith, Ric Towner, Jenny Towner

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the October minutes made by Cathy, second Colleen.
Correspondence: None received. Penny requests a thank-you to the Board of Education for their part in purchasing new band uniforms – Sue will write.

President's Report: Penny met w/Shawn Maus re: Dinner Before the Show, the date is now confirmed to be Friday March 2, before the Casablanca performance. Bill will post on the FMPA website (already on district web calendar).

Discussion re: yearly musicals, the key is getting a good date on the calendar (Feb/March). Details for a musical in the 2012-13 school year to be determined as the school calendar is being set. Heidi explained the "supplemental contract" and logistics involved.

Penny attended the school board meeting last month at their invite and highlighted in 2 minutes our role and involvement in the district.

Band report: HS/Whitaker Band November 2011

1) A HUGE THANK YOU to Jeff Smoker and Jeff Hershey for getting the wood and building the storage shelves in room 111. They gave up their free time last Saturday to put them together. The shelves look fantastic and have made that room so much more useful. Also, thank you to FMPA for providing the money for the project. On behalf of the students and directors, THANK YOU!!!!

2) There are 15 students auditioning for OMEA District 14 High School Honor Band on November 28th at Princeton High School. Good luck to all auditioning.

3) I sent out a large thank you email for Marching Band. Thank you to everyone that attended State Finals and for all of the wonderful support from parents and community throughout the season. I'm very proud of the students for a wonderful season.

4) Upcoming concerts:
MS/HS Instrumental Concert- December 1
Whitaker Instrumental Concert- December 6

5) About 40 members of the High School Band will be performing at the Carvers Club Holiday Dinner on December 7th. Information has been communicated to the students and they will be signing up this week.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Canter

Jeff Smoker: Nothing to report

Choral report. Jason McKee November 2011

1) NKU Honor Choir: Congratulations to Tori Buchheim, Allison Gast, Tara Keller, Julia McDannold, Bree McLaren, and Conner Zimmermann for participating in this year's event at NKU. Bree and Julia were selected to sing in a small group of sopranos for "Adoramus Te" in Vivaldi's Gloria.

2) OMEA District 14 Honor Choir: Congratulations to Abby Bolling, Joe Brueggemeyer, Caleb Burton, Jeff Grogan, Becca Huff, Rebecca Inman, Chris O'Connell, Lindsay Salters, and Megan Zimmerer for their participation in this year's honor choir. The group performed on Saturday, November 12th at Milford High School under the direction of Dr. Ray Wheeler.

3) A HUGE thank you to Colleen Grogan for organizing carpools for the District 14 Honor Choir and for arranging for the students' dinner at Milford. Thanks also to all of the parents who drove students to Batavia and Milford for the rehearsals and concert.

4) Another HUGE thank you to Glenda Esslinger for sizing and tracking down all students to make sure that they are outfitted for the December 8th concert!

5) Chorale will be performing at Brookdale Place Finneytown on December 6th at 6pm as part of their annual holiday event. Their final performance of December will be at the College of Mount St. Joseph as part of Sing for a Cause, a benefit concert for the Alzheimer's Association of America. The students are working tirelessly to prepare the 7 choruses of Handel's Messiah for the event in addition to 2 other holiday selections. I am asking that Colleen Grogan assist me in collecting ticket orders for the event, and if anyone knows of businesses that would like to sponsor the event, I would appreciate any help we can get in publicizing the event and raising money for a worthy cause.

6) OMEA District 14 Junior High Honor Choir registration materials are due soon. I am currently making a list of interested students. We are permitted to send approximately 12 students, and 8th grade students will receive priority since we were only able to send 8th grade students last year. The event scheduled to have rehearsals on 1/17, 1/20, and an all-day rehearsal and concert on 1/21 at Princeton High School.

7) Now is the time for high school students to get prepared for high school solo & ensemble. The event is scheduled for Saturday, February 11th at Elder High School. All registration materials have to be postmarked by Saturday, January 14th.

8) HS Choir Contest: No school has volunteered to host District 14 contest, and I will be attending the American Choral Directors Association Central Division Conference in Ft. Wayne on the same weekend. We will apply to go out of district to District 13. Their event is being hosted at Madison High School outside of Middletown. If we are not accepted to attend District 13's event, we will forego contest this year.

9) All students and chaperones for the Disney trip should verify their trip account balance with me prior to the final payment.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason McKee

MS Choirs: Glenda Esslinger – reports that uniform shirts are ordered for MS choirs.

Colleen added a thank you to Diane Bolling for OMEA Honor Choir help. A question was raised re: large group contest and lack of schools volunteering to host. Can Finneytown host in the future? We have done so twice in the past. Rick is president for next year (March 15 & 16, 2013). Discussion re: parking options for busses, etc. Rick will consider the possibility.

Orchestra Report. Heidi Johnson November 2011

First concert of the year went very well! FUSION was a big hit.

After the concert, I met with the parents of the students in FUSION to discuss the possibility of attending the Eclectic Strings Festival in Atlanta, Georgia in March 2012 (3/23-25). The parents were in favor of the trip, so the next step is getting administrative approval--which is in process right now. After that, we need to submit a recording of the group and be accepted to attend the Festival. We would know if we are accepted by January 1, 2012.

In the meantime, HS & MS Orchestras & Fusion all perform in the Secondary Instrumental Concert on Thursday, Dec. 1 at the PAC.

FUSION will also perform at Union Terminal Museum Center on Saturday, Dec. 17th at 11:00am.

The first elementary instrumental concert of the year will be held at the PAC on Tuesday, Dec. 6th at 7:00pm.

Sunday Dec. 11, CYSO's Concert Orchestra (former BAYSO) will perform at Finneytown at 7 pm.

Thanks,
Heidi

Joan Gordon: Nothing to report.

MS Band. Honor Band placements announced. Aidan Matzko 1st chair percussion, Sarah Germann 5th chair percussion, Katherine Germann 1st chair flute, Molly Brown 3rd chair Alto Sax, Belinda Baty 12th chair clarinet.

Elementary Music. No report

Uniforms.

Band uniforms will be finished before Thanksgiving break, possibly even this week. Heartfelt thanks to Marsha Grubbs for coming in during X period, helping keep things rolling, and hemming a lot of pants. Thanks also to everyone else who has offered to assist in hemming--a more complete list will be shared once we finish.

Brenda Dennis

Marching Band Uniforms: Marsha is cleaning cuffs. Cheryl reports 39 pillows made from old uniforms, now will match jackets and pants and try to sell with profit returned to FMPA.

Membership: Angela Murphy 24 new + 5 patrons since last report, so

Current membership 87 families, 28 patrons, 7 memorial, 3 alumni, 1 harp fund

Newsletter: Renee Keith

For some reason some newsletters did not make it into mailboxes, seems to be some of 45231 zip. Renee will check mailing labels next time to see if those names are listed or got missed somehow.

Target for next newsletter mailing is 2nd week of Jan., so ***deadline for any newsletter items to Renee by Dec. 16 please.***

Website: Bill Fessler

Bill will add dinner before the show date and October minutes, otherwise site is up to date.

Treasurer's Report: Cathy Zimmerly

No resolution to Boosters payment for summer mailing. They have a cashed check but we did not cash it. The group doesn't feel it is worth any ill will to pursue this further.

Heidi requests we consider changing equipment expense reimbursement to Mike Morgan for Fusion hook-ups in PAC, to come from "equipment" rather than "orchestra".

Ric will call on returned checks from cookie dough.

Cathy filed our 990 form so we are up to date.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report with the change of equipment expense reimbursement to Mike Morgan for Fusion hook-ups in PAC to come from "equipment" rather than "orchestra", made by Glenda, second by Colleen. Motion passed.

New Business

Cookie Dough – Ric & Jenny finalizing spreadsheets, music ed accounts, etc. Pick up on 11/17, various members volunteered to help on that day. We have about 100 extra tubs of dough that can be sold.

Luminarias – Cathy will recruit after Thanksgiving to assemble kits when sand is delivered. Tentatively Mon. 11/28 will be some assembly/prep work. Light Up Finneytown will be Sunday, Dec. 18th.

After Prom contribution – Not in budget this year, Penny would like us to consider restoring this since our cookie dough sales will net strong profit. Motion to use \$300 of cookie dough profit to donate to After Prom, made by Cheryl, second Jenny. Motion passed.

PEM Memorial Concert – 12/3 at 7 pm. Volunteers to serve hot chocolate and coffee - Penny, Colleen, maybe Marsha, Angela, Bill. 6:15 set up to 8 clean up.

A motion to adjourn was made by Colleen and seconded by Cheryl. The motion passed. Adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Burton

Secretary