

FMPA Minutes March 12, 2012 MP Conference Room

Members present: Sue Burton, Colleen Grogan, Kellie Smoker, Anita E Ruffin, Heidi Reeb, Ric Towner, Angela Murphy, Joan Gordon, Penny Sauer, Marsha Grubbs, Lori Kleiman, Glenda Esslinger, Cathy Zimmerly, Jason McKee, Rick Canter, Bill Fessler

**Secretary's Report:** One correction to March minutes – All-State choir applications are due May 31, 2012, not March 31. Motion to accept March minutes made by Angela, second by Colleen. Motion assed.

**Correspondence:** None has come in or gone out.

**President's Report:** We made \$90 profit on the band camp raffle, which was won by Becky Hershey. Last year we made \$175 profit on same. Penny reminded us all to register our Kroger cards for the new community rewards program structure.

**Band report:** Rick Canter

- 1) The High School Band hosted an Exchange Concert for Charity with the North Olmsted High School Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble on March 22. The event raised \$861 for the American Red Cross to help those affected by the recent tornados. In addition, we filled an entire van with non-perishable food items for Valley Interfaith. Thank you to Kellie and Jeff Smoker and Phil Reinhart for all of their help in organizing the event and coordinating the pizza, desserts and drinks for all band members!
- 2) The Band Festival will take place on May 15
- 3) The Faculty Scholarship Concert/Senior Recital is next Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 4) Band Camp/Marching Band info was distributed at the meeting in March and was emailed out to parents last week. If you need any information, please contact Mr. Canter. Looks like there will be around 131 marching band members, 17 or 18 of them color guard.
- 5) All-State Applications need to be postmarked by May 31st.

Richard J. Canter  
Director of Bands/Music Dept. Chair

We discussed the publicity Shawn has put together for this faculty concert (poster).

Kellie Smoker: the online rsvp website worked beautifully and she plans to use it from here forward. She and Jeff will be gearing up in the next month or two for band camp planning. She only heard back from one person so far in response to her request for help in planning band camp. (Thanks, Penny!!!)

**Choral report.** Jason McKee

1) I have requested a Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> performance time for the Chorale at OMEA State contest at Lakota East High School. Please invite everyone to attend so that we have a great Finneytown crowd! *Later addition from Jason: HS District results: The high school choirs performed at OMEA District 13 Adjudicated Event at Lebanon Junior High School on March 16-17 and did very well. The Finneytown Chorale earned its 4th consecutive Superior rating in Class AA and will attend state contest on May 4th. The Men's Chorus earned an overall Excellent rating in Class B, and the Women's Chorus was one rating away from qualifying for state contest in Class A, receiving an overall Excellent rating. I'm very proud of our students!*

2) Four soloists and one ensemble will attend the OMEA District 14 Junior High Solo & Ensemble Contest on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at Madeira Middle School.

3) The 3 middle school choirs will attend OMEA District 14 AE on May 18-19 at Mt. Healthy High School. The fee is \$125 per group.

4) Auditions materials for next year's high school All-State Choir must be postmarked by May 31<sup>st</sup> in order to be considered. Students must record a Class A solo from the High School Solo & Ensemble lists.

5) The Choral Festival is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8th.

6) I am in the process of looking to replace the Yamaha Clavinova. Some of the parts are failing, and it is becoming costly to repair. Recently the LCD screen has failed, and the part costs more than \$400; without the LCD screen 90% of the piano's capabilities are useless. Our current instrument is 9 years old, and I may need FMPA's assistance to purchase a new one for next school year. The costs range from \$2800 to \$6500.

7) The Finneytown Chorale was invited to perform as the opening act for the Ohio State Women's Glee Club performance at the church in Delhi where I direct, but we are trying to confirm whether or not we have enough Chorale members who can make the commitment. The concert is at 8pm at Shiloh United Methodist Church in Delhi.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jason McKee**

MS Choirs: Glenda Esslinger –nothing to report

**Orchestra Report.** Heidi Johnson in absentia

1. Upcoming Event - NEW! Gayle Castle and the Vision for the Arts Academy Orchestras will be coming to Finneytown HS on Saturday, April 21st for an Orchestra Festival in the PAC from 10am-

4:30pm. The Whitaker Strings students have been invited (this event is optional for them) to come and learn and perform 2 easy pieces selected for their abilities --and to learn from different teachers and meet other string players from around the city.

The MS Orchestra will also be participating with their more advanced students and performing 2 pieces--one with combined orchestras and one by themselves.

FUSION has been invited to participate in just the afternoon portion of the Festival and to perform at the concert, but we are still working on how many students can attend due to work commitments, etc.

CONCERT (Free) is at 4:00pm in the PAC.

Participating Finneytown students have been asked to contribute snacks, fruit, desserts, and/or drinks, VAA and FMPA (Orchestra budget) will be providing the pizza.

2. The MS String Quartet (Keir, Luke, Stevan, & Sam) and Heather Gast (viola solo) will be performing at the Solo & Ensemble contest on the same day (April 21st)--an early morning time was requested, so there will be no conflict with the Festival.

3. Orchestra Spring Festival is Thursday, May 21st.

Respectfully submitted  
Heidi M. Johnson  
Orchestra Director, Finneytown Schools

Joan - nothing to report.

**MS Band:** Lori has nothing to report.

**Elementary Music:** No report. Steve Jones had knee surgery.

**School Board Rep:** Anita – focus at secondary campus is on the upcoming scheduling fair. Anita also encouraged us to become volunteers for the World Choir Games this summer.

**Uniforms:** A question was raised as to why we do not have HS band and orchestra women wear matching white uniform tops w/their black skirts. Marsha has heard a few parents comment that it would be a nicer, more uniform look. Rick is no longer present tonight to speak to the history of their current uniform requirements, and Brenda D. is also not in attendance.

**Membership:** Angela – suggestion given to Angela to get a photo of Fusion to put on the membership flyer for next year. Joan will see if she has a good one. Penny led a discussion of how we can rework our marketing for membership. “Why is it important to be a member?” She is looking for stats/vignettes to support. Jason – Historically, Music Parents have been critical to our survival, picking up the slack where the budget leaves off. FMPA typically funds things like: Contest fees, Sheet Music (now up to \$2.25/ea.), marching band drill writing, scholarships for private lessons, etc.

Also discussed possibly putting membership fee payment online. Penny to check w/David Oliverio if it's possible to do through the school system or on our own, perhaps in conjunction w/other support organizations like PTA, Boosters, etc. Bill is happy to pursue this once we determine if it needs to be independent of the FLSD system.

**Newsletter.** Renee Keith – Kudos to Renee for the great job on doing newsletters this year!

**Website:** Bill will get the faculty concert info up on our website. See above re: possible online membership dues.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cathy Zimmerly

We welcome Heidi Reeb as our new treasurer for 2012-13! Thanks for your willingness to serve.

Penny clarified info from discretionary fund: \$300 ea. to After Prom and Theater dept., also membership brochures, PEM supplies, bank fees, memorial gifts, etc.

Those who have remaining funds to spend, please try to do so in the next month so we have accurate end-of-year info as we look to budget for next year.

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

### **New Business**

**Dinner Before the Show wrap-up/evaluation** – Penny sent out a draft procedure list for DBS on 4/9/12 (titled "April Treasurer's Report and more") to help w/future planning/continuity. **Please look it over electronically and give feedback to her.**

**Faculty Scholarship Concert** – April 19. Cathy Z. will staff the admission/ticket table. Brenda H. is preparing the program. Last year Mr. Kennedy offered his students extra credit if they got a signed program.

Music Awards at end of year – comment given that parents of newer students might not know what these are really about and why their kids should come.

**Executive Board for 2012-13** – Penny passed out a sheet showing the remaining unfilled positions for next year: HS & MS Orchestra, Elementary music, and fundraising positions for Cookie Dough sale and Luminaria kits. Penny/Colleen willing to do Cookie Dough but would like a parent of a younger child to help if possible.

A motion to adjourn was made by Colleen, second by Cathy. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Burton

Secretary