

FMPA Minutes May 13, 2013

Members present - Sue Burton, Renee Keith, Kellie Smoker, Heidi Reeb, Bill Fessler, Angela Murphy, Penny Sauer, Aimee Collins, Carl Phlipot, Glenda Esslinger, Sandy Martens, Heidi Johnson, Beth Hofferber, Colleen Grogan, Jennifer Schmidt, Sharon Figgs, Brenda Dennis, Jenny Jones, Kevin Berlon, Kim Fain

Secretary's Report – Sue Burton

No corrections to April minutes. Motion to accept April 2013 minutes was made by Renee, second by Glenda. Motion passed. No correspondence was received this month other than bills.

President's Report – Penny introduced our new HS Orchestra VP for next year, Sandy Martens. Later in the evening two more new board members for next year arrived and Penny introduced them also – Jenny Jones, VP High School Band, and Kevin Berlon, President.

Music Department and Orchestra report - Heidi Johnson

Heidi will be moving to the Whitaker elementary general music position vacated by Steve Jones, who is moving to the Brent music position vacated by the retirement of Mariya Rusinak. Steve will no longer do the Voices of Whitaker choirs, and it is unknown at this time who might take over that group. Heidi is interested in adding a keyboard lab for piano skills to the music class at Whitaker, if possible.

Since the music department chair is a secondary campus position, Heidi will also be leaving that to a new chairperson.

Penny asked re: a plan to thank Mariya for her service – she will check w/Leslie Falhaber at Brent to arrange something.

Penny thanked Heidi and gave appreciation for her 24 years of service to the Finneytown Orchestra program.

Heidi reports that a 6x12' red trailer has been ordered for band/music needs, should arrive late June.

Orchestra festival is tomorrow evening, May 14.

Senior and other music awards have been purchased.

Orchestra VP's - Jennifer thanked the group for the card sent after her father passed away. She was only able to find one chaperone for the MS orchestra. Colleen had nothing to report.

Choirs report - Beth Hofferber

Beth announced earlier this month that she has resigned as director of choirs and will be moving to Minnesota for her husband's job. It is with very mixed emotions that she has resigned, and she

thanked FMPA for all the support and help and encouragement we have given this year. Penny thanked her for all she has done this year with the music program.

The replacement position for Beth has been posted as a part-time position, number of hours TBD. Beth/others spent hours on a choir proposal and ways to keep it full time – one concern is that a part-time position will be a revolving door of staff who ultimately want a full-time job. Ensuing member discussion re: music positions in general. Last year's hires for band included a cut from 2.0 to 1.6 FTE for grades 5-12 band. Now next year's proposal would decrease Aimee's .6 band position, leaving Carl with all of 5th-8th band alone. Aimee wd. help w/high school band and was asked about taking charge of the orchestra program, from grade 5-12 (eliminating grade 4 orchestra). This combination wd. be full time for Aimee. End result: Music staff k-12 would reduce from 6 FTE in 2011-12 down to 4.5-4.8ish FTE depending on number of hours for choir director.

Penny and Kevin will compose a joint letter expressing concerns to administration over this proposed reorganization/reduction in staffing and implications for the music program.

Spring Choral festival is Tues. 5/21. Chaperones welcome for 5/20 rehearsal 3:15. Chorale picnic 5/23 at Owl Overlook @ Winton Woods. Chorale will sing at graduation.

Choir VP's - Sharon asked re: MS chaperones for concert – Beth to ask Jack for teacher chaperones. MS to wear black or black and a spring color. Glenda – is coordinating picnic food/supplies, nothing else to report.

Elementary Music - We will thank Steve for his many years of Voices of Whitaker direction at this week's concert. Sue to pick up a \$50 gift card to Panera and present it. Will take from "awards" budget.

Band Report - Carl Phlipot

The band festival went well last week. This week they are recruiting 4th graders w/a 6th grade band performance for them, then 6th will go on a field trip to Cici's.

Marching band – yellow form in packet needs to be notarized per KY law. Kim Fain and Jennifer Schmidt both notaries. Kim's email info has gone out.

MS band: Aimee – Exciting quarter. 26 students performed at Solo & Ensemble and all received Superior or Excellent awards. The MS portion of the band festival went very well.

Band VP's - Kellie – handing over HS band stuff to Jenny Jones. Sign-ups for summer volunteers nearly all filled out. Penny thanked the Smokers for their service this year.

Kim – no additions to MS band info. All is well.

Membership - Angela – got one final membership. Woo hoo Angela!

Marching Band Uniforms - Glenda – Marsha was to try Clean Getaway.

Concert Uniforms - Brenda – Lots of uniforms still out, she is tracking them down.

Newsletter - Renee – Articles needed for newsletter by end of July – feel free to send stuff in now if you are thinking of it. Suggestions given to Renee – band camp, MB show, color guard stuff, online memberships avail, new staff/staff changes. Goal to send out next newsletter by 2nd week of August.

Website - Bill – Everything is up to date. Heidi R said she will send April & May treasurer's reports.

School Board Representative - Heidi J reminds us we can meet the new superintendent 5/20 at 6:30 before school board mtg. in the media ctr. He apparently has no music or arts background.

Treasurer's Report - Heidi Reeb

Treasurer's report was reviewed, motion to accept report as written made by Colleen, second by Brenda. Motion passed.

New Business –

- **Proposed 2013-14 budget** – Proposed budget presented to the board and discussion ensued. Three areas will be revised – will add \$200 income to luminary sales (new total \$1,200), and add \$100 each to marching band expenses (new total \$6,600) and newsletter expenses (new total \$500). Motion to accept proposed 2013-14 budget with the above listed changes was made by Colleen, second by Glenda. Motion passed.
- **Proposed 2013-14 FMPA Executive Board**

FMPA Executive Board – 2013-2014

President – Kevin Berlon

Secretary – Sue Burton

Treasurer – Heidi Reeb

High School Band VP – Jenny Jones

Middle School Band VP – Kim Fain

High School Choir VP – Glenda Esslinger

Middle School Choir VP – Sharon Figgs

High School Orchestra VP – Sandy Martens

Middle School Orchestra VP – Jennifer Schmidt

Elementary VP – OPEN

Uniforms – Brenda Dennis and Glenda Esslinger

Membership – Angela Murphy

Newsletter – Renee Keith

Website – Bill Fessler

Cookie Dough Sale – Penny Sauer

Light Up Finneytown – Sue Burton

Bid and Buy – Dan Deitsch

Motion to approve the slate of officers made by Angela, second by Bill. Motion passed.

- **Scholarship report** – Band camp scholarships *this year only* are being paid by PTA money. Some money was already in the “band camp” fund when Kroger switched the way they donate community rewards money. This money will not be available in future years but has so far covered all requested scholarships, plus the band camp raffle money was donated back. Since there is still money available in the scholarship fund, it was proposed to pay for the cost of the 3 drum majors to attend drum major camp this summer, at a cost of \$290 each. Total expense approved \$870 to come from undergrad scholarship fund.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Colleen and seconded by Glenda. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.