

Attendees: Sue Burton, Marsha Grubbs, Ric Towner, Jenny Towner, Tina Wuorinen, Joanna Eberhardt, Chris Wolferst, Den Tenhundfeld, Laura Carroll, Mike Kennedy, Stefanie Schneider, Heidi Reeb, Cindy Rebman

Secretary's Report – Sue Burton

2 corrections to the June minutes were made:

- 1) Strike last 2 lines of orchestra report and replace with the following – Joe Rebman will evaluate the new lever harp. Discussion of regulation of the pedal harp ensued.
- 2) This is the budget that was approved at the June meeting. My figures in the minutes were not accurate:

INCOME:

RECEIPTS	2016-17 BUDGET
MEMBERSHIP	\$3,990.00
COOKIE DOUGH SALES	\$14,500.00
DINNER BEFORE SHOW	\$5,000.00
LUMINARIA	\$1,200.00
OTHER/DONATION	\$230.00
BAND 59 MINUTE FUNDRAISER	\$6,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$30,920.00

EXPENSES:

EXPENSE	2016-17 BUDGET
MARCHING BAND	\$9,000.00
Drill Writers/Clinicians	
Band Camp Supplies	
Flag Corp (aka Color Guard)	
Percussion	
Music/Copyrights	
Supplies/Equipment	
Drum Major Camp	
Senior Flowers	
Uniforms	
AFTER SCHOOL LESSONS PROGRAM (grades 5-12)	\$2,500.00
CONCERT BAND (grades 7-12)	\$500.00
GENERAL MUSIC (grades K-6)	\$500.00
ORCHESTRA (grades 5-12)	\$1,200.00
CHORUS (grades 3-12)	\$2,500.00
AWARDS	\$750.00
EQUIPMENT	\$300.00
OTHER UNIFORMS	\$1,500.00
CONTESTS	\$1,500.00

MARCHING BAND SET ASIDE	\$2,000.00
ADMINISTRATIVE	
Postage/Supplies	\$80.00
Insurance	\$330.00
Discretionary/Miscellaneous	\$160.00
SCHOLARSHIPS	
Marching Band Camp	\$6,000.00
All-State	\$550.00
Undergrad	\$250.00
Senior	\$1,000.00
FINNEYTOWN COMMUNITY	
After Prom	\$300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$30,920.00

A motion to approve the June minutes with these corrections was made by Den and seconded by Tina. The motion passed.
Correspondence – none received.

President’s Report – Ric Towner

Thanks to Deb & Joanna for their work on the newsletter
Kudos to all who worked on the 59 minute fundraiser
Kudos on the band preview show

This is the Ric’s report published in our electronic newsletter 8/7/16:

Investing in our children is one of the hallmarks of the Finneytown community and the Finneytown Music Parents Association (FMPA) is excited about the investments we are making in students this school year. Thanks to the great support from families, caring community members and alumni last year we have been able to increase the FMPA budget from ~\$19K in 2014-15 to ~\$26K last year to ~\$31K this year! Those dollars mean more scholarships, more clinicians, more investments in uniforms and instructional resources for teachers and the capacity to relaunch a private lessons program.

Just as important as the financial investments are the investments of time made in volunteering and in showing up and encouraging students and teachers. There are still FMPA board positions open for High School and Middle School orchestra and Middle School chorus. If you have a student in one of these groups, have ~5 hours a month to volunteer and would like to be part of a great team please contact me ((513)313-3203, text or call) or one of the other board members. You are also welcome to just show up at our first meeting of the year on August 8th at 7PM in the MP conference room!

We get a great return on our investment in music education and I can’t wait to enjoy what’s in store this year. Thanks for your support -

Ric Towner
FMPA president

Staff reports – Band & Music Dept. – Mike Kennedy

- Band starting well, first home game 9/2. Want to increase parent support at band contests, having contests closer to home will help hopefully.
- Staff to send thanks to the huge list of those who helped w/band over the summer.
- Extra rehearsals have worked well and improvements are evident.
- Increased staff for MB has been great – this is due to extra FMPA money made available.
- Changed leadership structure w/students, more of them are taking responsibility
- 59 minute fundraiser – if 100% comes in, will make \$10, 365. Already have met the \$6,000 for scholarships.
- Instrument budget – Of 80 some kids new to band, 67 requested school-owned instruments. Need to discuss possibility of future FMPA/FLSD match for instrument replacement similar to band uniform set-aside.
- Instrument inventory – April Bruder and Renee Vanderveen helped tag all instruments w/BOE red or black tags & confirm instruments w/parents. The bar code/OhioLink was unreliable & expensive.
- Teaching schedule- staff doesn't have their final schedules yet.
- Music tech/digital music classes - \$45,000 grant obtained from Abelton – only 3 in US given – for the needed equipment for their PUSH program. Abelton.com Rm 111 next to library.
- Private lessons – some teachers in place, need more, and need 2 coordinators. FMPA must have a volunteer during private lessons (not ensembles). Staff will generate a "responsibilities" list to give parent volunteers - propose a 25-parent rotation. Lessons start in Oct., \$18-20 per 30 min. private lesson. Vocal will be group lesson, MS "X-period" choir will be Tuesdays after school x 1 hr.

HS Band - VP Tina Wuorinen

MS Band – VP April Bruder

Orchestra – Stefanie Schneider

Orchestra camp was today – 9 or 10 students attended. They shared a lot of music. Concerts will be in October, December, March, and May.

HS Orchestra – VP OPEN

Choirs – Laura Carroll

- Oct, Dec, March, May concerts. Oct. concert will be choir and orchestra same night.
- May concert will be Broadway pops
- Musical – not yet decided
- MS "X-period" choir will be Tuesdays after school x 1 hr.
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HS Choirs – VP Nikkie McCollum

MS Choirs – VP OPEN

Elementary Report – VP's Den & Sandy Tenhundfeld

Den wants to meet w/Lisa Tenbarga to make sure all is in line before school starts.

Uniform Report – Marsha Grubbs

Marsha hopes to be at the 1st home game, though Fridays will typically be bad for her.

All the band students have been fitted with shoes, jackets, trousers, hats, gloves and cuffs, except one member who still needs to be fitted with a jacket. We only need to order one pair of shoes for the band. I would like to give a big thanks to those who helped with this process: Glenda Esslinger, Diane Nahallage, Tina Wuorinen, Deb Amend, and Maggie Laird. And then a HUGE thanks to Brenda Dennis for all of her help.

I still have the hemming and alterations to do, as well as the labeling and numbering of many items, and putting jackets away in storage.

We are missing a small hat and the hat box. I don't know if someone used it for a prop or teaching tool and it did not make it back. If any of you have any leads as to its whereabouts, please let me know--we only have six small hats, and we need all six of them. Thank you.

Membership Report – Joanna Eberhardt

I am excited to report that we have FOUR FMPA members before the school year has begun: 1 family membership, 1 patron mem., and 2 alumni.

I will let Deb report on the new newsletter that you all should have received via email. I will be responsible for emailing these Music Notes to membership, FMPA Board and administration each month. I will also send at least this initial one to last year's membership.

Tomorrow is a great time to turn in your membership dues. See you then.

The “donate” button on the FMPA page currently links to PayPal for the 59 minute fundraiser. We will ask Bill to change that back to linking to the Payschools FMPA membership.

Joanna will staff FMPA table at Whitaker back-to-school event. Need a person to staff for secondary open house on 18th. Ric will coordinate that.

As an FYI, Kim Stevens has alumni list per Den.

Communication Report – Deb Amend

Our first e-newsletter went out earlier this month. This will be a monthly newsletter, much like the first I sent out, although they will not all focus on marching band -- the focus will change depending upon the season and which group should be highlighted. We are sending the first to all previous members from last year, as well as administration and board, after the first couple, it will just be current members and administration/board members, although I will continue to post it on our facebook page as well. This is a much more streamlined process than doing the print, and is FREE! We are using an email service called Vertical Response, which has a basic free membership that more than meets our needs.

We will be doing this in combination with our facebook page. Currently we are averaging over 250 views on each post that has a picture with it. Our original post to promote the preview show was seen by over 1000 people, and our reminder posts were seen by anywhere from 250 to 700. I will continue to promote the contests and other events in this manner as well.

Website report – Bill Fessler

No report. Bill was unable to attend due to Robby having an overnight EEG.

Treasurer's Report - Heidi Reeb

Heidi has been getting an email with every PayPal donation.

Heidi reports that the treasurer's role is increasing in size/scope with PayPal and future lesson payments. For our organization's safety we should have another person knowledgeable about the accounting & banking to be involved with her.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report ending August 8, 2016 made by Den, second by Sue.

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

59 minute fundraiser follow-up – see above under Mr. Kennedy's report. Den is looking for 10 people to solicit 10 businesses each for donations. Their names would be on the MB trailer, in programs, on band website for advertising.

Ric – No parents called from FT during the 59 minutes. Focus that night on kids calling their best list possible, and using social media. Parents can do the business part. A third element can be alums calling other alums.

NEW BUSINESS

Private lessons proposal and next steps – see Mr. Kennedy's report above.

Cookie Dough – delivery date November 17. Chris & MK to meet re: neighborhood blitz date, etc.

School board representative report – Cindy Rebman

Cindy reports there were no hires at tonight's board meeting, meaning the staff is already in place for this year. New superintendent Terry Noe seems to be starting off well. Larger lever harp was purchased. Pedal harp regulated, crack is growing. Estimated life of 1 yr. They would give us \$4,000 to buy it damaged. We would need another \$11,000 to buy a new one. Or we can do more repairs for additional money.

Adjournment - Den motioned, and Joanna seconded, that we adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Next meeting is Sept. 12, 2016 at 7 pm in MP conference room.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Burton, secretary