

FMPA Meeting Minutes February 13, 2017

Attendees: Den Tenhundfeld, Chris Wolferst, Scott Haarlammert, Sue Burton, Heidi Reeb, Sue Connell, Faith Diehl, Ric Towner, April Bruder, Dan Deitsch, Tina Wuorinen. Music staff were rehearsing for the musical during this meeting.

Secretary's Report – Sue Burton

A motion to approve the January 2017 minutes was made by Tina and seconded by Sue C. The motion passed.

Correspondence – none prior to meeting.

President's Report – Ric Towner

The entertainment line up for Dinner Before the Show is going to be fun! Here's the line up:

5:15 - 5:30 Voices of Whitaker

5:35 - 5:50 Nepali dancers or elementary soloists

5:55 - 6:15 Tethered Satellites (band of high school students - they will be playing all acoustic set previewed by MK)

6:20 - 6:55 FMPA parent jazz band

I'll send out a publicity email before the end of the weekend for the staff to forward to parents promoting the event including the entertainment line up.

I had a good discussion this month with Mike on ideas he and the staff have for private lessons next year. Mike will be sharing what I think are some great ideas to continue expanding access to instruction and private lessons to more students and it's an area I think we should continue to invest in - even if we entail some risk of running a deficit for a couple years. I've also been encouraging Terri, Jen and Lisa to keep communication open regarding next year's scheduling plans and to use the FMPA as a sounding board / communication advisers as they consider ways to improve music schedules and instruction options next year.

Looking forward to what is always a crazy but fun week, a great team effort and time of fellowship Friday night and to enjoying Fiddler on the Roof. See you Monday!

Staff Reports:

Band & Music Dept. – Mike Kennedy

The music staff are busy with rehearsals for the musical and were not able to attend.

Alexander Eberhardt performed with the OMEA All-State band since our last meeting.

[Congratulations to all the choir, orchestra, and band performers that participated in District 14 Solo and Ensemble Contest this past Saturday.](#) We had 43 choir, orchestra, and band students attend the event. The results are listed below.

Zach Wuorinen ("Orchestra" Bass Solo) Superior Rating

Zach Wuorinen and Katie Bishop ("Orchestra" Cello Duet) Superior Rating

Talia Ahlers and Neha Moktan ("Orchestra" Violin Duet) Good Rating

Allison Sedgwick ("Choir" Soprano Solo) Comments Only

Alexandra Lee ("Choir" Soprano Solo) Excellent Rating

Amanda Gast ("Choir" Mezzo Soprano Solo) Excellent Rating

Alexia Bonds ("Choir" Mezzo Soprano Solo) Excellent Rating

Shelby Hatton ("Band" Saxophone Solo) Superior Rating

Belinda Baty ("Band" Bassoon) Superior Rating

Cooper Burton ("Band" Marimba Solo) Superior Rating

Saya Amend ("Band" Trumpet) Superior Rating

Clarinet Trio ("Band" Trio) Superior Rating -

Belinda Baty

Alissa Wuorinen

Matthew Dauterman

Brass Choir ("Band") Excellent Rating

*Brass Choir Members

Izaak Cruz

Tristan Bonds

Saya Amend

Corey Sloan

Zach Wuorinen

Maggie Traubert

Mark Johnson

Lydia Wolferst

Caitlyn Ramsey

Ian Sloan

Alexander Eberhardt

Oscar Julius

LaValle Coleman

Hunter Giffen

Ravi Nahallage

Max Giffin

Aidan Sloan

Ricky Pollington

Riley Kershner

Woodwind Choir ("Band" WW Choir) Superior Rating

*Woodwind Choir members

Cam Bruder

Olivia Perry

Hope Cleghorn

Belinda Baty

Zach Wuorinen

Alissa Wuorinen

Selena Mungur

Zoe Casselman

Olivia Angert

Matthew Dauterman

Alyssa Ramsey

Jaden Smedley
Shelby Hatton
Jacob Huff
Alexandra Lee

HS Band - VP Tina Wuorinen

HS Band Report

Marching Band meeting was held on January 24 with good attendance. Changes in schedule were announced and packets handed out. First payment is due later this month. I have Jenny Tower and April Bruder taking over for marching band snacks, and they will both be attending band camp for the full week!

MS Band – VP April Bruder

Orchestra – Stefanie Schneider

Orchestra VP – Heidi Rice

Choirs – Laura Carroll

HS/MS Choirs – VP Sue Connell

MS Honor choir performed at Princeton last Saturday. Heidi R reports it was great. She also commended the commitment of our teachers to these programs, in this case Laura Carroll attending for the day.

Elementary Music Staff – Heidi Johnson

Heidi had planned to be here this evening, but is not feeling well. She says “please let me know if there is anything I can do to help for or on Friday.”

Faith Diehl (VOW/general music) was at our meeting and reported the following:

-Voices of Whitaker 5/6 performed the national anthem at an NKU basketball game. The kids not only performed well but had a blast at the game! I will send a video

-Both Voices of Whitaker choirs will be performing at Dinner Before the show. They are excited to sing but probably more excited to eat spaghetti!

In Elementary news:

-5th and 6th grade? general music students have started learning ukulele (finally!)

Looking ahead:

-Voices of Whitaker will perform with the high school choirs for the spring concert this semester at the secondary campus as normal.

- Whitaker musical ensembles (band, orchestra, choir) will be traveling to Brent to give a short performance in hopes of recruiting.

See you tonight,

Faith Diehl

Elementary Report – VP's Den & Sandy Tenhundfeld

News from Brent Elementary: Steve Jones was in Cleveland for the OMEA Conference a few weekends ago and he decided to take advantage of the opportunity to spend money for items for his music classroom that can

be reimbursed by FMPA. Steve spent almost \$230.00, a little less than half of the \$500 allocated for general music for school year 2016-2017. He will or already has sent the receipts to Heidi Reeb for reimbursement.

Items purchased were:

1. Nine pairs of mallets for the xylophones and metallophones (The old ones were not looking very good after sixteen years).
2. "Instrument Bingo" and "Rhythm Bingo" These are games that will reinforce concepts already taught to 2nd grade students).
3. "Meaningful Movement (A Music Teacher's Guide to Dalcroze Eurhythmics). This is a great resource that will help my students to develop rhythmic skills and creativity through artistic, expressive, and meaningful movement.

Steve is always keeping the Brent kids active in music and learning. He is setting the bases so our strong music program will continue to grow in the district.

Sorry, I have one final item. I am still in need of door ticket sale help for Friday and Saturday performances (of Fiddler on the Roof – ed.). I could use 2 more people each night. [Friday: 1 for Will Call Booth and 1 more for walk in sales.](#) Saturday: 2 more for Walk in Sales. Plus I need someone to oversee Saturdays performance since I will not be able to attend due to the Springfield Township Father Daughter Dance (and most likely Anna's last year going... 10 years now)

Thanks
Den

Uniform Report – agreed to discuss need for uniform help at March meeting

Membership Report – Joanna Eberhardt

Communication Report – Deb Amend

Well... January was a bad month for the Newsletter! Sorry -- a crashed computer, and life's pace caught up with me, and I ended up doing a combined January/February newsletter.

I would like to create a system where more parents and teachers can get me photos from practices and events, so that I have the material at hand. I'm wondering if there is a google drive associated with the FMPA that we could use to store photos and videos? If we have any gmails associated with the group, we have a google drive.

Since this has been my first year, there has been a steep learning curve. I'm looking at creating a schedule for next year, as far as topics and schedule, and thinking that maybe a newsletter every other month with a monthly update of events might streamline things more. Vertical Response, the website we use to design the newsletter, does a 'Announcement' campaigns as well. One photo with promotional information about one event. I think that, combined with the FB page, could be utilized more to promote specific events such as dinner before the show. I'm also trying to find images that can consistently represent certain events (like spaghetti for DBS, using the same pic everywhere for Light Up Finneytown).

I am aiming to have the March Newsletter out by March 5. Will recap Fiddler, and will promote the upcoming concerts and Middle School Musical Theater. I welcome other topic suggestions!!

Re: Deb's question about a Google drive to share info: Discussion ensued about the possibility for this. Music staff have a google drive among themselves we believe. Some use dropbox also w/Krista Ramsey.

Website report – Bill Fessler

Treasurer's Report - Heidi Reeb

Heidi is going to Wesbanco tomorrow with Laura Beverly to add her to the account.

Heidi is recommending that we set up an "in and out of reserves" category.

Treasurer's report ending February 13 reviewed. Motion to accept the report made by Dan, seconded by Den – motion passed.

Heidi commented as a parent, wondering what our \$2500 after school lessons program money will go toward. Perhaps FMPA could subsidize ALL students' lessons? The money was put there to fund the ensembles.

School board representative report – Scott Haarlammert

OLD BUSINESS

Private Lesson Plan – Maggie Laird – Emails have been sent to all parents with kids taking private music lessons with updated instructions on payments, including Laura Beverly's information.

-An email was sent to Bill Fessler, with Laura Beverly's information to be changed on the FMPA website.

- [The winter session of private lessons will end on Thursday March 3rd.](#)

- [The spring session of private lessons will begin Mar 6 and end May 5 with a break from 4/10-17 for Spring Break.](#)

Savory Sweets Cookie Dough – Chrissy Wolferst

We still have about two dozen tubs of cookie dough (double peanut butter chocolate chip and white macadamia). [I will have some available for purchase tonight at the board meeting and again at the Dinner Before the Show.](#) They are now \$10 per tub or 3 for \$25.

NEW BUSINESS

Dinner Before the Show - 2/17/17 from 5-7 pm. Musical Fiddler on the Roof begins at 7:30 pm.

- **Bid N Buy - April Bruder** - We have 26 items confirmed as of today. We are awaiting confirmation and receipt of a handful of additional items. If you have a basket you'd like to contribute, or some items to help fill a basket, please let me know! In the past, Dan has had a candy basket for the kids and a "beverage" basket or two for adults (to be received by the winner at a location away from school!). Items are still needed for those. In addition, I am looking for inexpensive baskets for displaying some of the items.
- **Promo/tickets – Tony and Dawn Gast** will take/sell tickets at the door as Sue B will be out of town and Rices need to uncommit due to their son's hospitalization.
- **Entertainment – See Ric's report** above under President's report. Need help w/striking risers after VOW performs.

- Cashier – Heidi Reeb is ordering a credit card reader called Clovergo. Can be used w/Bluetooth/App. Expense is 2.69% per swipe or 3.69% if type in the cc #s, plus 9 cents per transaction. Device cost is \$84.99 + \$5/mo for service (\$60/yr.)
Motion by Dan to add \$110 to administrative budget for Clovergo expenses – second by Den – motion passed.
- Kitchen: Tina will be there by 4:30
- Desserts/Drinks: Sue Connell needs just 1 more dessert, has enough pop.
- Salad – may need to buy
- Clean Up: Maggie Laird, with 4 volunteers

Adjournment – motioned by Tina, and seconded by Den, that we adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Next meeting is Monday, March 13, at 7 pm in MP conference room.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Burton, secretary