

Attendees: Sue Burton, April Bruder, Brenda Dennis, Tina Wuorinen, Joanna Eberhardt, Den Tenhundfeld, Ric Towner, Jenny Towner, Deb Amend, Mike Kennedy, Laura Carroll, Stefanie Schneider, Heidi Reeb, Cindy Brown, Jennifer Schmidt

Secretary's Report – Sue Burton

October minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve the October 2015 minutes was made by Den and seconded by Cindy. The motion passed.

Correspondence – none

President's Report – Ric Towner

Fantastic job on the cookie dough fundraiser. We sold almost 2,100 units - that's up nearly 50% over last year and at a higher price. That extraordinary effort combined with the band's 59 minute fundraiser means that income for the year is already over this year's budget of \$21K, (last year's total income was less than \$18K) and we still have the luminary sale, comedy caravan and dinner before the show events plus what will certainly be additional membership income. I suggested last month that we set a stretch income goal for this year of \$31K - if we hit our remaining fund raising targets for the year we'll get close. I'm excited to see how we're able to invest these additional funds to support staff and students.

If we have time tomorrow night I'd like to discuss how we can catalyze more students receiving private music lessons. For our students to play at a high level it's critical that they receive instruction and practice outside of the classroom. For a large segment of Finneytown's student population this is not an option unless we find a way to help make it possible. I think this is one of the most strategic things we can do as a board ... I'd like to hear what others think and if you agree I'll begin to pursue with the administration and board.

We discussed the issue of private lessons on campus and what the barriers are. One possible proposal would be for FMPA and a "site supervisor" to reserve school space, and lesson money would need to flow through FMPA. Ric will begin working on this issue with administration.

Staff reports –

Band & Music Dept. – Mike Kennedy

Marching season has ended – the OMEA state contest is tightening up, with many fewer bands qualifying this year to reduce the state performance times. Fan attendance at marching concerts has been lighter this year. Concert band has started.

HS Band - VP Tina Wuorinen

Marching Band season has finished, with the last thing being the Senior Night football game. We had 14 seniors that were honored that evening along with the seniors from the fall sports. The moms received flowers, and everyone had at least one parent in attendance. Bruno Carlsson took pictures, and all the senior families will receive a 4X6

folder with a picture of the student and their parent(s) and a picture of all the seniors and their parents.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the marching band season a success. The staff did a fantastic job with the students, and they worked very hard and had a great season, even though they did not qualify for state competition this year. Thanks to Brenda Dennis for uniforms, Brian Baty for pit, Bobbie Sloan for props, Tim Fain for building the props, Chrissy Wolferst for food at the contest sites, Bruno and Linda Carlsson for band button pictures, and to all the parents who donated their time to chaperone, help with pit and props, and make food for contest days. It takes a team to make all of this work, and we have a great team!

We are now moving into concert season. The band concert will be on Tuesday, December 15th at 7 PM in the PAC.

Orchestra – Stefanie Schneider

All grades are doing well in practice. There is a quartet playing for the Comedy Caravan.

HS Orchestra – VP Cindy Brown High School/Middle School Orchestra Report –

- There is an Orchestra concert on December 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the PAC. Mark your calendars!

- A Parent Meeting has been scheduled for tomorrow evening, 11/9/15 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the trip to Florida. The meeting will be held in the band room.

Cindy Brown

Choirs – Laura Carroll

Week of Dec. 7 is busy for choir – concert on 8th, caroling at Brookdale Sr. center on 9th, perform at Grace Lutheran on 10th, and Sr. Citizen brunch on 11th.

Musical rehearsals start this week as well.

HS Choirs – VP Glenda Esslinger

nothing to report for high school choirs

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

Elementary School Report

Voices and Chorale sang at the Whitaker Veteran's celebration this afternoon. It sounds like they did an awesome job (we have only seen video we are bad parents went out of town this weekend).

Band Concert is 12/15 at 7pm

Voices 12/8 at 7pm

Sandy/Den/Janet

Department-wide issues – chaperoning. We discussed having a “chaperone guidelines” list to help chaperones know what to do. We need a gatekeeper parent at the door. Idea to start the concerts with a tutorial to the audience on concert etiquette and have the kids do it.

We also need for FMPA some middle-school reps for choir and orchestra. Please be thinking of possible people to consider for these jobs.

Uniform Report – Brenda Dennis

Membership Report – Joanna Eberhardt

Thanks to Sue Burton for passing out membership forms at the Trick or Treat for a Cause event.

We added 13 new memberships since last report. This includes the dues received at the last meeting and brings the total to 66. We had 67 memberships last year. So close!

I plan to take membership forms to my family Thanksgiving gathering so I'm sure we will at least meet the goal of matching last year's total. Let me know if you would like forms for your holiday festivities as well!

Also, I assume there will be a FMPA table the Holiday Concerts. I'll be there with membership forms. I'm guessing Luminary Kits and Cookie dough will also be for sale?

Total dues and donations:

Basic Members: \$1275 (51 memberships)

Alumni Members: \$375 (15 memberships)

Patrons: \$1190

Memorial Schol: \$75

Orchestra Schol: \$220

GRAND TOTAL: \$3135 (minus Payschools fees)

The Membership List is attached.

Thank you,

Joanna Eberhardt

Communication Report – Deb Amend

There is nothing significant to report on the newsletter. I am still aiming for a January publication date, and working through the topics we discussed at the October meeting.

Website report – Bill Fessler

Treasurer's Report - Heidi Reeb

Motion to approve the October 2015 treasurer's report made by Sue, second by Cindy B. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS -

Cookie Dough – Here are the final totals for the cookie dough sale:

Total Sellers: 220

Total Units Sold: 2,043 (1,512 units last year)

Total Sale: \$28,602.00

Total Profit: \$15,322.50

Our total profit will differ from that above because of our 3 for \$36 price break. The amount FMPA owes to Savory Foods is \$13,279.50 which is payable the morning of delivery. Also because we have sold over 2,000 units, we will receive a \$500 rebate check as well.

Top sellers included Malasia Barnwell, 30 units; Paige Sedgwick, 32 u; Solomon Eftebia, 40u; Sophia Hamill, Anna Tenhundfeld, 50u; and Allie Hinton, 71 u.

A very good job by everyone! We have greatly exceeded our totals from last year :)

Jennifer

Comedy Caravan – Nov. 14

- Music is set, 4 orchestra students.
- Glenda will coordinate decorating tables
- Joanna will email our list of members for volunteers
- Cindy will pick up drinks to sell
- Heidi will bring money box.

Joanna motioned, and Jennifer seconded, that we adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Next meeting is on December 14, 2015 at 7 pm in MP conference room.