

FMPA Minutes April 8, 2013

Members present - Sue Burton, Colleen Grogan, Angela Murphy, Heidi Reeb, Bill Fessler, Aimee Collins, Carl Philipot, Penny Sauer, Jeff Smoker, Glenda Esslinger, Brenda Dennis, Renee Keith, Heidi Johnson

Secretary's Report – Sue Burton

No corrections to March minutes. Motion to accept March 2013 minutes was made by Colleen, second by Angela. Motion passed. Sue will send a thank you to Bill and Susan Newell for their contribution of symphony tickets for Finneytown Night at the Symphony. No correspondence was received this month other than bills. Card passed around for Jennifer Schmidt since her dad Charlie Fisher passed away.

President's Report – Penny offered congratulations to all those who performed at the OMEA large-group choir contest. She was pleased that the Pie Peddler pie sale & delivery went well.

New Business –

- **Dine to Donate** - Monday 4/29 from 5-8 pm at Buffalo Wings and Rings, no flyer needed. Funds will go toward the band trailer account.
- **FMPA Board additions** – in addition to last month's report, returning to their positions are Glenda Esslinger HS choir VP, Sharon Figgs MS choir VP, Brenda Dennis uniforms, Renee Keith newsletter, Kim Fain MS band. New to the board will be Sandy Martens for HS Orchestra VP. Penny thanks them all.

Remaining open board positions are President, Marching band Uniforms (Glenda will assist whoever does this), elementary music, and HS band VP, with some of those having potential candidates in the wings.

- **Music Scholarship Showcase** – Angela and Colleen will take money at the door. We set the price after discussion at \$5 per person for all school-age students and adults. Heidi J. is making posters and programs. Bill will put on website.

Treasurer's Report: Heidi Reeb

The \$250 band camp raffle winner donated the funds back to FMPA. Those funds will be used toward band camp scholarships. Correction to March 2013 report where there was a typo in the checking acct. balance. The actual balance is \$14,917.42. Heidi sent corrected reports to the president and secretary. She will send to Bill also for posting to the website. Motion to accept treasurer's report with correction to March checking balance was made by Angela, second by Glenda. Motion passed.

Music Department and Orchestra report: Heidi Johnson

Recent past events – Elemen. Music Ice Cream Social, HS choir concert and contest, orchestra concert, Finneytown Night at the Symphony all went very well. All 200 tickets were given out for night at the CSO.

Scheduling fair Thursday April 11 – all directors are recruiting 6th graders also.

One Superintendent candidate was a former band director.

Senior music awards – will be given out at the end of each respective music festival (choir, orchestra, and band) rather than in one big event this year. 41 seniors have been in music this year and will fill out the senior music form. Heidi checking on letters and chevrons – there is no list from last year with the change-over of directors.

Spring music programs are in 4 weeks (ed. note – now starting this week).

FYI cleaning costs – Jansi cleaners was full cost for drama costumes (changed ownership).

Heidi asked for confirmation that there are no music majors/minors in this graduating class in order to be sure of scholarship eligibility.

PAC building updates will be done next fall, so plan accordingly for October concerts. They may need to be elsewhere.

Fusion plays April 17 for the Hamilton County PTA event. Orchestra festival is May 14.

Neither Orchestra VP had anything more to add.

Band Report: Carl Philipot

May 7 band festival grades 5-12

6th grade recruiting looks promising

There will be color guard clinics and drum major tryouts in April

2013 Marching Band show will be **"The Brave"** – a tribute to the military with a mix of familiar and original music.

Intent forms are in and with a few marching up the marching band looks to be around 100 members.

Jr. High band: Aimee Collins

Of 38 7th graders, 26 are going to Solo and Ensemble on April 20 – exciting! Thursdays are ensemble days for 7th graders when they practice playing in groups.

Band VP: Jeff Smoker - still working on a replacement for their VP position...some possibilities.

- **High School Large Group District Contest Results - Friday, 3/15, 2013**
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THREE CHOIRS – all earned SUPERIOR or EXCELLENT ratings!

	Judge #1	Judge#2	Judge #3	SR	
	<u>OVERALL</u>				
○ MEN: 4:50 pm.	I	II	II	II	II
○ WOMEN: 6:10 p.m.	II	I	I	II	I
○ CHORALE: 7:10 p.m.	I	I	I	I	I

Thank you to parent chaperones! Having parents ride the buses and be with the students while I was conducting other choirs was quite helpful! (We will need this again for State contest.)

Women's Choir will be competing at State competition on **Saturday, April 27** (hopefully in the afternoon, due to multiple conflicts on both Friday evening and Saturday morning). **WE WILL NEED A FEW CHAPERONES – for our bus trip (to Lebanon) and homeroom monitoring .**

Chorale has elected NOT to compete at State contest for a variety of reasons. Your next (and last) opportunity to hear them will be at the **Spring Choral Festival on Tuesday, May 21.**

- **Music Department "SHOWCASE" (replacing "Faculty Scholarship Concert")**
 - Auditions were held on Friday, April 5. Over 25 "acts" auditioned, and we have selected 15 to "showcase" on the scholarship concert, Thursday April 18 @ 7:00 p.m.
 - NEED TO DECIDE TICKET PRICE (Suggestion from Carl and me = \$5.00)
 - NEED PARENT HELP – ushers, backstage, etc.
 - NEED PUBLICITY HELP – use this Thursday's Scheduling Fair as a time to get the word out!
- **Chorale Trip, April 2013 – STILL UNDER DISCUSSION**
 - Need Board approval before going further ... will have proposal ready by May 20 Board meeting for sure (if not April 15).
 - Some kids want to go to NYC, others want Disney... (My inclination is NYC, since we went to Disney last time, two years ago.)
 - 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...
- **Scheduling for next year:** Chorale auditions are complete, with 40 students making the list; hopefully, all 40 will be able to fit it into their schedules.
- **SPRING CHORAL FESTIVAL – TUESDAY, MAY 21** – this concert will feature Senior “specials” as well as distribution of choral awards for the year. (**ALL** Choirs sing, grades 7-12).

Neither Choir VP had anything more to add.

Elementary Music: no report (Ed. Note – Beth sent out a great 2-sided flyer to recruit for the MS choir program – see attached at end of minutes.)

Membership: Angela –will send out an updated member list to directors for printing in spring programs.

Marching Band Uniforms: No report. Sue will be sure Marsha knows that Jansi is now full price unless can be negotiated down – new ownership.

Concert Uniforms: Brenda – Uniform turn-ins needed at spring concerts. Brenda says helpers are welcome.

Newsletter: Renee – Articles needed for newsletter w/ 4/21 deadline (yes, too late now! – ed.) Ideas for articles given to Renee. Silk Road Textiles will advertise.

Website: Bill – Nothing to report.

School Board Representative: Anita in absentia thanked all who came to the forum for the school superintendent candidates.

A motion to adjourn was made by Colleen and seconded by Glenda. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.