

Members present: Sue Burton, Colleen Grogan, Anita Ruffin, Heidi Johnson, Brenda Dennis, Angela Murphy, Penny Sauer, Laurie Matzko, Kim Fain, Steve Jones, Carl Phlipot, Aimee Collins, Beth Hofferber, Jeff & Kellie Smoker, Marsha Grubbs, Sharon Figgs, Jennifer Schmidt, Dan Deitsch

President's Report: Penny introduced our new music staff: Beth Hofferber, director of choirs; Carl Phlipot, director of bands; Aimee Collins, assistant director of bands. We all introduced ourselves to the new staff and each other. Penny read the FMPA Statement of Purpose from our brochure. She encouraged all to attend and participate in these meetings even when an individual member may not have much to report in their area – the collective wisdom and input is valued and needed. She asked for patience as we all get used to working with each other as a new group. FMPA polo shirts are available to all for \$25 each – see Penny to order.

Secretary's Report: No discussion of June minutes. Motion to accept June minutes made by Colleen, second by Angela. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None over the summer. Robbie Fessler, son of board member Bill Fessler, had surgery recently. Sue will send a get well card.

Music Department news: “All great changes are preceded by chaos.” -Deepak Chopra That pretty much describes this past summer. I am happy to report that the administration (Alan Robertson, Jack Fisher, David Kennedy, & Therese Hunt in particular) were very supportive and pro-active in this endeavor, and we have three strong teachers who will provide excellent music education for the Finneytown students!

As most of you know, I am now the music dept. chairperson. I have also been asked to mentor Carl, Aimee, & Beth to help them with adjusting to their new positions. Please remember that we are all adjusting to new roles, and there may be a few bumps in the road ahead--but I am feeling very positive about the coming year. Please be patient with us and respect that there is more than one way to accomplish our goals!

Musical: There will be a musical this year! Shawn Maus will direct, Beth will be the vocal director, and I will direct the pit orchestra/combo.

However, we will not be announcing the actual show until Beth has had a chance to hear and work with the singers.

Dates: Feb. 28, March 1-2

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi

The new PAC floor is installed. New black chairs for performers and storage carts purchased with \$6,000 from the music dept. equipment budget and \$2,000 from the Board of Ed. Shawn is pursuing a grant to recover some of those costs.

Finneytown was scheduled to host the District 14 choral competition this year. Heidi has regretfully declined in light of music staff changes.

Orchestra Report. Heidi Johnson

Members of FUSION will be performing at the Back to School Celebrations (along with members of the band):

Brent Elementary, Friday 8/17 at 6:00pm

Whitaker Elementary, Monday, 8/20 at 6pm and again at 7pm in the cafeteria.

I am looking for a drum set to purchase, preferably not too expensive. If you know of anyone who has one sitting in their basement (or wherever) collecting dust or being used as a clothes hanger, please contact me!

HS/MS Orchestra VP's have nothing to report.

Choral report.

FMPA Director's Report – MS/HS Choirs August 13, 2012

HAPPY TO BE AT FINNEYTOWN! Thanks for the warm welcome!

✚ My background:

- Lakota West High School – English and Choir/Accompanist since 2006
- 2005-06: One year in Minnesota – Middle School Choir
- 2000-05: Five years at Winton Woods Middle School – General Music and Choirs/
- 1999-2000: One year at North College Hill Jr./Sr. High – Choirs
- 1995-99: Miami University – Graduate work in Music Ed. and English/Creative Writing
- 1987-1995: Procter & Gamble – Market Research

✚ Settling in:

- Re-located and organized choral library
- Cleaned, painted, carpeted and re-organized office

✚ Administrative:

- Middle School Class Sizes → Boys = 14, Girls = 24, X-Period = 25+
- High School Class Sizes → Men = 25, Women = 35, Chorale = 22***
*** (Original roster = 36, necessary for 8-part balance) I'm told "not to panic" about Chorale numbers... this will (hopefully) change after students pick up schedules.
- Finalizing the Handbook/Syllabus/Calendar
 - Uniform for MS?
 - Calendar (attached)
 - NEW: X-Period Choir sings on Fall concert (and possibly Boys and Girls?)
 - NEW: Parent help for After-School rehearsals and Concerts

- Accompanist: Brenda Hartman (12 hours/week)
- ✚ Current Equipment and Supply Needs (being addressed)
 - Acoustic Piano and Keyboard (donated from community) – will need to be moved and tuned (\$)
 - Classroom equipment –Folder Cabinets, Music Sorting Rack, Director’s Chair (Dept. budget) (technology – computer projection/SmartBoard, sound/recording/etc.)
 - 3-ring Binders (Music folders) and other classroom/office supplies (\$)
- ✚ Longer-term Needs
 - Music Library – Wenger Storage Cabinets
 - Rehearsal space – Risers on flat floor
- ✚ Reimbursement for Classroom/Office and Membership Expenditures
 - OMEA/MENC (now renamed NAFME) membership = \$125
 - ACDA (access to ChoralNet Public Domain Library, Festivals, Repertoire, Standards)= \$95
 - Music Folders (3-ring binders) and other office supplies = \$_____

Again, I’m really excited to be at Finneytown, and I’m looking forward to working with both students and parents to continue the tradition of excellence in Vocal Music! Thanks in advance for all you do!

The choir calendar has some date corrections – Beth will prepare an updated one. New this year will be after-school rehearsals the day before a concert (chaperones requested, please), and she will likely have the MS kids participate in the fall concert. Discussion re: piano/Clavinova coming. Payment for moving cost can come from the equipment budget of the music dept. and requires no action on FMPA’s part. Beth will check value of the piano and consider a tax receipt vs. possibly a “goodwill gesture” payment to the owner.

Beth asked if FMPA might reimburse staff for their membership in OMEA. Dues are \$125/yr., so \$500 total for all 4 high school music staff. We have \$2,000 in our contest budget - Penny suggests we use from this area. Discussion ensued. Motion by Kim for FMPA to cover secondary campus music teachers’ fee for OMEA membership from “contest fees” budget category; second by Angela – motion passed.

HS/MS choir VP’s have nothing to report.

Band report:

1. Band Camp (Great success). All four movements are set now. Carl is extremely grateful for all the help from FMPA, parents, the community, administration, etc., in making camp happen.
2. The need for parents to help build props. We should be getting tarps within the next week or two. Jeff Smoker will help coordinate/recruit. There will be 4 story boards with the colors of the color guard flags, and Shawn Maus will do voiceovers with some of the students to explain the dream sequence.
3. Marching Shoes are in. The list of who ordered has been misplaced, but they need to be passed out.

Thanks
Carl Phlipot

Carl asked for feedback if issues arise during the transition. He is excited to be here!

Aimee – also excited to be here and said the kids are outstanding. She and Carl will be team teaching all classes as much as possible.

Re: John Marque: he will have the same job as last year – MTW 18hrs./wk with percussion, plus marching band percussion extra contract.

Band VP: Kellie – Thank you to all who helped make band camp happen.

Band T-shirts are still available for \$15.

Need 1 more chaperone for 8/24 game at UC.

8/31 picnic at the Grubbs'.

Will hold off on the instrument shelf project for now while all new staff discuss space issues.

Kim has nothing to report for MS band.

Elementary Music: Steve Jones is happy to attend the one meeting a year he can come to.

Music room painted this summer w/help of the Zimmermans.

Steve discussed the music schedule for all grades. Choirs are 3rd/4th & 5th/6th Voices of Whitaker before school starting Sept. 11/12. There are general music classes for all grades and pull-outs for band and orchestra plus a Friday incentive day for those who choose music over recess that day.

Steve hopes to order some equipment such as mallets, etc.

Laurie has nothing to report for elem. music.

Membership: Angela circulated a list of alumni families for our input and additions. She wants to send membership info to all of them. She will have a table set up at the open houses.

Marching Band Uniforms: new cuffs have been ordered. Jansi cleaned the remaining uniforms for a great price. The fitting is nearly complete already before school starts! Hemming remains but helpers are in place for that.

Concert Uniforms: Tuxes are back from the cleaners (many thanks to Jansi, who gives the school a huge break on dry cleaning)--they need to be put into numerical order, then will be ready to roll.

Dresses and skirts are clean and hung in order (thanks to Courtney & Sarah Dennis for taking care of this while I was in a meeting).

One annoying question: each year we lose 1-3 pair of tux pants. The guys obviously don't hang them up after concerts :) then return whatever dress pants they can find in their rooms (in fairness, I rescued from the bedroom floor the tux which resided at our house on a regular basis). Uniforms are tagged with size and inventory number, but nothing that says Finneytown. Would it be worth the investment to purchase custom tags to try and retain the correct items? Suggestions?

**Discussion ensued, including requiring a \$25 deposit, having students leave uniform at school and change there. Agreed to revisit this another meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Dennis

Brenda also reports a mildew problem in closet in corner by the hall – Heidi will put in a work order for this.

Newsletter. Renee absent, the newsletter is finished

Website: Bill is setting up payschools.

School Board Rep: Anita thanked the community for their support during the music staff transition. The Board has decided to place a 1.98 mill bond levy on the Nov. ballot for repair issues, to keep the buildings warm, safe, and dry.

Treasurer's Report: In Heidi Reeb's absence Penny explained the report for new members and staff. It was pointed out that the "total reserves" amt. was not right, should read \$3,979.50. Motion to approve the treasurer's report with the above-mentioned correction made by Angela, second by Colleen. Motion passed.

New Business:

Angela will ask Bill for access to online registrations. Then she can send those folks an email with the volunteer opportunities.

Table sales at football games: T-shirts, cowbells, spirit beads, fleece scarves, earrings, stadium blankets are all possible fundraisers. Brenda brought finished scarves and stadium blanket. The blanket price would need to be around \$40 in order to make it worth the time to make it.

Cookie dough: Oct. 2-22 sale. Delivery Nov. 15. VP's will help by distributing forms in music classes, collecting the orders, helping tally, etc. Much help needed on delivery day for distribution. Perhaps talking to NHS, Key Club, or F club would yield some teen helpers for delivery day.

Luminary Kit sales: Sue has been in contact w/Cathy Zimmerly about details.

Dine to Donate: Dan said to pick a night. The manager just needs 3 weeks notice, and it can't be on a Friday or Saturday. Perhaps a concert night? No update on last year's Dinner Before the Show/Bid-N-

Buy. Date for this year's DBS/Bid-N-Buy is Friday, March 1, 2013 in conjunction with the theater production.

Scholarship Recital – mentioned to new staff so they know what this is. Perhaps combine it again with senior recitals as well.

Motion to adjourn made by Angela, second by Colleen. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM