

Members present: Sue Burton, Kellie Smoker, Glenda Esslinger, Cathy Zimmerly, Colleen Grogan, Heidi Johnson, Penny Sauer, Heidi Reeb, Angela Murphy, Brenda Dennis, Dan Deitsch, Marsha Grubbs, Jason McKee, Rick Canter, Mitchell Curry, Sean O'Neill

**Secretary's Report:** One correction to April minutes – They were labeled "March 2012" rather than April. Motion to accept April minutes with that correction made by Cathy, second by Colleen. Motion passed.

**Correspondence:** A thank you was received from the American Red Cross for the flow-through donation of \$241 collected at the charity band concert. More money was collected for them at this concert but many checks were made out directly to the American Red Cross and did not come through FMPA.

**President's Report:** Discussion of the flooded PAC and impact on all May music performances. Rick updated us on the decision-making process that occurred and plans for filming all music groups and giving each student a DVD of the performances.

**Band report:** Rick Canter

Rick requests help w/decorating the MP for the music awards. He introduced his student teacher Mitchell Curry from CCM.

1) The HS Band students will be traveling to see the Pompeii exhibit at Cincinnati Museum Center on Wednesday. They have been working on a piece entitled "Vesuvius" by Frank Ticheli, that is a programatic work, depicting the eruption. The Pompeii exhibit will be a great way to bring that piece to life.

2) Since we were unable to have the festival concerts, I am working on a video of all performing groups that will be shown at the Awards Ceremony on Sunday and in each of our classes over the next couple of weeks. I am also doing a tribute to our senior music students on the end of the video. DVD's will be made for each student in the music department. These will be paid for out of our music budget.

3) The end-of-the-year Music Awards will take place this Sunday in the MP at 3:00. Seniors will be having a special dinner at Buffalo Wings and Rings after the Music Awards. Cathy Zimmerly and some other parents are working on coordinating this in honor of our senior music students. Thank you to all parents that are helping put this together!

4) All-State Applications/Audition recordings must be postmarked by May 31st. Students can see me if they have questions or need help recording.

5) We are doing something different with Summer Lessons this year. We will be having lessons available, but not at the reduced rate. Instead, we will have clinics during the fall for all 5th and 6th grade band members by section. The past couple of years, we had a lot of students not show or even call the teachers to reschedule. We will instead use money from scholarships as well as our band budget to fund this.

6) Select Whitaker Band students will travel to Brent Elementary to perform next Wednesday. They will go out for lunch and return to Whitaker for a performance for the 4th grade students at the end of the day. 6th Grade Advanced Strings will join us for the Brent performance as well.

7) HS Band students will need to turn in their concert attire tomorrow at X-Period.

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

**Band VP:** Kellie - Planned to mail out band camp packets this week – Cathy suggests instead that various FMPA members can deliver the packets, saving postage. Kellie requests all band camp forms earlier this year, by June 15<sup>th</sup>. She raised the fun fund request to \$10/student to cover expenses.

**Choral report:** Jason McKee

1) Congratulations to the Finneytown Chorale for receiving straight Superior ratings at OMEA State contest on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Lakota East! They have qualified for state contest for 9 straight years, and this is their 4<sup>th</sup> overall Superior rating at state in Class AA and their second consecutive year for receiving straight Superior ratings! Thanks to everyone who attended to support them!

2) Congratulations to the following middle school solo & ensemble participants:

FMS Boys Ensemble (Jesse Cobbs, Alex Geiger, Ian Esslinger, Mathieu Hall, Aidan Matzko, Eddie Owsley, Jacob Stevens) – Excellent (II)

To’Lisa Hinkston – Superior (I)

Diamond Oglesby – Superior (I)

Anna Amend – Superior (I)

Larissa Gardner – Excellent (II)

3) The middle school choirs will attend OMEA District 14 Junior High Contest this Friday at Mt. Healthy Jr./Sr. High School. The MS Girls Chorus performs at 4:20pm, the MS Boys Chorus at 5:40pm, and the X-Period Chorus at 8:20pm.

4) A final reminder that all All-State Choir application materials must be postmarked by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

5) A heartfelt thanks to Colleen Grogan, Glenda Esslinger, and Brenda Dennis for all of the support they have provided this year. You are amazing!!

6) I have been named the new associate director in charge of the Young Men's Chorus with the Cincinnati Children's Choir program beginning later this summer. I am encouraging our talented students to get involved in this nationally recognized program, and 3 sixth grade Whitaker students are auditioning this month for CCC! Now I have to recruit young men from area schools to join YMC!

Respectfully submitted,

**Jason McKee**  
**Director of Choirs**

**HS Choir VP:** HS choirs picnic 5/25 at Evangelical Community Church (ECC) since Winton Woods rental is now pretty expensive.

**MS Choir VP:** Glenda has a plan to get the borrowed uniform shirts returned.

**Orchestra Report:** We have a busy schedule:

Tuesday, 5/15: The 4th grade Strings are going to have their year-end PIZZA PARTY at 11:50 in the Whitaker Cafeteria!!

Wednesday, 5/16: HS String Ensemble & FUSION are playing at Whitaker at 9:30 & 10:15 then after a quick stop for lunch at Chipotle, pick up the MS Orchestra at Noon and head to the Springfield Township Senior Center for a short concert at 12:30pm. (anyone who wants to come is welcome--bring your lunch & enjoy!)  
The MS students will play 1st and then immediately pack up and return to school so they can catch their bus ride home (it's an Early Release Day) at 1:00pm.

Tuesday, 5/22: The 5th grade Strings are going to have their year-end PIZZA PARTY

Wednesday, 5/23: The Advanced 6th grade Strings will be travelling with the advanced Whitaker Band students to perform at Brent Elementary in the morning.  
The MS String Quartet (Keir, Luke, Stevan, & Sam) will perform at the MS Awards at 1:00pm -- probably as the students are walking in, since this ceremony usually runs long--so I bought 3 more mics that can be attached to the acoustic instruments and they will be amplified. It still isn't known for sure whether the awards will be in the gym or in the PAC.

\*\*\*UPDATE on the PAC floor--I stopped by after school today. The old floor has been removed and it's finally dry in there. I don't know how long it will take to put the new floor in.

Thursday, 5/24: The 6th grade Strings are going to have their year-end PIZZA PARTY

Tuesday, 5/29: MS 1st bell EXAM 8:10-9:30ish. Their playing test/written test will take place during the previous week so at least part of the exam bell will be spent eating brunch!

Thursday, 5/31: FUSION will be playing for graduation that evening.

Information about Summer Camps/Workshops/etc. will be sent out this week. We are (hopefully) going to host a week-long camp here at Finneytown in June, led by our own Dr. Michael Jorgensen (graduated

1999).

Summer String Lessons program is going on hiatus this year--it is so hard to schedule during the summer months, with vacations, etc. So I am going to encourage students to take advantage of these other opportunities this summer.

Sincerely,  
Heidi M. Johnson  
Orchestra Director, Finneytown Schools

**MS/HS Orchestra VP's:** No reports.

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

**Elementary Music:** No report.

**Uniforms:** Brenda is working on collecting uniforms – can be dropped at school or her house. She bought 20 pr. tux pants. She addressed last month's question of band women wearing uniform white tops – said they would be \$25-30 each and we wd. need to buy about 75 tops (63-65 ladies) for a cost of \$1875-2250. The main reason we haven't done this in the past is the expense involved.

**Membership:** no new memberships

**Newsletter:** Renee absent, no report

**Website:** Bill checked into online payment and told Penny that PaySchools would be the best way to go – it will allow us to gather the info we need. It is a turnkey solution – no software to be bought. Cost is approx. 3% per transaction (\$0.75 for \$25). Suggestion that there be a link from the FLSD website to our PaySchools site. Also suggested seeing if the Finneytown Foundation wd. like to link in.

**School Board Rep:** Anita completed her walk for children's hunger awareness – 4 days and over 100 miles. Way to go, Anita!

**Treasurer's Report:** Cathy Zimmerly

No major questions on the report. Motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Angela, second by Glenda. Motion passed.

**New Business**

**Review of 2012-13 proposed budget** – Savory Sweets cookie dough is raising prices. This year we raised almost \$15,000. If we do not raise our tub price from \$11 to \$12 and sell the same amt., we would raise about \$13,000. General agreement that we should probably raise the tub price.

Suggestion to separate out the Dinner Before the Show budget into ticket sales and Bid-N-Buy categories for the future.

Sue has volunteered to take on Luminaria sales, so that can be added back into the budget.

Penny and Cathy will rework this and bring to the June mtg.

**Music Awards** – Colleen will buy paper products/tablecloths w/money from Rick for dessert area. Cathy and others will work on decorating. VP's will send emails to respective parent lists for desserts and drinks.

**Executive Board for 2012-13** –All positions filled as follows:

President – Penny Sauer

Secretary – Sue Burton

Treasurer – Heidi Reeb

VP's:

HS Band – Kellie and Jeff Smoker

HS Choir – Glenda Esslinger

HS Orchestra – Colleen Grogan

MS Band – Kim Fain

MS Choir – Sharon Figgs

MS Orchestra – Jennifer Schmidt

Elementary – Laurie Matzko

Membership – Angela Murphy

MB Uniforms – Marsha Grubbs and Glenda Esslinger

Other Uniforms – Brenda Dennis

Newsletter – Renee Keith

Website – Bill Fessler

School Board Rep – Anita Ruffin

Fundraising:

Cookie Dough – Penny Sauer/Colleen Grogan

Bid and Buy – Dan Deitsch

Luminaria Kits – Sue Burton

Motion to approve the 2012-13 FMPA Executive Board as listed was made by Angela, second by Kellie. Motion passed.

**Dinner Before the Show procedures update** – Bid and Buy info needed from Ric T., which he is working on tonight at home. Other than that, procedures that were given to Penny seem pretty complete.

Next meeting: June 4, 7 pm at Cathy's house. Bring a snack to share. We will approve the budget at that meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sue, second by Colleen. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Burton

Secretary