

Members present: Sue Burton, Penny Sauer, Glenda Esslinger, Sean O'Neill, Jason McKee, Colleen Grogan, Marsha Grubbs, Kellie Smoker, Ric Towner, Jenny Towner, Lori Kleiman, Cathy Zimmerly, Brenda Dennis, Renee Keith, Anita Ruffin

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept February 2012 minutes made by Colleen, second Brenda. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Verbal thank you received (more than once) from Shawn Maus for our donation to Finneytown Theater. Email thank you from Martha Biederman from the PEM memorial group. They appreciated our help with beverages and cookies at their fundraising concert. Martha noted that the PEM Senior scholarships have no applicants yet. The scholarships are for seniors planning to go into theater, music, or art, and have an April 1 deadline. She requests we help spread the word.

President's Report: Penny reports that the statewide OMEA conference was nice. She passed around the plaque that was given to us as Outstanding Support Organization, and circulated the photo that was in the Hilltop press. She also highlighted the 1998 20th anniversary Dinner & Musical. FMPA was formed in 1977, prior to that it had been the band parents organization. We saw photos and the invitation to dinner and Hello, Dolly.

Band report: Rick Canter

I am sorry that I could not be in attendance this evening. I have a meeting that I needed to attend.

- 1) The middle school and high school bands had a wonderful concert on Thursday. Thanks to everyone that came out and supported our talented musicians!
- 2) There will be a Marching Band meeting next Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 in the Band Room or PAC (TBA) for all band members in grades 8-11. We will discuss Band Camp, Payment Plan, Kroger Cards, Calendar dates.
- 3) Next Thursday, March 22, we will be hosting an exchange concert with the North Olmsted Bands from Cleveland, Ohio. They will be stopping by on their way to Florida. Each band will have rehearsal from 3:30-5:00 and will eat dinner together at 5:30 in the MP. I already spoke with Kellie Smoker about getting pizza, pop and desserts for the dinner. The concert will take place at 7:00 PM in the PAC. We are asking that every person coming to concert bring non-perishable food items, or any of the other items listed in last Thursday's program. We will also need some helpers to collect donations in the lobby of the PAC. We will have a representative from Valley Interfaith available to answer questions and to help collect items. In addition, we

will be collecting monetary donations to give to those affected by the recent tornados. Checks can be made out to the American Red Cross.

Oh yeah- and the Ice Cream Social is tomorrow evening!!! Band will begin at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Canter

Kellie Smoker: Volunteers needed for 3/22 pizza meal – donations of pop, desserts, and servers for the meal. Kellie will try out an online rsvp site where we can all sign up to donate or serve. Also, after 3/20 mtg. Kellie will form a committee for band camp planning. Penny plans to sell band camp raffle tickets at the 3/20 meeting and again at 3/22 concert. May concerts are too late.

Choral report. Jason McKee

Jason's student teacher last year, Miss Pangburn, works at the school in Indiana that was destroyed by the recent tornado. Xavier Univ. has donated a piano to the school, JWPepper is helping as well – perhaps donations can also be coordinated by Phil Reinhart at the 3/22 charity band concert.

- 1) The 3 high school choirs will attend the OMEA District 13 Adjudicated Event at Lebanon Junior High this weekend. Chorale will be singing in Class AA on Saturday (1:00pm), the Women in Class A on Friday (8:10pm), and the Men in Class B on Saturday (10:40am). If anyone is interested in chaperoning the bus rides on Saturday, I would appreciate the help.
- 2) The State contest dates are May 4-5. The site will likely be Lakota East High School.
- 3) Registration for MS Solo & Ensemble must be completed and submitted online by midnight on Saturday, March 24th. The event is being held at Madeira Middle School again this year on April 21st. Solos are \$12, and ensembles are \$16. Students requesting Mrs. Hartman to accompany them should submit an additional \$25 to FMPA. Good luck to all of the students participating this year!
- 4) All 3 middle school ensembles will attend the OMEA District 14 adjudicated event on May 18th and 19th at the new Mt. Healthy High School. More details TBA, but Mt. Healthy anticipates that all choirs will perform on Friday evening.
- 5) Auditions for next year's Chorale will be held Monday and Thursday after school for the next two weeks beginning on March 19th, and auditions are open to students currently in grades 9-11. Next year's high school course offerings will be Men's Chorus, Women's Chorus, and Chorale. Students not currently in a choir must complete a voice placement assessment before signing up for the HS Men's and Women's choruses.
- 6) Alan Coleman (retired choral director and OMEA adjudicator) and Dr. Eva Floyd (CCM Music Education faculty) came to critique the HS Choirs on the March 6th concert, and their feedback has been very helpful.
- 7) We have received 5 letters to perform in international choral festivals. In talking with travel companies in the exhibit hall at the American Choral Directors Conference this weekend, I would like to begin thinking about future trips and performance options for the years ahead.

8) We are currently slated to host OMEA District 14 Choir AE (contest) next year. We will need a lot of parent and student volunteer help to make this event a success. The dates are March 15 & 16, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason McKee

All-State Choir deadline for submissions is 3/31.

MS Choirs: Glenda Esslinger – agreed to keep her same position for next year along w/helping Marsha w/marching band uniforms. She expressed that it would be nice if somehow the MS band kids could hear the jazz and percussion ensembles so they know to what they can aspire. We all recognize the logistical issues involved in that.

Orchestra Report: Heidi Johnson

Believe it or not, I really don't have anything to report at this time other than looking forward to the Ice Cream Social Instrumental Concert tomorrow night! (p.s. - Kim, do we have any chaperones yet? We are meeting in the M.P. at 5:45, concert starts at 6:30 for the Strings; Band concert starts at 7:30)

MS Orchestra: Nothing to report.

MS Band: Lori has no report – just that the concert was fun last week! She will be moving on from her position next year.

Elementary Music: Elem. Instrumental concert is tomorrow night. Sue will set up FMPA promo board and Anita will staff during intermission.

Uniforms: Brenda – nothing to report. Marsha will send a thank you article for Renee to publish in the newsletter.

Membership: Angela – 1 more new membership reported.

Newsletter: Renee Keith – Needs articles by 3/20. Asked about doing a Disney article – Brenda will post on the facebook pages to solicit memories/ideas from band/choir members who were on the trip.

Website: no report.

School Board Rep: Anita Ruffin reports that the current focus is on scheduling for next year, and under HB194 we are upgrading school energy efficiencies w/money from future energy savings. Anita is walking to Columbus to bring focus to childhood hunger 4/27-30. Go, Anita!

Treasurer's Report: Cathy Zimmerly

Students need to claim their cookie dough funds. Pass the word! We have exceeded our budgeted receipts for the year – good job everyone! Cathy is stepping down this year so we need to be on the lookout for a new FMPA treasurer. Think, think,think....

Motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Glenda, second Ric. Passed.

New Business

Dinner Before the Show wrap-up/evaluation

We netted about \$3,400, which is \$800 under last year, but had a great event.

Ric/Jen - Bid-N-Buy was down – some of the big ticket stuff did not go this time. Time to recruit more items/different items than in the past. Need to obtain more "nice event" tickets to sporting/cultural events, etc. Need to start soliciting/collecting earlier. Need to organize the checkout more, have a sign for checkout, etc. Suggestion to display items down middle of room instead of along one wall.

All present agree to send thank-you notes to those from whom they solicited items – saying something like, "Thanks to you, we raised almost \$4,000 for music education."

Kitchen – Angela and Marsha will publish thank yous in the newsletter. There was no dishroom coverage until Brenda stepped in and stepped up. Need 3 people there (dishwasher, dryer, putter-awayer) plus 2 tray collectors. Perhaps tray collectors wear a special hat or something to identify themselves.

Food – a request by one for something more than just iceberg lettuce as the salad. Thanks to Joan for procuring the salad this year. Discussion about gluten-free/sugar-free...nice idea, but hard to manage.

Tickets – Renee – No backpack ticket deliveries in the future...they just don't get home easily. 397 tickets sold, difficult to know how many did not come vs. how many just didn't turn in their tickets.

Ticket table – split into 2 separate tables for will-call and purchase. Clarify who gets in free each year – just elementary performers. Need more change, \$1 bills and small bills. Most paid w/\$20 bills.

Plan for shifts/relief so workers can also eat/enjoy the show/bid on the bid-n-buy.

Desserts/2L – Dessert numbers were about right. Drinks - ? – Berlons, Joan, Tina Wuorinen helped out. Not sure how our drink stock worked out. Thanks to Cathy for the coffee!

Faculty Scholarship Concert – April 19. Brenda Hartman will coordinate as in the past. Need to advertise it more fully - ?Shawn take a promo photo poster? Need to ask Steve Jones and Marya Rusinak if they can participate this year. How best to invite faculty who are non-music faculty to participate? (Amy Lampe, Victor Burkhart)

Executive Board for 2012-13 – please notify Penny by next month’s meeting (or sooner) of your intentions for next year. We will need to fill treasurer and MS Band for sure. Penny announced she will return for one more year as president then transition out of that role for 2013-14.

A motion to adjourn was made by Colleen, second by Glenda. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Burton

Secretary