

Attendees: Sue Burton, Heidi Reeb, Heidi Rice, Bill Fessler, Den Tenhundfeld, Laura Carroll, Mike Kennedy, Stefanie Schneider, Brad Delaney, Maggie Laird, April Bruder, Tina Wuorinen, Jenny Towner, Chris Wolferst, Sue Connell, Cindy Rebman, Joanna Eberhardt, Dan Deitsch, Ric Towner

Secretary's Report – Sue Burton

A motion to approve the August minutes was made by Joanna and seconded by Den. The motion passed.

Correspondence – none received.

President's Report – Ric Towner

Lots of good stuff to report. We have new board members to introduce, private lessons program is moving forward with an October start date, planning has begun for this year's savory sweets sale and we've begun receiving business sponsorships for the band. From a personal perspective our daughter is having a great experience in marching band learning lessons and building relationships that extend beyond music education. I have come to believe that doing something meaningful with people you enjoy being with is when life is at its best. Music education is at its best when it's giving students the experience of working hard together to learn and create something beautiful to share with others. It's a great counterweight to the current preoccupation with individual test score achievement - something you do on your own that doesn't enrich anyone else. I'm all for Allie doing well on tests but I love the opportunity she has to grow as an individual, learn to work as a team and to create something that's a blessing to others in Finneytown's music programs. Thanks teaching team and FMPA board for helping make that possible for Allie and for all of the students in our district. See you on Monday!

Staff reports –

Band & Music Dept. – Mike Kennedy

- Band starting well, home game 9/2 went well, first contest is Sat. 17th.
- FMPA board asked how staff assignments have finalized as it was not known at last mtg.
 - Brad is alone at Whitaker except one 5th class. He does X per. Band, 5 & 6 band, and 4 "duties" – breakfast, lunch, recess, and intervention.
 - Stefanie does ms & hs orchestra, ms band w/MK, 5th bell sub, testing small groups, etc.
 - MK does X per. Band, MS band w/Stef, one 5th band & lunch duties, 1 music tech class
 - Laura does 2 music tech classes, MS girls choir, concert choir, chorale, internal subbing
 - Heidi Johnson does elem. Orchestra, 3 & 4 general music
 - Faith (PT@ Whit) does Voices of Whitaker x 2, 5th & 6th general music, some assist in band

This is not exhaustive, just what Sue the secretary managed to catch.

Student numbers:

1. Band - 5th = 85, 6th = 60-62 (5/6 are new), 7th = 47, 8th = 33, HS = 71
2. Orchestra – 5th = 25/6, 6th = 35, 7th = 28, 8th = 15, HS = 20 hs + play ups = 30ish
3. Choir – MS girls = 33, "X period choir" = 25 & growing, Concert choir = 34, Chorale = 20.
Chorale in particular was very hard hit by scheduling conflicts. Around 8 students could not keep it in their schedules.

MK feels the biggest hit numbers-wise is the number of high schoolers we lose to private and other schools, leaving FT schools.

Music staff are feeling very supported by the community and FMPA.

Music tech classes are great & kids are excited about it. Lots of prep since new class, but good.

Upcoming concert Oct. 12, 7 pm – Secondary choirs and orchestra.

FMPA asked questions, expressed concern about teaching instrumental music to large numbers of beginners with limited specifically-trained staff in the younger grades. Discussion of how we might help @ Whitaker, nothing settled.

We learned at the end of the evening that Zach Wuorinen is playing in the CSYO, Alexander Eberhardt is in All-State band, and Alexander, Zach, and Ian are writing a combination piece. Congratulations on those accomplishments!

HS Band - VP Tina Wuorinen

The first home football game was Friday, September 2nd, and the next one will be Friday, September 23, which is Homecoming. The first contest will be Saturday, September 17 in Hilliard. The band show is really looking nice. The band is having pictures taken for a composite with Cherryblossom Design. They have taken everyone's picture except 3 students. Every family will get a free photo button, and the seniors will have banners that can be hung on the fence at the home football games, but we will need to have someone hang them. I know many of the students also ordered pictures.

A few students also ordered the band hoodies

MS Band – VP April Bruder

nothing new to report at this time

Orchestra – Stefanie Schneider

See above

Orchestra VP – Heidi Rice has agreed to be Orchestra VP for both MS & HS. Welcome Heidi!

Choirs – Laura Carroll

See above

HS Choirs – VP Nikkie McCollum

Sue Connell's son Duncan is in concert choir and Sue is here and willing to help with choir affairs. Welcome Sue! (Ed. Note: after our Sept. mtg. we received the resignation of Nikkie McCollum as choir VP. Sue has graciously stepped into that role for us.)

MS Choirs –

Elementary Report – VP's Den & Sandy Tenhundfeld

Not much to report on this end. We have been busy with the business fundraiser. On a side note, our kindergartner loves music class with Steve!

Thanks!

Uniform Report – Marsha Grubbs

At this time I'd like to send a HUGE thank you to Brenda Dennis for making the dress for one of the field commanders for this year's show. (She the other field commander dress in a previous year.)

Every band member is set to go with his/her uniform for this coming weekend's competition.

I have fitted most of the girls in the Chorale and Concert Choir for their dresses and expect Jennifer Singleton to be helping me with the alterations for the dresses.

Tomorrow morning with the help of Maggie Laird, I will begin fitting the boys in the Chorale with tux jackets and trousers.

After school tomorrow afternoon, I will start sizing the fellas in the Concert choir for their tuxes. Ric, at this time, I need someone to help me so that the time can be utilized efficiently. Could you please send a shout out for help at 2:55pm, 9/12 at the school. I do not need someone who sews, just someone who can do paperwork, etc.

There are three boys in the band who are also in the concert choir, and I do not know when they will be fitted.

Membership Report – Joanna Eberhardt

We now have 43 members. I am delighted with this number and thank everyone who has joined. There was a great response at the Secondary Open House. We will be publishing member names in the upcoming e-newsletter. Keep spreading the word and keep those memberships coming in!

Communication Report – Deb Amend

In August we launched our first FMPA Music Notes, an electronic newsletter. We sent this newsletter via email to all new and previous members and administration. We also posted it on our facebook page. The plan will be to eventually send only to current members, once our membership is more complete for the year. I will probably post articles from it on the facebook page, rather than a pdf of the entire thing, since that will create more frequent posts (good for social media). I am currently working on the September Music Notes which I am planning to release this week. This issue will focus on membership and on the music staff, so parents are aware of who our teachers are and how blessed with are to have them.

For this issue, I still need information on Heidi and Ms. Diehl from Whitaker, along with photos of them. I also need the list of new members to publish.

I would like to focus the October issue on the private lesson program, and if it would be helpful, we could do a "special issue" rather than waiting for October. There is a template in the program for "Announcements" that I can use. It would be one article, with info on the private lesson program in order to catch people's attention about the program. Also, once I have officially approved copy of information on the private lesson program, I will schedule it to be posted on the FB page.

I would like to post the information about the Savory Sweets Fundraiser on the FB page, and then announce the results in the following newsletter. I can also post reminders on the FB page the sale is going on.

In general, when things are sent to me to post on FB and in the newsletter, please send a copy to MK for approval first and then once he responds, forward the copy directly to me so that I can see that he has approved it (or made

any necessary changes and approved it). That will ensure that it is not going to inadvertently cause problems and can streamline the process so that I can just edit it and drop it into either the newsletter or facebook page.

Website report – Bill Fessler

Everything should be fairly up to date however I noticed the 2016-17 board positions was from a document from a while ago. I don't know if there were any additional open positions filled.

On a historical note, I am missing a few old meeting notes from last school year...

March, May and June. Sue, if you could send those to bfsing@gmail.com...

Also FYI to all, my work email used to be best but that mailbox is getting overwhelming so it's easier to miss things. Please send things to me at bfsing@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report - Heidi Reeb

Filed the 990 postcard w/taxes, and annual renewal w/Attorney General's office.
We really need to create an "assistant treasurer" position – if anyone knows of someone.
Here are the Treasurer's reports so far this fiscal year. (Attached to Heidi's email in spreadsheet)

There has been an update to September's report. The membership amount was incorrect. The correct amount is entered on the attached spreadsheet. (Attached to Heidi's email in spreadsheet.) Please note this in our September 2016 meeting notes. (Corrected version says YTD memberships as of Sept. 12 is \$1597.24)
Motion to approve the treasurer's report ending 2016 made by Bill, second by Sue. Motion passed.

School board representative report – Cindy Rebman

OLD BUSINESS

Private Lesson Plan – Maggie Laird

- Has hours from all teachers, will likely nix Mondays due to only one teacher for 2 hrs. that day.
- Percussion/flute have emailed. Maggie to email parents & create a flyer for next Whitaker Thursday folder.
- Ensembles will be \$25 for whole year. For now just woodwind, brass, percussion, no orchestra.
- Volunteer recruitment – need background check w/Patty Schnur - \$45. ?should FMPA pay for background checks? Prob. Need 12 volunteers (45 x 12 = \$600)
- Teachers won't and can't take payment from kids
- Payment – parent says how many in a month, pays for that amt once ea. month. Use FMPA deposit slip from our website, mail to Heidi's house. If 24 hr. notice of cancellation, can give credit for that lesson. Ric, Maggie, Heidi R, and assistant treas. once named will have access to that spreadsheet.
- We are funding all ensembles out of scholarship \$ (also floating to pay to teachers).
- Need a reminder on our website about how to do payment for this program.

59 minute fundraiser follow-up – have 4 ads by email. Den emphasized personal contact will help.

Savory Sweets Cookie Dough –

The following are the important dates we are looking at:

Tuesday, Oct 4 Kick Off (Grades 5-12)
Thursday, Oct 6 Canvas Neighborhoods w/ Informational Flyers (Marching Band)
Sunday, Oct 9 Neighborhood Blitz (7-12 Choir/Orchestra, 7-8 Band)
Tuesday, Oct 18 Order Forms/Money Due (Grades 5-12)
Tuesday, Nov 1 Orders Due to Savory Foods
Thursday, Nov 17 Delivery (PAC)

I met with the music staff in August to discuss ways to improve sales and ideas for the Neighborhood Blitz. The HS Marching Band will canvas the targeted neighborhoods the week before the actual blitz. They will leave flyers on doors giving details of when they will return to take orders/donations, instructions on how to order/donate if homeowner will not be available during the blitz, and instructions on how homeowners can opt out of the door to door sale. Orchestra and Choir will work the actual blitz. Two neighborhoods will be included this year: the neighborhood around Brent Elementary and the neighborhood across from Whitaker Elementary. Specific streets will be determined later. Prizes will be given in a similar way as the 59 Minute Fundraiser. Parent volunteers will be in the neighborhoods passing out prizes as student groups reach specific goals: 5 sales=3 pcs of candy; 10 sales=cookie; 15 sales=soda; 20 sales=pizza. Each student in the top selling team of the day will receive a \$5 Chipotle gift card.

In our FMPA discussion we determined the ipad drawing will be open only to those who sell at least 10 items.

I also met with Ric & Jenny last week. We discussed dates and possible pricing changes. We talked about some of the pros and cons of increasing the price to \$15 per item and eliminating the 3 for \$36 deal or changing it to 3 for \$40. Donna Roberson, our Savory Sweets rep, responded with positive feedback when I emailed her about the possible increase. We will need to make the decision tonight so that we can proceed with our contract with Savory Sweets.

NEW BUSINESS

Homecoming Parade – 9/22, bring candy, Ric will make up a flyer to pass out

Adjournment – motioned by Ric, and Heidi & Den seconded, that we adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Next meeting is Monday October 10, 2016 at 7 pm in MP conference room.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Burton, secretary