

Attendees: Sue Burton, April Bruder, Maggie Laird, Ric Towner, Susan Connell, Stefanie Schneider, Denny Tenhundfeld, Bradley Delaney, Mike Kennedy, Laura Carroll, Heidi Reeb, Scott Haarlammert, Joanna Eberhardt, Tina Wuorinen, Rebecca Page, Marsha Grubbs, Heidi Johnson

Secretary’s Report – Sue Burton

Reviewed the February and March minutes and movement of money listed in March minutes (old business – private lessons) - we did not have an April meeting at which to review those items – ed. A motion to approve the minutes from Feb. and March was made by Tina, seconded by Bill. Motion passed.

Sue B asked if the March treasurer’s report had been approved, it is the general consensus of tonight’s attendees that the report was approved at that time.

Correspondence – none.

President’s Report – Ric Towner

I remain encouraged by the good stuff happening in music and across the district. The band performance at state and the experience gained, lessons learned, inspiration to return next year were fun to hear about. I was out of town for the percussion concert last week but heard really good reports. It was Sam Fronk’s first concert and it show cased a great pipeline of future percussionists and the current percussion team’s considerable talents. I have initiated conversations with Jen Dinan and Terri Noe to facilitate a meeting early this summer with the other support organization leaders to strategize ways we can work effectively together next year with a particular focus on engaging more parents. Mike and I met to review the budget for next year and you see the first draft of a proposed 2017-18 budget attached. Our total income in 2015-16 was \$28,721. This year (2016-17) it looks like we’ll have income of \$31,420 thanks to great results of the 59 minute fundraiser and good results everywhere else. I’ve proposed targeting \$34,450 for 2017-18 with the main strategy being to expand the 59 minute fundraiser to include all secondary music groups (not just band) and to engage more alums in being FMPA members. I would like to avoid adding more fundraisers and stay focused on improving and expanding the ones we already have. Mike has some ideas on how to engage more students in after school master classes next year that he’ll share Monday.

Here’s what i currently have as the status of 2017-18 board positions and openings ... we’ll review tomorrow but please email me if I anything is not correct. Thanks!

	2016-17	2017-18
President	Ric Towner	Ric Towner
Secretary	Sue Burton	Sue Burton
Treasurer	Heidi Reeb	Heidi Reeb
Assistant Treasurer	Laura Beverly	Laura Beverly
HS Orchestra	Heidi Rice	Heidi Rice
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HS Band	Tina Wourinen	Tina Wourinen
MS Band	April Bruder	April Bruder
HS Chorus	Sue Connell	Sue Connell

MS Chorus	Open	Open
Elementary Rep	Den & Sandy Tenhundfeld	Den & Sandy Tenhundfeld
Communications	Deb Amend	Deb Amend
Uniforms	Marsha Grubbs	Amanda Angert?
Uniform Assistant	Open	Open
Membership	Joanna Eberhardt	Open
Web site	Bill Fessler	Bill Fessler
Private Lessons Coordinator	Maggie Laird	Maggie Laird
Bid and Buy Project Leader	Dan Deitsch	April Bruder
59 Min Fund Raiser Project Leader	Ric Towner	Ric Towner
Savory Sweets Project Leader	Chris Wolferest	Chris Wolferest

Staff Reports:

Band & Music Dept. – Mike Kennedy

At state band contest, sight reading score improved from 1.5 to 2.5. Received an excellent rating. 2 compositions will be performed at May concert by a large volunteer ensemble practicing after school. Composers are Zach Wuorinen and Alexander Eberhardt.

Percussion ensemble concert went very well, Sam Fronk has done a tremendous job w/percussionists this year.

Next year's marching band is 86 total, 14 color guard and 72 band. (This year was 65 marchers.)

Band camp forms straggling in. Marching band music came out today.

Senior fine arts dinner being planned, budgeted \$250 so it will be tight.

HS Band - VP Tina Wuorinen

The Symphonic Band received an excellent rating at State competition on Saturday, April 29 at Gahanna Lincoln HS near Columbus.

The final concert for the year will be on Thursday, May 18. The Fine Arts Senior/parent dinner will precede the concert. There are 21 seniors in the band, choir, and art. There are none in the orchestra this year.

The 4th marching band payment is due on Friday, May 26.

MS Band – VP April Bruder

Concert chaperones for Thursday:

I have 1 chaperone for 7th grade, I'm looking for 1 more.

Still need a chaperone for 8th grade.

Tina will chaperone the HS orchestra.

Orchestra – Stefanie Schneider

Concert is this Thursday 11th, 5th grade through high school. All secondary will combined at end.

Orchestra VP – Heidi Rice

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Choirs – Laura Carroll

Weds. Chorale will sing at academic signing.

All-state audition packets have been sent home, recordings will be done during finals hour. Roster of students listed for graduation choir.

Upcoming choir concert May 16th – Broadway Pops concert theme. Voices of Whitaker to perform first half. 7-12 choirs perform a piece together including American Sign Language. Concert will include a highlight of the adaptive music class.

Re: Musical for next year – this year's show was Fiddler, a long production. Starting at 7:30 made for very late nights. They plan to move the start time for next year's musical up to 7 pm. Letting us know as this affects Dinner Before the Show planning.

HS/MS Choirs – VP Sue Connell

Elementary Music Staff – Heidi Johnson

5th/6th combined orchestra concert this Thurs. May 11.

May 17 VOW to sing at Whitaker volunteer reception, and duet of Annie Haarlamert and A Reed on violin and harp.

May 18 3rd graders will do recorders together at 2:45

May 24 Brent & Cicis trip with 6th graders

Faith Diehl has been working w/students for May 16th concert.

Elementary Report – VP's Den & Sandy Tenhundfeld

Uniform Report – Marsha Grubbs

Due to the smaller choir size this year, I was able to dress all the boys in the trousers and jackets that we currently have. The jackets that Brenda had been ordering have been phased out so I don't think that that particular style and cost will be an option in the future, unfortunately.

Also, I did not order any dresses. SO, none of the budget for "other uniforms" was spent for the 2016-1017 school year, unless the dry cleaning comes from that budget. (Marsha raised the possibility of new dresses for the concert choir women – a knit dress will be nicer she thinks. Possibly use this year's "other uniforms" budget plus next year's to purchase. – ed.)

I will wash the dresses and skirts after the May choir and band concerts. The only dry cleaning costs are from the tux trousers and jackets as all of the band uniforms are now machine washed by band moms.

Membership Report – Joanna Eberhardt

75 members, 5 after last concert, 2 of those with the Clovergo card reader. Rebecca Page attending tonight to consider being Joanna's replacement for next year. Rick praised Joanna's efforts and commented that to expand our membership roster we should focus on alumni and extended family in the future. Alums are an untapped resource.

Communication Report – Deb Amend

Hello Team, I do not have much to report. I will be sending out a final newsletter for the school next week. I will do some summaries of the activities of the year, an upcoming calendar, and post open positions for the board. Suggestions on other topics are welcome!

I will not be at the meeting tonight as I have family in from New York. I am hoping to have my schedule aligned next year to attend the meetings again.

Website report – Bill Fessler

Bill will update website info based on Ric's note.

Treasurer's Report - Heidi Reeb

Discussion re: private lesson money, ensemble surplus of \$255. MK suggests back into private lessons if there's a negative balance. Heidi will close it and add to the \$885 budgeted, then put toward next year's lessons IF there is any extra after all teachers are paid.

Next treasurer's report will be at end of fiscal year June 30th.

Scholarship checks – 2 - \$500 checks to seniors. We later learned they were to Ian Sloan and Belinda Baty.

Treasurer's report ending May 7, 2017 reviewed. Motion to accept report made by Bill, seconded by Joanna. Motion passed.

School board representative report – Scott Haarlammert

Thank you to staff and FMPA board for talent & dedication. 3 seats will be open this fall on the school board for 4 year terms – currently held by Cindy Rebman, Scott Haarlammert, Anita Ruffin. Scott invites all to consider running and asking questions. Petitions are due Aug. 9 @ county board of elections.

Facilities – met w/OH school facilities construction commission – FT has deferred x 2, can't defer again w/out falling off the list and losing chance at state money for potentially 10 yrs. or longer. Considering accepting the offer of funding summer 2018, which allows for elections in fall 2018/spring 2019 to pass a bond levy. (Must pass local initiative within 13 mos. of accepting the state's offer.) Lots of meetings needed, visioning, needs to be community led, can't be school-led.

Generally a 5 yr. process to pass bond, get designs, cost, groundbreaking, 2 yrs. of construction, etc. – so potentially around 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

Private Lesson Plan – Maggie Laird –

Ric emailed those with overdue balances – 1 has since paid.

MK proposes that each teacher report on who came that day to lessons, keeping track using a Google survey/document. He will create/send to the FMPA board a sample document, then revise as needed after our suggestions.

Also suggests that parents pay at the end of the quarter and teachers get paid then also, so total amounts will be easier tracked.

Summer lessons – parent supervisor not needed as lessons will be given during any pre & post-band practice sessions so staff will be available.

FMPA Board recruiting for 2017-18 and beyond –

Discussion then motion by Joanna that we split the uniform position into two – one for marching band uniforms and one for concert season. Seconded by Tina. Motion passed.

Rebecca Page is attending to consider becoming our membership chair for next year. Rebecca is a 1991 alum and former concertmaster at FT, currently a librarian.

NEW BUSINESS

59 minute fundraiser –

MK & Ric have discussed – this is about the number of kids participating. Brainstorming ways to include all secondary campus music students. Widen focus to something for everyone: MB scholarships, new dresses for choir, specific goal for orchestra, etc. Will do on Thurs. July 13 BEFORE band camp, have students on campus. Alums can get involved. Trying to vet folks so won't have multiple students all calling one person.

The business help was GREAT. Will do that piece in August.

Alums – just even being member is great help, and that way they get the newsletters, etc. also. Den T. is working on getting performing arts alums – fb, etc.

Reminder also that any time we buy on Amazon, can go through Amazon Smile and get a donation to FMPA from Amazon.

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

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is Monday, June 12, at 7 pm at Ric and Jen Towner's home. 7679 Pineglen Drive - second house on the right when you turn onto Pineglen.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Burton, secretary