

Attendees: Sue Burton, Kevin Berlon, Bill Fessler, Therese Hunt, Chelsea Lamping, Carl Phlipot, Angela Murphy, Sandy Tenhundfeld, Heidi Reeb, Mike Kennedy, Dan Deitsch, Glenda Esslinger, Jennifer Schmidt, Cindy Brown, Heidi Johnson, Cindy Rebman, Penny Sauer

Welcome - Kevin Berlon

Secretary's Report – Sue Burton

The April minutes were never distributed electronically through an oversight by Sue. She read the typed minutes she brought to the meeting and a motion to approve them was made by Angela, seconded by Bill. The motion passed. (Later note – the April minutes were sent electronically to the board later that night, May 12.)

Correspondence – None received

Treasurer's Report - Heidi Reeb

Student cookie dough incentive money has not all been claimed - \$291 balance. Penny did send out balances once to the students.

Hickey Memorial fund still open, \$175 balance.

Angela moved, seconded by Jennifer, to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

President's Report – Kevin Berlon

Kevin will represent FMPA at the senior awards banquet May 14.

He met with Mike Kennedy, David Kennedy, and Heidi Reeb for a proposed budget for next year. They are trying to make clearer which items are paid for by the district and which are in the domain of FMPA.

NEW BUSINESS -

- Pie Peddler finances have closed. Just over \$2,000 net income to FMPA plus lots to individual student accounts.
- Dan Deitsch inquired on behalf of Boosters re: making the band preview show in early August a wider event that would include a fall sports preview. Bring out the band and all the athletes, introduce teams/coaches. He is floating the idea for feedback. The board had various questions re: logistics, permissions, etc. but in general is not opposed to the idea. No one expressed opposition to Dan continuing to put together more details about how this would look.
- During other discussion, Heidi Johnson notified us that she will not be taking the supplemental position of director of Voices of Whitaker next year.
- Acknowledgement that our newsletter and communication strategy needs to be examined to consider both cost-cutting and effectively reaching families w/news. Will discuss at a future meeting.

Budget discussion for proposed 2014-15 budget – Adjustments were made to the proposed budget presented for consideration, based on group discussion. These included, but

were not limited to, increasing Dinner Before the Show income, adding an income line item for Pie Peddler sales, a marching band expenses line item for senior leadership and drum major camps, adjusting the chorus budget back up from proposed cuts, lowering newsletter budget by \$250, keeping the after prom line item, etc.

The following are written (or verbal) reports submitted by various staff & board members:

HIGH SCHOOL BAND - Carl Philipot and Jenny Jones

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND - Carl Philipot and Kim Fain

HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA - Mike Kennedy and Cindy Brown

Orchestra concert is tomorrow night, May 13. Some discussion surrounded serving ice cream after the concert.

The posting for a new orchestra teacher closes on May 16. Interviews will be done with Mike Kennedy, Mr. Fisher, Mr. D. Kennedy, Mr. Olverson, and a community person on the interview committee.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA - Mike Kennedy and Jennifer Schmidt

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS - Chelsea Lamping and Glenda Esslinger

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORUS – Chelsea Lamping and Sharon Figgs

ELEMENTARY MUSIC VP – Sandy Tenhundfeld

Brent 2nd graders have a music program on May 23 during the day.

Whitaker General Music/Voices of Whitaker Chorus – Heidi Johnson

Voices of Whitaker Concert - this Thursday at 7:00pm AT WHITAKER (change-it was originally scheduled in the PAC). I changed the location because the number of students involved is smaller and I want to serve ice cream bars after the concert, which will only last 1/2 hour.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING: I need \$75.00 for an accompanist (is there still money in the choral fund?, or maybe in miscellaneous?) Check should be made out to Jeff Holmes.

I am planning to give everyone in the choir and the audience ice cream bars (or fruit bars for lactose intolerant &/or allergic to chocolate). Would FMPA be willing to reimburse this expense? I am expecting approx. 250 people, with choir and audience. (I don't have a membership at Costco or Sam's Club--but I will check out GFS to get the best price).

5th & 6th grade VOW will be performing at the Whitaker Volunteers Breakfast on Friday morning (May 16) at approx. 9:30am in the library.

On Sunday, May 18 - all Voices of Whitaker students have been invited to perform at the Northminster Pops Concert, starting at 7:00pm Northminster Presbyterian Church, 703 Compton Rd. Rehearsal starts at 4:30pm with Lissa Ray & the Northminster kids, followed by a pizza dinner (provided) at 5:30pm, concert at 7pm

From Mrs. Ray: "The Voices of Whitaker" will be joining Northminster students for a fun night of pops music. The concert will include singers of all ages, drumming, piano, organ, and handbells. The theme of the concert this year is NUMBERS. A free will offering will be collected and the proceeds will go to a local charity.

**V.O.W. students will be expected to wear white on top, black on bottom at all of these events.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Cincinnati Children's Choir Summer Festival will be held at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music from July 28-August 2, 2014. Young singers who are entering grade 3 through completing grade 9 may be selected by their music teachers to attend. Students who are nominated are expected to be able to match pitch, demonstrate good vocal quality, have a good attitude, and boys-- unchanged voice.

If you are interested, please contact Ms. Johnson.

General Music Classes - During the OAA testing, I travelled from room to room so the students wouldn't have to walk through the hallways. We read a book about early 1700's Venice, where Antonio Vivaldi composed music for music schools (pietas): orphanages of foundling girls dedicated to teaching them how to perform music, watched the Carnival of the Animals with Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck, and learned a little about astrology and The Planets by Gustav Holst! For these last few weeks of school, we will be singing and playing instruments in every class.

Sincerely,

Heidi Johnson

UNIFORMS - Brenda Dennis & Glenda Esslinger

Arrangements have been made for cleaning of the marching band jackets; they will go out in the next day or two.

Sample dresses are on order for the Chorale ladies' (and Chelsea's and my) consideration. When they arrive, we'll have a fashion show and make a selection.

Brenda Dennis, uniforms chair

FMPA Newsletter Report - Renee Keith

The newsletter was assembled by Angela Murphy, Cathy Zimmerly, Donna Saul, Glenda Esslinger, and Heidi Reeb at my house this past week. Many thanks to them!

They were delivered to the schools and the post office this past Friday, May 9th, so we should be seeing them in the mail or the kid's backpacks some time this week.

The account balance is 17 cents, so a deposit will need to be made to mail out the Summer Newsletter. I approximate that it will cost \$80 for the summer mailing, but we recoup some of this money because PTA, Boosters and the Foundation reimburse us, so our net cost will be approximately \$20 per organization. Costs have increased, the jump in price occurred in January of this year.

If we continue mailings past the summer, then the budget will also need to be increased.

We are committed as an organization to mail the Summer mailings because advertisements have already been sold thru Aug 2014, so keep that in mind when you are planning the budget.

Renee Keith

WEBMASTER - Bill Fessler

MEMBERSHIP - Angela Murphy

Nothing to report for membership.

Cindy Brown motioned, and Jennifer seconded, that we adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting is on Tuesday, June 3, location to be determined. Details will follow.