

Attendees: Sue Burton, Rebecca Page, Laura Carroll, Brad Delaney, Heidi Reeb, Ric Towner, Bill Fessler, Tina Wuorinen, April Bruder, Den Tenhundfeld, Susan Connell, Marsha Grubbs, Maggie Laird ?Steve Stuhlreyer?

Secretary's Report – Sue Burton

Reviewed minutes from March 2018. Motion by Bill to accept minutes, second by Tina. Motion passed.

Correspondence – none

President's Report – Ric Towner

Ric was encouraged that the March concerts went well. Orchestra went to state OMEA contest which was a very positive development.

All support organizations are rethinking how to support teachers & build community, reaching more than the same core parents. Our teachers' reality has been changing faster than our organizations have been. Ex: chaperoning may not be the most supportive thing we can do. How create stronger community? Need to get closer to the teachers to see what do they really need/want? Staff is not getting as much parent support so we need to bridge that gap w/parents influencing other parents. Also the Dinner Before the Show numbers were encouraging and all did a great job.

Staff Reports:

Band & Music Dept. – Brad Delaney

MS Solo & Ensemble was cancelled due to weather – OMEA does not do make up days. March concerts went well. Percussion concert will be 5/3 7 pm PAC. Orchestra May 8, Choirs May 10, Band May 22.

HS Band - VP Tina Wuorinen

The 8-12 grade Choir, Orchestra, and Band concert was held in the PAC on Thursday, March 22 and was well attended. The directors handled chaperones. The next band concert will be on Tuesday, May 22, following the Senior Fine Arts Dinner.

MS Band – VP April Bruder

Orchestra – Stefanie Schneider

Orchestra VP – Heidi Rice

Choirs & music dept. – Laura Carroll

Choir concert May 10, Chorale will sing for academic signing ceremony on May 16, choir will sing at graduation. Someone asked about enrollment number for chorale next year – 28 on roster. Need to balance women w/men.

HS/MS Choirs – VP Sue Connell

Elementary Music Staff –

Steve Jones via MK reported purchase of an ipad for Quaver curriculum & Voices of Whit.use.

Elementary Report – VP's Den & Sandy Tenhundfeld

Voices of Whitaker will sing May 10 along w/secondary campus choirs.

Marching Band Uniform Report – Marsha Grubbs

Concert Uniform Report – Amanda Angert

Membership Report – Rebecca Page

We now have 68 members and/or donors, with a total of \$3,140.00 received this school year.

Communication Report – Deb Amend

Website report – Bill Fessler

Nothing to report.

Private Lessons – Maggie Laird

On April 16 Maggie emailed to us: I am excited to announce that Kathy Revelle, grandmother of Max (8th- marching band drum line) and Anya Revelle (6th- middle school band) will be taking over as the private music lessons coordinator. I will meet with her at the end of May and work with her over the summer to train her on the details of the position. Please include her on future emails, especially regarding the next FMPA meeting. (I will not be at that meeting personally, as I will be traveling.)

kathyrevelle@aim.com

Treasurer's Report - Heidi Reeb

Ric will follow up w/private lesson parents who still owe money. Brad will ask MK if the \$1,000 is still needed for this year's band budget. Laura said that our accompanist will be pd from chorus budget line, and she's looking at a possible amplification system to use in her classroom.

Treasurer's report ending April 9 2018 was reviewed. Motion to accept the report was made by Sue, seconded by Den. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Fundraising opportunity discussed at meeting then followed with this email from April:

I am following up with information based on questions that were asked about a new fundraising opportunity with a local group (West Side Scouters) that provides concession stand/foodservice opportunities and compensation for our work is sent to a non-profit (us!).

Background for those who missed these meetings is below, otherwise, skip this paragraph! 😊

For anyone who missed meetings where info was given, this idea began when Heidi Reeb received info from the Cincinnati Reds about a similar opportunity. We quickly realized that the requirements set forth by the Reds weren't something we could commit to. Sue Connell (next year's After Prom chair) and I met with Bob Ward who has participated in similar opportunities. He had some great insight and the contact for West Side Scouters, which doesn't have minimum requirements for those who sign up with them. There are 4 venues we can train to work-Reds and Bengals stadium concessions (including concerts), US Bank Arena and Duke Energy Center (many of this is banquet type work). We complete paper work/applications then complete training before we can work at a venue. Once we're trained the coordinator sends emails when they need to fill spots at the various venues. There is no commitment to work. Work when you can. Payment is made to the non-profit we designate when we sign our paperwork.

Q & A from Monday:

-What does training entail? Each venue requires different/separate training. The trainings last 2-3 hours.

-Do we have to train at all venues? No. If you only want to work Reds Games, there is no need to complete training for the other venues.

-Do we have to pay parking? Yes. This is minimal if a group carpools and shares the cost. There are further lots that charge \$5 parking also, but remember that after working on your feet you may not want to walk. ☺ Also with our proximity to downtown, we could be dropped off and picked up by family members.

-Do we have to choose only one organization for my money to go to? Yes.

If you have additional questions feel free to send me a note.

The great thing about this kind of fundraiser is that it's money coming from pockets of those OUTSIDE of Finneytown.

We discussed the money originally meant to help w/a Disney trip – now in discussion about an end of year activity, like bowling at Brentwood or something similar. Other options thus far were very expensive.

Embroidered T-shirts (Tina W): We are able to order FMPA shirts - polo type for \$18 and T-shirt type for \$12. They are embroidery and will come from Pro Stitch in Mt. Healthy. They will be blue shirts and say Finneytown Music Parents with music notes all in red. The minimum order is 12 shirts. I will have one to show at the meeting and will take orders until the next meeting. I would like to open it to all FMPA members.

NEW BUSINESS

VP roles/responsibilities discussion of how that might change. Maybe experiment with a parent night for each music group.

Brad said an ideal support organization will trust the staff to make the difficult decisions, believing they have the best interest of the kids at heart. VP's are needed to be liasons w/parents who don't yet have that trust and confidence in the staff.

We went around the room to see which positions might be open next year. We will present roster in May and vote in June.

Wesbanco credit card: Heidi R said we can get one through Wesbanco for staff to use.

Parent meeting for music students on May 2.

Next meeting - Monday May 14, 2018, location TBD.

Adjournment – motioned by April and seconded by Jen that we adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Burton, secretary