

FMPA Meeting Minutes April 13, 2015

Attendees: Sue Burton, Cindy Rebman, Kevin Berlon, Jennifer Schmidt, Den Tenhundfeld, Sandy Tenhundfeld, Heidi Reeb, Brad Delaney, Laura Carroll, Stefanie Schneider, Tina Wuorinen, Deb Amend, Bill Fessler, Heidi Johnson, Elizabeth Cain, Janet Cain, Angela Murphy, Dan Deitsch, Brian Baty, Glenda Esslinger

Welcome and Introductions – Kevin Berlon –

- Brian Baty will be the new marching band “pit boss” for fall 2015 taking Tony Gast’s place. Brian has been involved with the band program since 2006. He talked of plans to add hinged shelving in the band trailer with Tim Fain’s expertise.
- Janet Cain also attended with her Girl Scout daughter Elizabeth, who was not able to attend with the troop last month.

Secretary’s Report – Sue Burton

Minutes were reviewed and minor corrections were noted.

A motion to approve the amended March 2015 minutes was made by Angela and seconded by Sandy. The motion passed.

The only correspondence this month was an insurance bill. After the meeting Dan Deitsch gave Sue specific names for thank you notes to be written for Dinner Before the Show large donors. (LaRosa’s, salad donor via Joan Gordon, Wolfersts).

Treasurer’s Report - Heidi Reeb

- Wesbanco promo – \$50 donation will be given by Wesbanco to FMPA for each new account opened by the end of 2015 when the account holder mentions FMPA. Bill will post this info on the FMPA website.

Angela moved, seconded by Bill, to accept the April 13 treasurer’s report. Motion passed.

President’s Report – Kevin Berlon

- Kevin applied for an additional \$500 grant from US Bank to be used for scholarships for the music programs. The intent is for current student needs, not for graduating senior scholarships.
- US Bank grant request in progress – will probably ask for \$10,000 toward band camp, though this needs to be routed through the school rather than FMPA.
- The conversation then morphed into a discussion about fundraising/fundraisers in general. Jennifer brought up that our Savory Sweets contract is up and we usually sign in the spring for the following fall. Suggestion that we bump it forward earlier in the fall since others sold the same product this past year. Glenda brought some cookies for us to taste, given to her by another rep. Brian suggests we find local businesses to advertise on the band trailer. Kevin believes we need a dedicated position for fundraising chair and a local business marketing strategy, along with tapping more foundations and outside groups for donations.

Principal Update – absent

Music Department update – Brad Delaney

- Middle school solo and ensemble is this Saturday, April 18 at Madeira Middle School. We will have a number of students in instrumental and choir solos and ensembles.

- All will continue with X-period classes post-festival, and each teacher reported on their plans of what they will be teaching after the Arts festival – things like music literacy, sight reading circle of fifths, an instrument swap in orchestra, etc.
- All-State information went home with students. Auditions are submitted digitally and are due on May 31.
- There are a few possible dates for a music awards banquet, not yet firm.

Band –

Brad – Marching Band forms are due asap. Brad is about ½ done writing the drill. Of the 83 marching band members, 12 are 8th graders marching up.

Celebrate the Arts Day is coming up this Sunday, April 19th. The Band meets in the band room at 7:10 PM and performs in the PAC at 8 PM. We have 2 chaperones lined up to help.

Marching band has 83 members at this point, and 3 payments should have been made by now. The last payment is due May 4th. We have 2 chaperones for band camp for all week (one male and one female) and another for at least the first half of the week.

Tina Wuorinen

Middle School Band has several ensembles and soloists who will be performing at Solo and Ensemble Contest on Saturday April 18th.

Middle School Band will also be performing at the Spring Fine Arts Fair on Sunday April 19th. Both the 7th and 8th grade bands will perform, along with several of the ensembles and solos for the contest. We currently have 2 chaperones for 7th grade and 1 chaparone lined up for 8th grade. We are seeking 1 additional chaparone for the 8th grade. Deb Amend

Orchestra – Stefanie Schneider

Spring Arts Fair Orchestra Concert Information/ Ensemble Updates:

Our upcoming Spring Arts Fair Orchestra Concert will be on Sunday April 19th at the Secondary Campus PAC. The Orchestra concert will begin at 4:30 pm and feature the 5th, 6th, MS, and HS Orchestras in addition to small group performances.

All Orchestra students should wear concert black attire for their performance.

Student Report Times:

5th Grade Orchestra students should report to the Secondary Campus Orchestra room at **3:30 pm.**

6th Grade Orchestra students should report to the Secondary Campus Media center at **4:00 pm.**

Middle School Orchestra students should report to the Secondary Campus Orchestra Room at **4:15 pm.**

High School Orchestra students should report to the Secondary Campus Choir Room at **4:15 pm.**

The Spring Concert is a mandatory portion of your child's Orchestra grade. In the event of a conflict, please contact Ms. Schneider immediately via email.

Small Ensembles: String ensembles will be performing between each of the large Orchestra groups. They have received information about their report times.

Parent Chaperones: We are in need for parents to serve as chaperones for the Orchestra concerts. Chaperones will stay in the classroom with their assigned group and be responsible for bringing their group to the PAC when it is time for their performance. The performance order is 5th Grade Orch, 6th Grade Orch, MS Orch, and HS Orch. After the performance the chaperones will sit with that group in the PAC and hear the remainder of the concert. Please let me know if you can help with this important task!

Grants:

-We received the \$750 in products from D'Addario; this provided us with marching percussion heads and mallets so that we're ready for the upcoming season.

-Kun shoulder rests has donated 20 Kun Junior shoulder rests for our Orchestra students. This is equivalent to approximately \$450 in products.

-We're currently pursuing additional fundraising opportunities--stay tuned!!

Choirs – Laura Carroll and Glenda Esslinger

- Chorale auditions have occurred. If schedules permit, there will be 32 members.
- There will be a 1 day on-site choir camp for chorale this summer, likely in June.
- OMEA Large group contest – the chorale was disqualified for having an additional adult accompanying along with the pianist. Laura appealed and was told that “someone” decided Finneytown would go comments only and not receive a numerical score. She then asked for further clarification which has not been forthcoming.

Elementary music – VP Sandy Tenhundfeld

Voices will be performing the National Anthem at the Red's Game Saturday 4/25.

They will also be performing at the Fine Arts Fair at 1:00 with a 12:00 call time. I am confirming the need for chaperones with Jeff.

Both 5th and 6th grade band and orchestra will be performing at the Fine Arts Fair.

The 5th grade Orchestra report time is 3:30 at the Orchestra room and 6th grade report is 4:00 at the media center. The orchestra concert will begin at 4:30 and last about an hour.

The order for the Orchestra concert will be 5th, 6th, MS, and HS to finish, with a small ensemble happening between each large group.

(I am going from memory on this now)

The 5th grade report time is 4:00 with a 5:00 performance. The 6th grade is after that with several individuals performing in between.

I am still in need of chaperones for 5th grade band (1 needed), 6th grade band (2 needed), 5th grade orchestra (2 needed), 6th grade orchestra (1 needed).

I will let Heidi J and Steve J fill us in on what the general music students will be doing for the Fine Arts Fair.

Right now the 5th and 6th grade band students will need to stay until 8:15. This means the 5th grade in particular will be there for several hours. We may need to think about dinner for these kids.

Thanks
Sandy and Den

General Music – Heidi Johnson

4th grade recorders will play at 1:30 at the Spring Arts Festival. At 4 pm there will be a drum circle, then 4:15 a dance/movement and music segment in the multi-purpose room.

NEW BUSINESS -

Spring Arts Festival

FMPA will sell drinks and cookies/brownies in the gym lobby. Dan Deitsch will open the concession area. Heidi R will get drinks (water, soda cans) and Tina will solicit desserts on volunteer spot once Kevin gets details to her about food drop off info, etc. No food or drink allowed in the gym where the visual art is displayed.

Kevin will coordinate a split-the-pot once he arrives.

Any who are able to volunteer for a one or two hour shift or whatever time you have available, please email Kevin with your availability to staff the bake sale or do split the pot.

Heidi J. motioned, and Jen seconded, that we adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next meeting is on Monday May 11, 2015 at 7 pm in MP conference room.