

FMPA Meeting Minutes June 3, 2014

Attendees: Sue Burton, Den Tenhundfeld, Cindy Rebman, Janet Cain, Penny Sauer, Elizabeth Lutow, Kevin Berlon, Brenda Dennis, Glenda Esslinger, Dawn Gast, Tony Gast, Dan Deitsch, Bill Fessler, Cindy Brown, Jenny Jones, Heidi Reeb, Angela Murphy, Mary Jo Berlon, Jennifer Schmidt, Steve Jones, Sandy Tenhundfeld, Mike Kennedy, Dan Murphy, Kim Fain

The meeting was held at the home of FMPA Board president Kevin Berlon.

Welcome - Kevin welcomed us and we went around and introduced ourselves.

Secretary's Report – Sue Burton

A motion to approve May minutes was made by Sandy, seconded by Jen Schmidt. The motion passed.

Correspondence – Thank you notes were read from the two FMPA scholarship recipients - Katie Connell and Thomas Steel. We signed cards of appreciation for Carl Phlipot and Jack Fisher, and Sue later sent a get well note to Heidi Johnson for her hand surgery.

Treasurer's Report - Heidi Reeb

The treasurer's report will close for the fiscal year at the end of June.

No May treasurer's report was distributed or voted on, as we will wait until the end of the fiscal year next month.

Update from new Music Dept. Chair Mike Kennedy (sometimes referred to as "MK" in future notes) - Interviewed 6 for orchestra position. FT community member Grant Anderson, music teacher from Oak Hills, is on the committee along with admin. and Mike K.

Assistant band director interviews on June 11. 380 apps with 7 interviews.

Year ahead – Important to focus on funding, and all students in all programs.

Mike stressed that he is different than last 2 band directors and music chairpersons. His goal is about a quality experience for all students along with quality music. Wants to get FT music more involved in the community.

President's Report – Kevin Berlon

Kevin reviewed his goals of 2013-14 and how they were met.

He is proposing we have an overall fundraising chairperson to develop the donor base and coordinate our various fundraisers. This was not a formal motion.

He would like to start using the databases we are putting together that have info on # of students in various music programs at what grade levels, retention or lack thereof, how many use school instruments, etc., to capture a full picture of our programs and help us identify areas of strength and improvement needs.

NEW BUSINESS -

- Kevin is proposing a by-laws change. In Article VI, Section 1, re: officers. He proposes that we add The Vice President role may be shared by eligible members, but Executive Committee voting rights shall be limited to each position prescribed. This would allow for sharing the responsibilities but keeping the relative weight of the position equal with other VP's. After discussion, Kevin motioned we adopt the change, Glenda seconded, and the motion passed on a voice vote. Kevin will email the change to Bill for posting on website.
- 2014-15 Executive Committee – Kevin motioned the following slate of committee members be adopted, and Bill seconded the motion:

PROPOSED FMPA Executive Board – 2014-2015

President – Kevin Berlon
 Secretary – Sue Burton
 Treasurer – Heidi Reeb
 High School Band VP – Jenny Jones
 Middle School Band VP – Deb Amend
 High School Choir VP – Glenda Esslinger
 Middle School Choir VP – OPEN
 High School Orchestra VP – Cindy Brown / Jennifer Schmidt
 Middle School Orchestra VP – Tina Wuorinen / Dawn Gast
 Elementary VP – Sandy Tenhundfeld

Non-executive board, non-voted upon positions:

Uniforms – Brenda Dennis and Glenda Esslinger
 Membership – Angela Murphy
 Newsletter/Communication – OPEN
 Website – Bill Fessler
 Fundraising - OPEN
 Cookie Dough Sale – Jennifer Schmidt
 Light Up Finneytown – Sue Burton
 Bid and Buy – Dan Deitsch

During discussion of the motion, Mike Kennedy nominated Den Tenhundfeld as another candidate for President of FMPA. Seconded by Kim. Den accepted the nomination. Dawn Gast removed herself as candidate for MS Orchestra VP. No other additional nominations were received for other positions when called for individually. Nominations were closed.

A motion was formulated by Bill and Dawn that all current present FMPA members vote via paper ballot, then ballots will be held by the secretary and taken offsite to be counted by Jack Fisher, principal. Motion seconded by Angela and Kim. The candidates for president spoke, then the 24 present members voted and ballots were stapled into a bag.

Ballots were counted the next day by Jack Fisher, and Sue reported that day via email: The vote for president of FMPA for the 2014-15 school year was as follows:
 Kevin Berlon - 14 votes
 Den Tenhundfeld - 9 votes
 Abstained - 1 vote

All other candidates were confirmed in their positions.

- 2014-15 Budget - Kevin motioned that we accept the budget as proposed. Penny seconded. Discussion: Ms. Lamping requested via M. Kennedy that funds be found to replace the electric piano which is beyond repair, and for a music storage cabinet and shelving. This can come from the FT budget, not from FMPA budget, per MK's conversations with D. Kennedy and J. Fisher. MK shared that FMPA funds are intended to go above the school's budget abilities and to ensure instrument purchases geared toward larger instruments (harp, grand piano, etc.) The school will fund most general equipment needs, which allowed us to decrease our "equipment" line item. The motion to accept the budget passed.
- Instrument inventory will occur 5-10 pm Friday (June 6) and Sunday June 8 from 12-5.

Glenda motioned, and Jenny and Jennifer seconded, that we adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Next meeting is on Monday August 11, 2014. Note: later the date was changed via email consensus to combine Aug. and Sept. meetings into one, to be held on Monday August 25 in the MPR conference room.