

Members present: Sue Burton, Aimee Collins, Carl Phlipot, Kellie Smoker, Angela Murphy, Glenda Esslinger, Marsha Grubbs, Heidi Reeb, Dan Deitsch, Bill Fessler, Sharon Figgs, Jennifer Schmidt, Heidi Johnson, Colleen Grogan, Penny Sauer, Brenda Dennis, Anita Ruffin

Secretary's Report:

- One correction to the September minutes (name misspelled). Motion to accept corrected September minutes made by Angela, second by Glenda. Motion passed.
- Correspondence: None received by mail. Penny noted that she received email thanks for All-State fee support from the parents of many of this year's participants: Kate Munger, Dawn Bouman, Susan Cowan, Lynn Steele, and Penny and Colleen also express thanks to FMPA.

President's Report:

- Happy Birthday to us! FMPA is 35 years old! We were born on or around 9/22/1977, depending on how you count it.
- Thanks go to Dan, Heidi R., Angela, Brenda, and Marsha for help at the Homecoming tailgate festivities.
- The Scholarship committee met and granted money for 2 band and 1 choir student, all 7th grade. Each got 5 free lessons – amounts pending as lesson fees not all known right now.
- Even though we didn't budget or pay for it this last year, FMPA had a nice ad in the 2012 yearbook. Thanks Shawn!

Music Department news: FMPA Department Report

1. Congratulations to Carl, Aimee, John, and the entire HS Marching Band on a wonderful performance and Superior rating at the Loveland Marching Band contest on Saturday!!!
2. Early Release Day - Wednesday, October 17th
3. Parent Teacher Conferences – Carl, Aimee, & I will be at the Secondary Campus on Thursday, Oct. 18th only for HS/MS conferences. (Our second conference day will be scheduled during Whitaker conferences in November at Whitaker.) Beth will be at both Secondary Campus conference evenings.
4. Just a reminder – no school on Friday, Oct. 19th (Staff In-Service Day)

Orchestra Report. 10/08/2012 FMPA Orchestra Report

1. Our first concert of the year is one week from Wednesday—Oct. 17th at 7:00pm in the PAC. The concert will start with HS String Ensemble, the MS Orchestra, then HS FUSION. Many thanks to Brenda Dennis for getting the HS fitted for uniforms, and Jen Schmidt (and Glenda Esslinger) for taking care of the MS Polo Shirts, which are due to arrive probably later this week or early next week.

2. The pops group formerly known as the 5th grade “Blue Diamonds” is continuing this year and already has their first gig lined up! The 6th grade “Phenomenons” (Phenoms for short) will be playing at the Veterans Day celebration being held at Whitaker on Sunday, Nov. 11 from 1:00-2:30pm.

Sunday, November 11th (Veteran's Day)- 1:00-2:30 Honoring Veterans Celebration- This event will honor veterans (**if you know of any local veterans please let us know so we can invite them**). There will be a cookout of hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs and possibly pulled pork 1:00-2:00 with opportunities to write a thank you note to veterans, face painting, games, etc. 2:00 - 2:15 a strings concert of patriotic songs directed by Heidi Johnson will be performed. 12 by 8 inch flags will be sold to place in front of the school to show our support. All proceeds from this event will go to Honor Flight which provides flights for veterans to go to Washington, DC to see their war memorials. **We can use donations of canned pop, ketchup, mustard, strawberries, blue berries, and whipped cream. If you can help in any way at this community event please let me know.**

3. 4th grade Strings is getting started this week, with 48 students already signed up and 4 more days to go before the deadline.

Heidi M. Johnson

Heidi added that she saw Josh Bell at SCPA and it was great to see him interacting w/the students.

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

Choral report: Beth unable to attend tonight – written report as follows

--> 5 new guys in MS Boys choir since last report... bringing our total to 18! (And they're

starting to sound really good!)

--> FALL CONCERT, TUESDAY 10/23 @ 7 pm. All HS and MS choirs will sing, including a combined piece with ALL 166 choir members on stage to end the concert!
NEED PARENT CHAPERONES FOR CONCERT.

--> We will have a "dress rehearsal" on MONDAY, 10/22 during the school day, and would like parent volunteers to help monitor the students in the PAC. 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

--> After the dress rehearsal, we'd like to have a pizza lunch from 12:30-1:00... NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO ORDER/DELIVER/SERVE/CLEAN-UP. Also need to provide drinks, plates, napkins, etc. My thinking: 160 students x 2 slices= 320 slices... 8 slices per pizza... need 40 pizzas??? x \$6-7 (Papa John's school discount) = \$280. OTHER IDEAS/CONNECTIONS?

--> UNIFORM fittings are going well I think (ask Brenda Dennis!) Instead of polo shirts, Middle School choirs will wear ALL BLACK. Sharon Figgs is looking into purchasing a few black dress shirts for boys to purchase from us. NO CHANGES to HS uniforms.

--> "KIRSTIN'S KLOSET" -- We have two new choir students - sisters coming to us from Texas - who have started a charity for children's hospitals. They collect pajamas for kids who have to stay in the hospital for an extended period of time... The Finneytown choirs have taken this project on as their own, and will be asking for donations (monetary or PJs) at the concert. See publicity blurb below:

Finneytown Secondary Campus Vocal Music Department will present their Fall Concert on Tuesday, October 23 @ 7:00 p.m. There is no admission charge for this concert, but we are collecting donations of children's 2-piece, button-front pajamas to be donated to "Kirstin's Kloset" – a charity started by two sisters who sing here in our Finneytown choirs. "Kirstin's Kloset" contributes children's pajamas to Cincinnati Children's Hospital to try to make a child's hospital stay a little more comfortable. New pajamas (with tags, please) and/or monetary donations welcome at the door!

--> WINTER CONCERT, THURSDAY 12/13 @ 7 pm -- Parent chaperones needed.

--> Dress Rehearsal WEDNESDAY 12/13 -- EARLY RELEASE DAY... We WILL rehearse immediately after school, from 1-3 p.m. Students can go out to lunch after that if they want.

--> LOTS of holiday singing opportunities and events that a variety of choral groups will be involved with. In addition to our WINTER CONCERT (DECEMBER 13), we will have groups

singing at Brookdale, The Grove, Parky's Farm, Northminster Presbyterian Church, and possibly downtown at PNC Bank. Also, choirs will sing the day after our concert on Dec 14 at the Senior Citizen Breakfast at the school.

--> Auditions for OVERTURE AWARDS participants in the Vocal Music category will be held the week of 10/15... Finneytown HS has had more interest this year than ever before, with 17 students applying for 12 spots (2 in each of 6 categories). We have four interested in entering the Vocal Music Category, and we can send only two.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Hofferber

Discussion of report, etc.: Question of where cost for rehearsal pizza is coming from – choir budget vs.? VP's will check w/Beth on this. Sharon & Glenda will get chaperones for rehearsals and concert. (Kim volunteered by email but Sharon will be in touch with her). Choir cookie dough orders have been requested to turn in by Oct. 18 since no school on the 19th. Dan is working on publicity in Hilltop for Kirstin's Kloset.

HS/MS choir VP's have nothing additional to report.

Band report:

The marching band did a great job on Saturday at the Loveland Band Contest. The band took 1st place band in class B, and best color guard and percussion in class B. The band also qualified for State Marching Band Finals.

The marching band will be going to state on either Oct. 28th (Sunday) or Nov. 4th (Sunday) We should know as soon as we get our money turned in. I will need \$210 made out to OMEA

A big thank you to the scholarship committee for helping to give 7th grade students the ability to take private lessons. We are in the process of getting them started on lessons.

Thank you!
Mr. Phlipot and Ms. Collins

Aimee reports that MS band will be consistent in dress w/MS choir, so will be in all black. Honor band auditions will be in early November.

\$1200 was spent repairing instruments. Currently every elem. student has an instrument but we still need more for the future & reserves.

Band VP's: Kellie – Thank you's are in the upcoming newsletter. Kellie is looking for a replacement for herself next year to be HS band VP. The person she thought might do it has turned her down. No report from Kim for MS band.

Elementary Music:

Laurie has nothing to report for elem. music.

Membership: 2 checks mean 69 general memberships, 29 patron, 11 alumni (2 new).

Marching Band Uniforms: Band Uniform Report--

Over the years, moms have generously purchased dozens of black socks for those students who have forgotten to bring black socks to performances. Although we have always asked that they be returned the next week laundered, that has rarely happened. There has also not been any consequences when students lost their gloves. In order to help the students become more responsible, Mr. Philipot with the approval of Mr. Fisher, is allowing us to begin fining the students when they do not return their gloves or a borrowed pair of socks. The fine will be \$3.00/pair of gloves or socks. When the students forget their black socks, they will be loaned a pair of socks, and no fine will be given UNLESS the pair is not returned the next week, laundered. As for the gloves, our hope is that the fine will encourage the students to keep better track of them and not lay them down just anywhere. Marsha Grubbs

Heidi R. requests an update on MB shoes, which returned, which newly ordered, etc. Glenda will figure it out.

Concert Uniforms: Fittings for orchestra and the high school choirs are complete, with the exception of one or two ladies (on my end, not theirs). One new Chorale dress and 9 new Women's Chorus dresses were purchased due to sizing issues, totaling \$551.05. Included in this amount was the purchase of 12 black bow ties, as my supply of "Oops, I forgot my bow tie" ties is getting low.

One new tuxedo for Chorale and 3 pair of trousers for the other groups have been ordered and should be in in good time for the choral concert. That purchase total was \$204.75 (invoice yet to come).

Hemming volunteers are welcomed :) Band fittings will commence Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during X period as soon as they finish marching.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Dennis
Concert Wear Diva

Newsletter: Renee not here due to illness. Dan will ask Jessica Wobig to write an article on Kirsten's Kloset. Need articles by Oct. 10. Hard deadline is Oct. 12 NO LATER.

Discussion veered to publishing articles in the Hilltop – suggestion for a marching band/drum majors/trophies photo w/article. Glenda volunteered Todd to write something up.

Website: Online portal should be ready to go by next week. Discussed who will hold which positions for PaySchools - Bill now recommends that he be global administrator and Heidi R. be business administrator to have access to all reporting, since she is treasurer. He will set Angela up as "authorized reporter for membership". Right now we will offer memberships and shirts online, and add luminaries as details coalesce. If a memorial or alumni donation is given, there's no way to indicate the "who". So Bill will add a line to the effect of "you will be contacted to find out in whose name your donation is being given." There is a 3 ½ % transaction fee, which we hope to recoup by increased giving w/ease of online availability. If one has a PaySchools account already, you can use the same login info. Penny will put this info in the newsletter.

School Board Rep: Community forum 10/10/12 at 7 pm re: upcoming bond levy.

Treasurer's Report: Discussion/clarification of various line items. Motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Colleen, second by Angela. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Savory Sweets Fall Fundraiser – Discussion of various timetables for VP's to pick up orders: 10/24 for Voices of Whitaker Weds. Group, 10/20 for HS band, 10/18 for choirs, etc. Money counting will be 10/22 & 10/24 at 7:30 at Colleen's. On 10/26 teachers please contact VP's if any remaining money is in your possession so the order can be completed. Carl and Aimee need help w/data entry for elementary & MS band parent email list. Laurie will help and we will check w/Kim if she can help w/MS parent email list data entry. Freezer space for extra dough – Jennifer and Laurie both have some. Anyone who can help during the day of 11/15 to sort/organize dough distribution is very needed. Start 9am, pizza lunch provided.
- Dine to Donate – Graeters – Dan expects a yes but can't speak w/the mgr. until he is back from a trip. Dan will inform once they talk – leave space in newsletter. Applebee's – new manager so 11/9&10 dates are off. Dan got memorabilia from Heidi J., more is helpful, old photos, etc. Heidi will send copies of the fight song and alma mater.
- Light Up Finneytown – will be Sunday Dec. 16 at 7 pm. Promo flyers were passed out at the parade by Penny and Angela. Sue got sand, candles, etc. from Cathy Z. and is starting to organize it all. If we can encourage members to spread the word on their streets to neighbors it should help business. Plan to sell at all holiday concerts.

Motion to adjourn made by Glenda and seconded by Colleen. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.