

Attendees: Sue Burton, Stefanie Schneider, Laura Carroll, Heidi Reeb, Glenda Esslinger, Cindy Brown, Cindy Rebman, Joanna Eberhardt, Ric Towner, Jen Towner, Dan Deitsch, April Bruder, Maggie Laird, Deb Amend, Chris Wolferst, Tina Wuorinen, Den Tenhundfeld, Jennifer Schmidt, Bill Fessler

Secretary's Report – Sue Burton

August minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve the August 2015 minutes was made by Joanna and seconded by Tina. The motion passed.

Correspondence – A thank you note was received from Molly Brown for FMPA's help with all-state choir fees. A note from student Grace Plaut's grandparents was read, reminiscing about Grace's great-grandmother playing saxophone in her marching band 72 years ago.

A baby card will be sent to Brad Delaney and family on the recent birth of their daughter Jenna. (completed – ed.)

President's Report – Ric Towner

I'd like to propose the following major goal for the FMPA this year:

FMPA Major Goal: Increase fund raising from current \$21k target to \$31K. (This includes the > \$5K that was raised by band during their 59 minute fundraiser before school started)

This will help facilitate the staff's goal of being able to take the students on a trip this year and allow us to plan for additional investments in the future.

Assuming we agree on the goal (or even if we just agree to reverse the decline in the budget this year), the next key step is to have a very successful cookie dough fundraiser. This will be the first item on our business agenda. Jennifer, Chrissy Wolferest, Jen and I had a good meeting last week. The current ideas for increasing sales over last year are:

- inspiring / incentivizing more participation. (FMPA volunteers, staff and student leaders)
- Including more students from elementary grades
- conducting a one afternoon (most likely October 11) neighborhood blitz with the marching band students and parent volunteers.

Every 150 tubs we seek is worth ~\$1,000 of income. (Jennifer, please check my math! :-))

Here are some key dates to look at ahead of time:

- 10/1 - sale kick off. FMPA volunteers will need to visit music department classrooms, distribute info / packets and get kids fired up.
- 10/11 - possible band neighborhood blitz ... I've got some ideas on how we could make this work that I'll bring to the meeting.
- 10/19 - turn in order forms and \$\$\$. FMPA volunteers will need to help collect order forms and get to Jennifer.
- 11/19 - Cookie dough drop off and distribution. Looks like we'll be using the PAC. Savory sweets is delivering pre-boxed orders this year so there is no sorting, just unloading and pick up. We could potentially offer to deliver to folks home for a fee?

HS Band - VP Tina Wuorinen

The marching band will finally make its debut at the first home football game on Friday, September 18th. (The game scheduled for Sept 11th was cancelled.) Their first contest will be Saturday,

September 19th, at Hilliard Bradley. There will be a run through for contest (with pit and prop volunteers) on Monday, September 14th, at 5 PM. Please see the calendar for additional dates of football games and contests. The Finneytown F shaped marching band yard signs were handed out to all members of the marching band, since they haven't gotten them in 4 years. In the future they will only be given to the new members of the band each year. Thank you to Bill McMahan and parents and students who have worked on cutting out the signs over the last few summers. Lunch will once again be supplied to the band members on each contest day. Parents will be asked to supply the food. We will be using Volunteer Spot again this year to get people to sign up to help with food, uniforms, props, pit, and chaperoning. The trailers with all of our equipment and large instruments will be transported by Finneytown school vehicles and employees this year. Thanks to the administration. Also, thanks to the parents who have stepped up to help with things needed to make the band run smoothly - Brian Baty, pit; Bobbie Sloan, pit; Brenda Dennis, uniforms; and Chris Wolferst, snacks.

HS Choirs – VP Glenda Esslinger

The secondary choirs are off to a good start. X-Period started this past week and the numbers were looking good. Laura also has all of her choir classes filled! (Last months report was no High School Men's Choir). There are a lot of exciting things Laura and her team are planning, but not much else to report at this time. Glenda

Also of note – there is still no MS choir VP, so we need to keep thinking of someone to fill that role.

HS Orchestra – VP Cindy Brown

The High School Orchestra performed at the Finneytown Secondary Campus Open House and received lots of positive comments from the families who attended. They also performed at the Brookdale Retirement Home on September 8 and were well received by both the staff and residents. It was a wonderful time of outreach for the Finneytown community. All of the orchestras are off to a great start and are looking forward to an awesome year.

By the end of the evening it appeared that Beth Cahill was agreeing to become our MS orchestra VP, per Joanna.

Elementary Report – from VP's Sandy Tenhundfeld & Janet Cain

Not too much to report this month:

1. We hear Steve and Heidi are loving the new curriculum
2. Band and Orchestra are a few weeks into practice
3. Voices has been meeting for a couple of weeks to get the kids a feel of what to expect with the official start the first week of October.
4. There was an open house last week at the secondary campus for the choirs

And a special thank you to Joanna for covering the table at the Whitaker open house so that we could meet our teachers!!!

Thanks

Sandy and Janet
(Den will be representing me tonight)

****In addition** – a reminder that Jeff will need to be informed of Dinner Before the Show info as it develops so that he can schedule Voices to sing that evening. Also the new band space in the basement seems to be working well.

Uniform Report – Brenda Dennis

Membership Report – Joanna Eberhardt

Thank you to Jennifer Schmidt and Sandy Tenhundfeld for baking cookies to draw in families at all three Open Houses. Also thanks so much to Den Tenhundfeld for being my partner in crime at said events. We gave away a LOT of cookies and had many good conversations about the music program and FMPA .

We have added 21 members to last month's 6 for a total of 27 members = \$1485.00 in dues and donations. **A complete member list is attached and I will bring a copy to the meeting.**

In addition to passing out forms at open houses, I have posted an invitation to join on our Facebook page. I believe forms also went home with Elementary band students, at least.

A few more ways that we can invite members to join:

- I will be sending an email invitation to past members and parents of recent graduates.
- I will bring forms to the meeting. I encourage everyone in attendance to take a few forms to pass to your neighbors or family members who are not on our mailing/class lists.
- I have attached the most recent membership form to this email. **Please pass it on!**

Question: Is FMPA registered to receive AmazonSmile donations? FMPA can be a selected organization for this. Looks like free money to me.

Addendum – 7 more memberships received at the meeting tonight, and membership forms passed out to all in attendance to be passed on.

Dan Deitsch brought up the alumni list that Shawn Maus had managed – Joanna will contact Krista Ramsey re: same.

Communication Report – Deb Amend

There is not much to report on Communications as we are waiting until things have calmed down a bit for the teachers, after the first football game and competition, to set up a meeting with faculty and administration so that we can develop an effective communication plan. However, in the short term, we have grown our Facebook Page to over 150, which is a significant increase. Also significant is that I have been adding people with students at Whitaker and some of the secondary campus students who are on Facebook and requested to join, which is changing that population from being weighted toward alumni to having current members as well.

Website report – Bill Fessler

FMPA website was updated with all info I currently have pending approval of August Minutes tonight. Discussion of co-ordinated communications has not yet occurred.

Bill will get the new link to the FT music dept. webpage and post it to our page. Music spiritwear (thanks Elise!) is on our website and info sent to music teachers.

Treasurer's Report - Heidi Reeb

Heidi agreed she will send electronic copies of the treasurer's report to the president, secretary, and webmaster each month.

"Contests" expense – was where Heidi put money for 5 OMEA memberships for music staff. 59 minute fundraiser done by Marching band (discount coupons) discussed. 4 students have outstanding cards.

Motion by Ric to make the following changes:

Income: add a marching band "other fundraiser" line

Expenses: add a marching band reserve line

Apply the profits from the "marching band other fundraiser" to the "marching band reserves" account. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the September 2015 treasurer's report made by Glenda, second by Cindy R. Motion passed.

Question re: if anyone is still grant writing. Kevin Berlon had done some last 2 years. Ric will ask Kevin about this.

April Bruder brought up that for fundraising, P & G does 100-person surveys, 2x/yr. They can bring in \$700-\$1000 each, but have some stipulations. The board seemed receptive to this future possibility.

NEW BUSINESS -

- Update that the music dept. has held off on the other 59 minute fundraiser they were considering, so that we can focus on the cookie dough sale at this time. They will consider it for later in the spring.
- Discussion of date for Light Up Finneytown. Since the band concert is not until Dec. 15 this year, we will push the date back in order to still capture the sales from the band concert, even though it will be after school is out for the break.
Motion to hold Light Up Finneytown on Sunday Dec. 20th was made by Den, seconded by Jen. Motion passed.
- Laura announced that the high school musical will be the new Broadway version of Cinderella, and they will do a middle school musical this year – it will be Honk Jr., which is the Ugly Duckling story

Cookie Dough -

- Jennifer passed out the cover letter and received comments/corrections.
- We will use the lobby of the PAC to distribute – the gym is not available any more.
- Discussion of who can cover each music class to pass out forms/kickoff the sale.

- Pending approval, we would like to include all 3rd-6th general music students in the sale. Laura will check last April's board approval and its specifications. (Later note: sale was not approved in this language so the idea was dropped – ed.)
- Chrissy Wolferst has agreed to help organize 7 teams of students to canvass the Timber Trail subdivision area in a Community Blitz. Idea being that we connect the incentives and a possible trip with the “over and above” sales.
- 10/1 - sale kick off. 10/19 - turn in order forms and \$\$\$. 11/3 final count needs to be in to Savory Sweets. 11/19 - Cookie dough drop off and distribution.

Comedy Caravan – Nov. 14.

- Arts & Crafts fair 10am-2 or 3 pm
- Break, clean out MP so seating is available.
- 5-7 pm food trucks
- Our role – 3:30-7pm ish Help with table change over, coordinate strolling music, juggler, orchestral talent
- Glenda will head up table decorating
- ?drumline if outside?
- ?can we do drink sales inside or will that be the food trucks? Dan/Ric to check on this

Dan motioned, and Bill seconded, that we adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Next meeting is on October 12, 2015 at 7 pm in MP conference room.