

FMPA Minutes February 11, 2013

Secretary's Report – Sue Burton

No additions/corrections to January 2013 minutes. Motion to accept January 2013 minutes was made by Angela, second by Colleen. Motion passed. No correspondence received other than bills/DBS ticket order.

President's Report/PEM committee - Penny enjoyed attending the All State Orchestra performance. While there she saw the award given for outstanding music support group (the award FMPA won last year) – given to a band parent group from the Dayton area. Penny would like us to go through our agenda in reverse order tonight, so we will start with new business.

Dinner Before the Show Planning –

Entertainment - Rick Kennedy will be emcee for the evening. Entertainment thus far includes Penny's group, Fusion, Voices of Whitaker 5/6th, elem. Ensemble the Phenomenons, 2 elementary strings soloists. Have not had a response yet to whether PEM band will perform. Penny has a 50's CD to use as filler between acts.

Heidi will be in charge of sound.

Binghams will coordinate bringing risers back over to PAC at the end of the performances.

Kitchen – Angela starting new job, so she will need a kitchen coordinator from 3pm-6pm when she can arrive. Names were given as possibilities, Angela will tell Penny when she has a particular person to be a point person for those hours. Names coming include Gloria at 5 pm, Linda D., ?Clausings, Brian Baty will be pot wrangler. Jennifer can help starting at 5:30. 17 more people needed. Brenda D. will pick up the food.

Desserts/drinks – Marsha will email for 2 liters & is getting desserts. Drop off after 3:30.

Tickets – Heidi J. is buying the tickets for Fusion performers. All Whitaker performers get one free ticket (Sue will get a list of these names from Heidi J. and Steve Jones). No one else gets a free ticket. Penny sent a letter for Steve to send home to families of Whitaker performers so they know about the fundraiser and that food is only for those who have purchased tickets. Renee will send ticket order forms to Glenda for distribution at Brent. Heidi R. will provide \$100 in change for us to start with for ticket sales. Sue & Kellie will make signs for tables & each get a person to stamp hands at food entry point, Sue to get hand stamps from Cathy Z.

Renee reports that pre-sale tickets are going very slowly thus far. Online ordering is going smoothly.

Bid and Buy – Dan feels he is doing well w/soliciting items but has very little from anyone else. Names and possible items were given to him. Penny will publicize on the fb music pages. Suggestion to try to also solicit items that kids would want to bid on.

Scholarship Report: Penny – 2 applications were submitted, 1 for lessons and 1 for band camp. Total of \$178 approved.

Treasurer's Report: Heidi Reeb

Report reviewed, no major questions. Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Glenda, second by Colleen. Motion passed.

Music Department and Orchestra report: Heidi Johnson

Xian Nian Kwai Le! (Chinese Happy New Year - It's the Year of the Snake)

All-State groups performed this weekend in Columbus--they were marvelous!
Congrats to all of the participating Finneytown students and their families.

Elementary - Whitaker Instrumental Concert & Elem. PTA Ice Cream Social (their favorite concert of the year) will be held Tuesday, 3/12 at the PAC, followed by free ice cream sundaes for all in the MP!

Band portion of the concert will start at 6:30pm;

Strings portion of the concert will start at 7:15pm.

Band audience will go to the MP for ice cream around 7:00ish

Strings audience will go to the MP for ice cream around 8:00ish.

HS FUSION and 6th grade PHENOMENONS have agreed to perform at Dinner and A Show. I also have a couple of students who would like to perform solos (I will have instrument mics for their violins), and maybe a singer or two.....

FYI - There won't be any X-period Orchestra classes during the OGT Testing week, March 11-15.

SECONDARY CAMPUS ORCHESTRA CONCERT is Thursday, March 21st.

Finneytown Night at the Symphony is being held again this year, thanks to Dr. & Mrs. Newell. The date is Thursday, April 4th light supper at 6:15pm, concert at 7:30pm. 200 free tickets are available! Please call or email (preferred) Heidi at hjohnson@finneytown.org if you would like to reserve some of these tickets.

The Music Dept. is still in discussion about a change for the April 18th scholarship concert...stay tuned.....

That's all I can think of for now! I will be at musical rehearsal until 6pm, then the meeting at 7pm. I will need to leave the meeting around 8pm to get Pei-Pei from the babysitter and home to bed.

Thanks,
Heidi

Neither Orchestra VP had anything more to add.

School Board Representative: Anita reported on the superintendent search. Thus far there are around 25 applicants. Initial interviews will be in early March.

Website: Bill - Not much to report other than Payschools occasionally goes down for brief periods of time.

Newsletter: Renee – will need more help w/collating future newsletters due to a machine change. It can no longer be done when it is copied.

Uniforms: nothing to report.

Marching Band Uniforms: nothing to report.

Membership: Angela – sent an email reminder to past members who did not join this year. The email yielded 3 more memberships.

Elementary Music: Laurie – nothing to report

Band report: Carl Philipot – Meeting for 2013 marching band parents Feb. 21 at 6:30 in the MP.

Band bus has died so new trailers need to be purchased – Carl has discussed w/Mr. Fisher. The goal is 2 trailers, perhaps 18 or 24', to be pulled by school vans. Cost \$15,000.

In light of this, and higher cost for band camp this year (camp will be off-site), Carl is introducing a band-only fundraiser – Pie Peddler. Grades 5-12 participating, orders due March 6, pick up date March 19 (Tues.). Cost is \$12 with \$6 profit per pie. Help for delivery day needed – Glenda, Heidi, Penny volunteered thus far to help sort and tally orders.

Re: other fundraising for trailers – Jenny Jones has a matching donation form with info re: FMPA that can be used for employers if anyone is interested. Also suggestions about applying for grants to help w/cost. Deb Amend said once she has experience writing grants.

MS band: Nothing to report

FMPA Director's Report – MS/HS Choirs

“OLD BUSINESS”

- **Musical** - Vocal rehearsals for BYE, BYE, BIRDIE – we are 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 TODAY in my absence!)
- **All-State Choir**
 - Jeff Grogan, Julia McDannold, Megan Zimmerer, Thomas Steel performed at OMEA CONFERENCE this past weekend... OUTSTANDING CONCERT!
 - See letter from this year's All-State Choir coordinator:

Hello All-State students, teachers, and parents,

I have a feeling that the All-State singers feel as I do - my heart is full after the experience we shared this weekend with Dr. Miller and the All-State Choir.

The music is still sounding in my mind - especially *Veni Sancte Spiritus* (gotta love driving that bumpy car!), *Ballad to the Moon* (so hauntingly beautiful), and *Cloudburst*, (by memory!). However, what made the deepest impression on my heart is the wonderful human beings who comprise the All-State Choir.

I knew all along that the students would be talented musicians and singers (what a treat!), but what really impressed me was the singers' deep connection with the power of music, the easy way they became friends with people very different from themselves, their intense concentration and commitment to quality, and the respectful and warm way they treated others.

You have uplifted us all, and I will never forget this gift you have shared.

Here is to a wonderful future sharing your gift of music with a "thirsty world."

Thank you for everything,

Dr. Walker

Dr. Gayle Walker, Director of Choral Activities

Otterbein University

- **OMEA Annual Conference**, Columbus, OH, Thursday – Saturday, February 7-9, 2013
 - attended many workshops, reading sessions, and performances
 - heard/found excellent repertoire for both MS and HS, for future concerts and contests
 - perused and purchased Vocal Solo/Ensemble collections needed for our library
 - initiated conversations with several TRAVEL companies – considering a TRIP in 2014 for Chorale (40-ish students 3-4 chaperones, plus Hofferber and Hartman ... see “NEW” Business
- **High School Large Group District Contest** - Friday-Saturday, 3/15-16, 2013
 - HS Men’s, Women’s, and Chorale are registered and paid. No word on performance times yet.
 - Need parent chaperones for buses and homerooms – more info next month

CALENDAR CHANGE !!!

- Pre-Contest “Warm-Up” Concert changed from Tuesday, March 5 to **Wednesday, March 13.**
- Now reflected on school calendar/website.
- **HIGH SCHOOL CHOIRS ONLY!** NO Middle School choirs will sing on this concert.

“NEW BUSINESS” -- STILL BUSY, BUSY, BUSY!!!

- **Music Department “SHOWCASE” (replacing “Faculty Scholarship Concert”)**
 - Auditions on March 20, after school
 - Showcase on April 18 @ 7 p.m.
 - Details TBD – still under discussion with music dept. faculty
- **Chorale Trip, April 2013 – UNDER DISCUSSION (prompted by kids!)**
 - Kids want to go to NYC (but there are other less expensive options: Nashville, Minneapolis, Chicago, even Cincinnati is an interesting possibility!) I talked to several tour companies at OMEA and already have a couple of proposals coming in...
 - Regardless of destination, we need to start thinking about \$\$\$ and fundraising.
 - Ballpark max = \$650? Is this do-able? (can’t really do NYC for much less)
 - Some companies will start collecting THIS YEAR, so cost can be spread out over 10-12 months (families make monthly payments online)
 - Chaperones may or may not be “free” – depending upon company, destination, etc. IS THIS A PROBLEM?
 - **THIS IS TRULY IN THE VERY PRELIMINARY PLANNING STAGES....** Just wanted to get the idea “out there” for more focused discussion at our March meeting. (I will have much more detailed information by then.)

Choir VP’s had nothing to add.

Before adjournment Dan added two items – Boosters are starting a 5k Wildcat run/walk April 6th. Also he is looking for a steel drum band/performers for afterprom entrance (do not share that with students).

A motion to adjourn was made by Colleen and seconded by Angela. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.