

## FMPA Meeting Minutes March 12, 2018

Attendees: Sue Burton, Marsha Grubbs, Steve Stuhlreyer, Rebecca Page, Amanda Angert, Tina Wuorinen, Den Tenhundfeld, April Bruder, Jenny Towner, Heidi Reeb, Maggie Laird, Bill Fessler

Meeting was facilitated by April in Ric's absence. April welcomed our new School Board representative Steve Stuhlreyer who introduced himself. Steve is a mental health/addiction counselor in practice at Restoring Hope (behind Brentwood Printing). He has children in 11<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades in FLSD.

Discussion of 3/22 concert and chaperoning & expectations of when parents are to pick up students, etc. Requesting MK announce the info at each concert as it sometimes changes, depending on the makeup of the concert. April will talk to MK tomorrow. (Ed. Note later: MK secured chaperones for the concert rather than using parents.)

Order of performances 3/22: Chorale, 8<sup>th</sup> band & orch, intermission, HS Orch, HS Band.

### **Secretary's Report** – Sue Burton

Reviewed minutes from February 2018. Motion by Tina to accept February 2018 minutes. Seconded by Den. Motion passed.

Correspondence – none

### **President's Report** – Ric Towner via email

It's been a challenging couple months of 2018. Despite some clear "wins", OMEA ensemble performances and a very successful and community enhancing Dinner Before the Show, the loss of 14 days of rehearsal due to delays/cancellations/in service, the flu, the pressure on instruction time from house mentor groups, a lack of effort by many students, a lack of engagement from many parents in the district and challenge of pulling off a high school musical on top of all of the above contributed to the band and chorale's not being ready to perform well for contest. I also made a decision to not go forward with the planned secondary campus group experiences due to concerns about the final cost estimate and potential needs in the coming years where those funds could be better used. Mike, April and I had a very good meeting earlier this week to do some analysis of what has changed since a very successful first semester and we came away with some good insights and a fresh commitment to learning and improving. We can still finish this semester strong and we can change how the FMPA, teachers and administrators work together in the future to make for a better second semester for students. We will have a chance to discuss some of these ideas for change and improvement in our next few board meetings.

When organizations face challenge and stress the importance of good communication and maintaining relationships of trust and respect is especially important. Remember the behavioral norms we agreed to last October :

*- We will raise issues / concerns that are primarily personal and related to our role as a parent with teachers and administrators outside of FMPA board meetings and music department activities.*

*- If there is an issue that is of concern to anyone as a parent that they wish to address in a board meeting they should let me know in advance and i will review with Mike ahead of the meeting. No surprise, last minute agenda items.*

*- When performing a role for the FMPA in support of the music department, (helping with uniforms, band set up, chaperoning, camp, providing snacks, ....) we will always support the music department team, always speak to each other respectfully and never treat students or staff rudely.*

We are all in this together!

**Staff Reports:****Band & Music Dept. – MK**

No staff present tonight.

**HS Band - VP Tina Wuorinen**

The marching band meeting was well attended and we have 102 students including 3 alternates and color guard signed up for marching band for the fall. The next concert will be March 22 at 7 pm with orchestra and choir. I will need someone to chaperone as orchestra plays before band and I want to hear both groups perform.

**MS Band – VP April Bruder**

Looking for volunteers for 8th grade band for the 3/22 concert. Let me know if you're available and interested!

**Orchestra – Stefanie Schneider****Orchestra VP – Heidi Rice**

I will not be at tonight's meeting. I'm working on securing chaperones for the March concert and will be in communication with Steph Schneider. Thank you.

**Choirs & music dept. – Laura Carroll****HS/MS Choirs – VP Sue Connell****Elementary Music Staff –****Elementary Report – VP's Den & Sandy Tenhundfeld**

Nothing to report at this time

**Marching Band Uniform Report – Marsha Grubbs**

Waiting on laundry detergent product to clean MB uniforms in April. Tina will call and check on this. Marsha wants to begin MB fittings earlier this summer.

**Concert Uniform Report – Amanda Angert****Membership Report – Rebecca Page**

We are now up to 65 members and/or donors, with a total of \$3,065.00 (memberships & donations combined).

**Communication Report – Deb Amend**

The February/March Music Notes E-Newsletter went out last week. We will do one more issue this year in which we will sum up the remainder of the year and advertise open FMPA board positions for next year.

**Website report – Bill Fessler**

Bill will remove DBS info from website.

**Private Lessons – Maggie Laird**

We have 38 students taking private music lessons. I am currently going through the process of finding out who has unpaid fees and how much. I will finish out the year as private music lessons coordinator. I am looking for somebody to take my place for next school year. I am in the process of talking to Laura Beverly about absorbing this role. 85% of the lessons are from Sam Fronk for percussion. Sam has his own Senior Recital at CCM on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **Treasurer's Report - Heidi Reeb**

Amazon is **tripling the donation amount** to 1.5% when customers make their first eligible [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) purchase from March 12 - 31.

There is also a new Paypal giving fund, looks a bit complicated. Heidi sent info re: both of these by email.

Treasurer's report ending March 12 2018 was reviewed. Motion to accept the report was made by Den, seconded by Maggie. Motion passed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Dinner Before the Show review – April**

Heidi is tallying final numbers and will confirm how our fundraising efforts went.

Things that went well:

- Raffle baskets brought in almost \$300. I plan to continue that again next year, placing it in a more prominent location and adding some white Christmas lights to highlight the area. A larger space for the items for less crowding will be considered as well. I heard feedback from some that this was a welcome addition as kids could get involved (lots of kid friendly donations!) and it was a more affordable way for some families to participate rather than bidding on higher priced items.
- The consignment items from CEI also brought in close to \$300 and this is basically free money-I just had to go pick out and transport the items. We sold 8 items from them this year.
- Using the FMPA page to begin to take some bids was a success-two of the items bid on were won by someone who bid early and was unable to make it to the event.
- Traffic flow was a complaint last year. I think we solved that-welcome any feedback.
- Popular items and high dollar makers were: Homemade baked goods (\$177 total) and Taste of Finneytown Gift Certificate baskets (\$235 total).
- Many items had some several bids this year, more than last year. I'll make note of those to be sure we can have those items again next year.
- Higher price tag items helped bring in almost \$1000 total and include cabin, CSO tickets and Hairline 1 mani/pedi experience.
- We had so many donors to help make the event successful. They will be thanked publicly on the FMPA page, tagging when available. I'll also be sending thank you letters and hand written notes.
- Our ticket totals collected at the food line were 159 adult tickets, 20 student tickets and 47 comp tickets for a total of 226 meals. Last year, I noted 236 in my meeting notes. It's a decrease, but we increased our earnings.

Tina-LaRosa's donated everything but indicated they won't do that next year. Management turnover there seems to be yearly lately. They sent way too much sauce & pasta. Next yr. if they won't give for free we will ask for it "at cost". Steve suggested we might offer to hang a LaRosa's banner for advertising for them. Tina sent them a Thank You note.

Also had too much salad from J. Gumbos, Sara Braun.

Drinks: we should narrow down the choices to solicit for just the most popular sodas.

**Additional marching band budget – \$1,000 – Table this for this month.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Senior awards – are 5/21/18.** We will give 2 - \$500 awards, music staff will pick w/school counselors.

**Band equipment strategy** – Fains sent specs for trailer, ie aluminum. Sandy is working on a donation possibility – aluminum trailer or a Gator (big tractor) donation.

**Fundraiser possibility** – Heidi Reeb brought to our attention a card soliciting for people to run a concession stand at the Reds this summer. 4-15 folks, earn 10% on sales. One goes to train first. Fun, chaotic. Heidi will inquire.

**Teacher appreciation** in May – possibilities discussed.

Suggestions for ways to increase parent involvement and provide better staff support – discussed that the key is to build relationships with new parents, new connections. Possibly a directory that would be a resource? A marching band parent mixer this summer? Etc.

Tina inquired about interest in FMPA embroidered shirts. She will get more info.

**Next meeting** - Monday April 9, 2018, location TBD.

**Adjournment** – motioned by Maggie and seconded by Sue that we adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:59.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Burton, secretary