

FMPA Minutes March 11, 2013

Members present Sue Burton, Heidi Johnson, Colleen Grogan, Beth Hofferber, Carl Philipot, Sharon Figgs, Glenda Esslinger, Dan Deitsch (*note cell is 617-1347), Penny Sauer, Heidi Reeb, Marsha Grubbs (*note cell is 520-7992), Bill Fessler, Angela Murphy, Jennifer Schmidt, Brenda Dennis

Secretary's Report – Sue Burton

Only correction to Feb. minutes was adding Marsha's cell phone number (and now Dan's today is listed above as well). Motion to accept February 2013 minutes was made by Colleen, second by Glenda. Motion passed. No correspondence received other than FAA Wildcat Run. One thank you written to Brentwood Auto for their \$100 donation. Colleen requests I thank Terry Owen from Silk Road Textiles for her donation to the bid n buy.

President's Report – Dinner Before the Show seemed to go smoothly and Penny commends all who helped. She would like us to go through our agenda in reverse order again tonight, so we will start with new business.

New Business -

- **Dinner Before the Show Recap** - Dan did well with Bid N Buy, close to \$2,000. Net income for the dinner portion was around \$1900 but some expenses still out. We will clear around \$3700 and the budget was \$3500. Yay! The only item not sold was an FAA baseball sign-up - Dan thinks he can sell that. It was published as past the deadline but is still good.

Someone asked for a list of all the items and what the high bid was. Dan will work on this. He said that baskets of goods clear a smaller profit and services bid out well. He also asks for next year that both others start getting items sooner and he will start working on coordinating it all sooner as well. ***For those who solicited items, please write your own thank you and notify Dan.*** He will do others and Sue volunteered also to help with thank yous if anyone notifies her. Penny did KAO Bistro for the salad, LaRosa's for the spagh., etc., and Dave Clausen for his extra help in the kitchen. Hand stamping seemed to work well other than some coats would drop down over the hand so hard to always see the stamp.

For next year – we received 30#'s of salad and had a lot left over since number of attendees seemed down this year. Also many desserts left over. Speculation that not having 3rd/4th Voices of Whitaker probably impacted the numbers.

Also for next year we should consider senior citizen pricing (perhaps student price?). Separate table for pre-ordered tickets worked well. We had enough change to start with this year.

- **Scholarship Recital** - We are naming it the "Music Department Scholarship Showcase". 10-12 spots avail. for auditioned acts – instrumental, vocal, or dance. It is an audition, not just a "show us what will perform". Brenda Hartman has traditionally organized this – will check w/her

on past pricing. We talked of keeping the student admission price fairly low if we go ahead w/Carl's idea of having jars to vote on the acts you want to win - \$1 each, winning acts get a prize. That way students wd. still have \$ to vote on their favorite acts.

- **Pie Deliveries** – 662 pies to deliver! 640 sold, 15 free, 7 extra ordered. Delivery is 1 pm 3/19 in the MP, ***Penny looking for help***. Colleen, Glenda, Sue volunteered to help. Jennifer can freeze pies that are not picked up that day. Penny will contact the large orders to ask them to come early for pickup if possible. Other orders will fill as they come for pickup, have order checked by FMPA before leaving. Pickup is 3-6 pm.
- **Possible Dine to Donate** – discussion around Dine to Donate, pure profit (anywhere from \$30 to a few hundred) vs. area restaurants may be getting saturated with the use of this tool. Penny will explore possibly doing one at Buffalo Wings and Rings. Question raised as to what the BOE/admin will do to help w/band trailer purchase if we do not raise full amt. No answer currently, Heidi J. feels they will help in some fashion but that discussion has not happened yet. Also Finneytown Foundation may be approached after we see how much we can raise first.
- **Board positions for 2013-14 school year** – current board, ***be thinking of whether you want to continue on the board for next year, in your current position or a different one. Let Penny know.*** The following are the KNOWN positions. *Those not listed just means Penny has not heard a definite answer yet from those current board members.*

President: OPEN

Secretary: Sue Burton

Membership: Angela Murphy

Treasurer: Heidi Reeb

HS Orchestra VP: Filled (name?)

MS Orchestra VP: Jennifer Schmidt

HS Band VP: OPEN

Marching Uniforms: OPEN

Webmaster: Bill Fessler

Cookie Dough fundraiser: Penny Sauer

Luminary fundraiser: Sue Burton

Treasurer's Report: Heidi Reeb

Report reviewed, no major questions. Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Colleen, second by Angela. Motion passed. Penny will draw the raffle ticket for the free band camp on 3/18. (3/18 note: It was won by Corinne Saul. Congratulations Corinne!)

Music Department and Orchestra report: Heidi Johnson

Elementary - Ice Cream Social Concert tomorrow night Band 6:30; Strings 7:15 I could use extra chaperones and tuners (students/adults)

HS/MS Orchestra Concert - Thursday, March 21

Finneytown Night at the Symphony - Thursday, April 4

Fusion performing at PTA District Celebration on Wednesday, April 17

Music Dept. Showcase - April 18

New Scholarships! Michael Bany Memorial Scholarship \$1500 per year for music major (Ed. Note: Michael was a bass guitar player FHS '72, killed in '95). Avail. through Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation.

Tad Lasonczyk Memorial Scholarship, also for a music major
PEM Scholarship for fine arts major

Good news from the Foundation! Someone (who owned Virginia Bakery) donated \$1000 for the orchestra program.

Alumni Ryan Young's parents donated his 4/4 cello to Finneytown (it was collecting dust in the closet), worth \$1800.00

Uniforms - just an FYI that Jansi Cleaners was sold last Sept. I don't know if this will affect uniform cleaning or not.....

Just saw it on the website - Meet the Superintendent candidates, April 2 6-9:45pm

Neither Orchestra VP had anything more to add.

FMPA Director's Report - MS/HS Choirs MARCH 11, 2013 Beth Hofferber

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.

- **High School Choirs - "Contest Warm-Up" Concert WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 @ 7 p.m.**
 - Need a few chaperones - very short concert, just 3 songs for each of the 3 choirs.
- **High School Large Group District Contest** - Friday-Saturday, 3/15-16, 2013

- HS Men's, Women's, and Chorale are registered and paid.
- Performance times:
 - MEN: 4:50 p.m.
 - WOMEN: 6:10 p.m.
 - CHORALE: 7:10 p.m.
- Need parent chaperones for buses and homerooms
 - MEN: Be at school @ 3:00 p.m., return to Finneytown @ 6:15 p.m.
 - WOMEN: Be at school @ 4:00 p.m., return to Finneytown around 8:45 p.m.
 - CHORALE: Be at school @ 5:00 p.m., return to Finneytown around 8:45 p.m.
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- **Music Department "SHOWCASE" (replacing "Faculty Scholarship Concert")**
 - Auditions **CHANGED from March 20... to FRIDAY, APRIL 5**, after school
 - Showcase on April 18 @ 7 p.m. (*Ed. Note: This is open to grades 7-12, not just high school*)
 - 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) 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... I need parent feedback regarding feasibility before proceeding further...
- **Students are "auditioning" for choirs next year** – "placement hearings" for Freshmen and Juniors scheduled this week before school (late start due to OGTs)... will hear Sophomores on Friday after OGTs or next week. Hope to have placements (who is in what choir) BEFORE scheduling next month.

Neither Choir VP had anything more to add. General discussion of the possible trip, positive feedback given to Beth to proceed with fact-finding. Per Beth, spring of 2014 could hold either a musical OR a choir trip, but not likely both in the same season.

Band: Jr. High Solo and Ensemble is April 20 at Madeira Middle School. \$13 Soloist, \$17 Ensemble. Ensembles are being encouraged. **Money is due Friday March 22.** Carl asked if scholarship assistance is avail. for those unable to afford it – answer is yes.

Marching Band parent mtg. held Feb. 21 – Carl updated the committee on changes this year. Camp will be away, in KY.

Neither band VP was present or had a report.

Elementary Music: no report

Membership: Angela – has met our membership budget goal!! She just continued to remind people via email and many eventually responded.

Marching Band Uniforms: Marsha – Glenda will help with MB uniforms, but a lead coordinator is still needed.

Concert Uniforms: Brenda - Several students have size change needs that are being taken care of. One Chorale dress and one Women's Chorus dress were purchased due to sizing needs, for a total of \$128.00. All is well ☺

(President's Note: Thanks to Brenda for the VERY CUTE Poodle skirts worn in Bye Bye Birdie!)

Newsletter: Renee – no report

Website: Bill - Payschools was purchased by Data Business Systems. The only real difference now is that they take the service charge out w/each deposit rather than monthly. It occasionally goes down for brief periods of time. Penny requested for Bill to take down DBS info from website. Heidi J./Beth will need to tell him what to post re: Scholarship Showcase.

School Board Representative: No report. However, Heidi J. announced she just saw it on the website - Meet the Superintendent candidates, April 2 6-9:45pm

A motion to adjourn was made by Colleen and seconded by Bill. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.