

FMPA Minutes January 14, 2013

Members present: Sue Burton, Dan Deitsch, Angela Murphy, Kim Fain, Jennifer Schmidt, Laurie Matzko, Brenda Dennis, Heidi Reeb, Carl Philipot, Aimee Collins, Beth Hofferber, Anita Ruffin, Bill Fessler, Glenda Esslinger, Heidi Johnson, Colleen Grogan, Marsha Grubbs, Kellie Smoker, Renee Keith, Penny Sauer. Guests present were representatives of PEM Memorial Committee Martha Biederman, Steve Bentz, John & Toni Hutchins.

Secretary's Report – Sue Burton

No additions/corrections to November minutes. Motion to accept November 2012 minutes was made by Glenda, second by Colleen. Motion passed. No correspondence received other than bills/notifications. Thank-you's were written to our Light Up Finneytown Sponsors – Curves, Buddy Rogers, and Warren Gase DDS.

President's Report/PEM committee - Penny welcomed members of the PEM Memorial Committee to give a report. They came to highlight their purpose as a group, to honor the memory of those who died in 1979 and to help "build three dreams" by offering 3 scholarships to FHS seniors who will major or minor in fine arts/music in college. They will consider all areas of the arts including music, visual, theater, literary, culinary, and landscaping arts. This year's scholarships are worth \$2,500 each, April 1 application deadline. www.pemmemorial.org has all details. They requested help from us in getting the word out to the current school community and we discussed additional publicity areas – announce in programs, at concerts, scheduling fair, open house, FMPA website, etc. Related, Penny thanked Marsha Grubbs for serving hot drinks and cookies at the PEM concert in December – and Marsha added thanks for the support of Angela, Glenda, and Dan who were also involved.

Music Department and Orchestra report: Heidi Johnson

Concerts went well. FUSION played at Museum Center Rotunda & at Whitaker Elementary in December--well received both places.

Bye Bye Birdie is up and running (running being the operative word--there's so much to do and so little time). We are looking for a parent(s) who would be interested in taking on the role of costumes coordinator. Anyone interested, come talk to the producer (that's me).

ALSO - we are looking for a button maker to use to help advertise the show--does anyone know where we can borrow one?

Concert season is over until March....

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi

In addition: MS Honor Orchestra performing this Sat Jan. 19 4 pm Princeton HS.

Colleen added that seeing FUSION perform at Whitaker was a lot of fun. The elementary kids treat them like rock stars!

Jennifer brought up the challenge of finding chaperones for concerts – she got no response. Seems a few parents are willing but most are not responsive, across the board. Ensuing discussion about chaperones for all concerts, Beth said Mr. Fisher has a ‘supervision’ budget out of which he can pay teachers to chaperone events. Many seem interested in this option.

FMPA Director’s Report – MS/HS Choirs Monday, January 14, 2013

“OLD BUSINESS”

- Successful Winter Concert on December 13, 2012. Thanks to ALL parents/chaperones/helpers!
 - Issues with supervision of MS students, being addressed with administration for future (“Supervision” Fund that could be used to “hire” teachers to supervise backstage)
- Chorale performed (to great acclaim) at Springfield Twsp Showcase, Brookdale, Northminster, and Senior Citizen breakfast
- 4 participants/singers competed in OVERTURES this past weekend
 - Tara Keller & Julia McDannold in Classical Vocal; Ben Burton & Katie Connell in Musical Theatre

“NEW BUSINESS” -- BUSY, BUSY, BUSY!!!

- **Musical** - Vocal rehearsals for BYE, BYE, BIRDIE have begun. Intensive after school rehearsals through January, then on-stage and “off-book” in February (at which point Hofferber takes over rehearsal/ conducting of pit orchestra ... many thanks to Heidi for rehearsing the orchestra in December/January!)
- **High School S&E Contest** - Saturday 1/26/2013 at Elder HS
 - 3 Soloists (Tara Keller, Krista Lee, Beth Morgan)
 - 3 Ensembles
 - Heather Gamble, Maureen Hickey, Janelle Bauman, Allison Gast
 - Julia McDannold, Mac Gill, Jocelyn Parks, Megan Zimmerer, Maria Gast, Becca Huff
 - Jeff Grogan, Caleb Burton, Nile Ross, Ben Burton (?)
 - Thank you for check cut before break to District 14 for both vocal and instrumental fees.
 - Need check cut today for Brenda Hartman (accompanist for vocal & instrumental) = \$195
- **All-State Choir** – All-day rehearsal at Otterbein, Saturday 1/19, 2013.
 - Jeff Grogan, Julia McDannold, Megan Zimmerer, Thomas Steel (parents carpooling?)
 - Students will attend/sing at the OMEA Annual Conference, February 7-9, 2013 (Concert on FRIDAY, February 8 @ 8:00 p.m.)
- **OMEA Annual Conference**, Columbus, OH, Thursday – Saturday, February 7-9, 2013
 - Help with expenses?
- **High School Large Group District Contest** - Friday-Saturday, 3/15-16, 2013 at Princeton
 - Music selected for Men’s, Women’s, Chorale.
 - Need check/PO for registration fee (\$180 per group, \$540 total) ASAP. (FMPA or Board?)
 - Need parent chaperones for buses and homerooms – more info next month

CALENDAR CHANGE !!! Pre-Contest “Warm-Up” Concert (High School only) changed from Tuesday, March 5 to **Wednesday, March 13**. (change approved by Jack Fisher).

- **Groups/Websites/Organizations of Interest** for parent music booster groups:
 - Southwest Ohio Music Booster Consortium (on Facebook) – advocacy, fundraising, volunteering
 - Association of Music Parents (AMP) <http://amparents.org/> - MISSION: "... ensure that music and the arts remain an integral discipline within the core educational system in America."
- **Junior High Honor Choir members**
 - Hunter Figgs, BJ Ward, Lizzie Alrichs, Amy Hughes, Alissa Wuorinen, Jackie Zimmer
 - The concert is at Princeton on Saturday, February 23 @ 5:30 pm.

Band report: Carl Phlipot –

Concert band is up and running well.

Janelle Bouman advanced to the semi-finals in flute for the Overture awards.

Solo & Ensemble times are posted on facebook and in the band room.

Carl will send out the marching band packet before too many more weeks. He has not yet set a date for a parent meeting re: marching band 2013.

Aimee had nothing to add. Kellie when asked reports there is a couple considering whether to be the band VP parents for next season – they are about 50-50 now on their decision.

MS band: The holiday band concert went well. After they performed the middle school students were asked to stay for the high school portion of the concert and were seated in the balcony area. Despite a few students who misbehaved, the majority were fine. Thanks to the high school parents who helped me wrangle the kids. Although I did make an effort to get some middle school parents to help, I will most definitely need to enlist more help for the next concert if they will be watching the high school portion of the concert from the balcony. Respectfully submitted, Kim Fain

Elementary Music: Laurie had good success in her last-minute appeal for chaperones for the instrumental concert in Dec.

Membership: To end 2012 we have ***77 family 30 patron 13 alumni 5 memorial***

Prior to ending the admission fee for concerts, when FMPA membership included free admission at the end of 2011 we had ***100 family 36 patron 4 alumni 9 memorial donors.***

Discussion about sending a reminder to past members who have not joined this year – Angela will do so. History of rationale for Superintendent Robertson’s decision to end concert admission fees was given – since it is curricular and required for a grade, admission not charged. Per Heidi J., BOE increased funding to music budget to offset loss of admission fees.

Marching Band Uniform Report: No report, but Penny thanked Marsha for continuing to sell scarves and earrings at concerts, where she sold quite a few.

Uniforms: The backordered trousers from UniformalWearHouse (mentioned in the Nov. report) have arrived, so all ordered items have now been received. Deepest thanks to everyone who hemmed, fitted, delivered, or assisted in any way with the concert uniforms. Everyone looked great from where I was sitting!

Brenda Dennis

Newsletter: Renee Keith

Article deadline is this Friday, Jan. 18. Renee will add Ian Esslinger to Cincinnati Young Men's Choir and will add Jr. High honor choir members. Also will include info about alumni singing in Carnegie Hall. She will include inserts for Dinner Before the Show, Bye Bye Birdie, and FMPA membership. Will adjust forms to include "Order online" info.

Website: Bill Fessler

Payschools is working out for our online orders. We will include buying Dinner Before the Show tickets online. Heidi R. reports a 4-7 day processing time to get from PaySchools order into our bank account.

School Board Representative: Anita will continue to be our BOE representative for 2013. Laura Horn is board president and Jim Dickerson is VP. Important meeting Jan. 22 to seek input on the superintendant search. Anita encourages many to come. Feb. 15 is closing date for applications for superintendant.

Treasurer's Report: Heidi Reeb

Discussion of flow-throughs

- A) MB shoes \$100 balance will be moved to MB expenses under uniforms and will close.
- B) Orchestra will absorb \$50 into expenses & Heidi J. still waiting for \$25 – leave open.
- C) Solo/Ensemble – leave open, some will still come in.
- D) Incentives – much money still left to be used by those who earned it

Heidi R. proposed we add \$40 to "other donations" rather than reopening cookie dough and luminary accounts to add \$20 to each. Straggler money that came into FMPA mailbox late.

Motion to accept treasurer's report with above additions made by Renee, second by Angela. Motion passed. Heidi will also send AfterProm donation now.

New Business

Fall Fundraisers recap –

Cookie Dough - This year we sold 2,434 items for a total income of \$14,604 before incentives.

See the chart below for comparisons to sales from the last four years:

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Items sold	2434	2869	2811	2943
Price per item	\$12	\$11	\$10	\$10
Income	\$14,601	\$16,431	\$13,699	\$14,341

(before incentives)

As you can see, this was our second most profitable sale in recent years, however, we sold over 400 fewer items than last year.

Not sure why our sales were down. Could be because we raised the price, but we know that many schools are selling this same product for \$15 per item. If anyone has suggestions or comments as to why people sold less, or how we can improve sales for next year, please let me know.

Even though we would have liked to have sold more items, \$14,601 is still good profit from one fundraiser, so thank you to everyone for your help with this year's sale!

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Sauer

Luminaries - 2012 Light Up Finneytown Luminary report

This was a learning year for me, taking over from Cathy Zimmerly. She was helpful in launching me in the right direction.

Total income \$1,195

Total expenses 204.80

Net income \$ 990.20

We had budgeted to make \$1,000 – which I did not even look at - and we got very close! We sold around 101 kits and I donated a few more to the business sponsors. This is fewer sales than 2010 but more than 2011.

- o Online sales through PaySchools (thanks again, Bill, for setting that up!) included **26** kits from 14 family units – 6 of whom are on the FMPA board

- Sales from order forms (in take-home folders, FMPA newsletter, etc.) – **30**
- Sales from “walk-ups” at music concerts – around **55** kits

What worked well:

Free sand from Bushelman’s in Woodlawn; the weather cooperated both for garage assembly AND Light Up night; I surprised 2 families w/kits, both were very pleased and participated

Oopses:

One kit was short some candles, One kit was without the bags (who was in charge of quality control, anyway??!), One person’s form came in after the fact, One person got forgotten somehow – Sorry Glenda!! We figured out how it happened.

Considerations for next year:

- Start the process earlier ☺ Remind me of this at the October meeting!
- Accept the offers to help assemble kits/deliver – have an assembly party date
- Improve publicity – to non-music high school families and “non-public-school” Finneytown community as well (sell @basketball game, electronic sign, yard signs w/website, Hilltop, facebook, etc. I know lots of ideas, just didn’t make them happen...)
- Enlist street captain volunteers
- ? change time to earlier - ?6pm-9 or 10pm – since dark by then
- Pricing structure – maybe 3 kits for \$25. We sell 12 bags for \$10. Light Up Wyoming JWC sells 20 bags for \$12 (just for comparison).

THANK YOU’S to: Angela Murphy (assembly & concert sales), Sharon Figgs, Heidi Reeb, & Marsha Grubbs (concert sales)

Respectfully submitted, Sue Burton

Dinner Before the Show Planning –

Event Coordinator – Penny

Set-Up/Décor – Penny

Kitchen/Food – Angela

Desserts & Drinks – Marsha

Bid and Buy – Dan

Pre-sales tickets/ticket table – Renee/Sue/Kellie & Jeff

Entertainment – OPEN POSITION. Need 7 acts total – it was suggested to ask the PEM band to be one; Penny will have a group; 5th/6th Voices of Whitaker will be one.

LaRosa’s is on board even w/a new manager

Joan Gordon checking on salad through her work

Décor will be 50's

Emcee possibilities – names that came up were Jay Valerio and Scott Steele

Yes we can use the kitchen (it's leased to Milford schools) but will need a Milford staff person there – unknown if we will need to pay that staff person.

All please help w/soliciting Bid and Buy items, large and small. Services and baked goods both go well. Penny will check w/DBS coordinators for a future planning session.

A motion to adjourn was made by Colleen and seconded by Glenda. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.