

Attendees: Sue Burton, Ric Towner, Tina Wuorinen, Den Tenhundfeld, Marsha Grubbs, Amanda Angert, Rebecca Page, Kathy Revelle, Stefanie Schneider, Michael Kennedy, Laura Carroll, April Bruder, Jenny Towner, Heidi Reeb, Susan Connell

Secretary's Report – Sue Burton

Reviewed minutes from April 2018. Motion by Tina to accept minutes, second by Den. Motion passed.

Correspondence – none

President's Report – Ric Towner

Short and sweet ... great job at the orchestra and choir concerts. I was not able to attend either but heard such good things! Thanks for stepping up Heidi and April to make FMPA announcements and thanks Rebecca for being so faithful recruiting new members at concerts. By the way - our by laws specify that all of us board members should be dues paying FMPA members so if you aren't sure whether you officially joined this year or not, check with Rebecca! :-)

The communication meeting that was also very well done and has received very positive feedback from parents and board members.

Our May meeting is when we nominate and approve new officers. We are behind in recruiting but will act on those positions for which folks have been nominated or for which they have volunteered to serve. We will continue to recruit and plan on approving additional board members in June.

April and I had a very good meeting with Mike and team to discuss next year's budget - I look forward to discussing our first draft tomorrow.

Treasurer's Report - Heidi Reeb

Heidi needed to leave early so we bumped her report to earlier in the meeting.

Treasurer's report ending May 14, 2018 was reviewed. Motion to accept the report was made by Den, seconded by Susan C. Motion passed.

The next treasurer's report will be at the end of the fiscal year (end of June) rather than at the June meeting.

Discussion ensued about senior dinner expenses (to be split btwn orchestra and choir budgets) and band camp scholarship questions. MK reports that of the \$6,000 band camp scholarship money, 16 scholarships have been requested – 14 partial and 2 full. The 2 full schols have gone through counselors, while MK approves the partials. Of the 14 partial, most had not paid anything toward their expenses as of tonight's meeting, along w/others (total of 23 members have not made any downpayment thus far – "that's normal" per MK). Boys & Girls Club has given money in the past toward scholarships as well.

Staff Reports:

Band & Music Dept. – Mike Kennedy

- Concert will be May 22, grades 5-12. More kids doing solos and ensembles. Arts event the same day in library.
- Chaperones – changing the way we chaperone concerts. Some due to legal/liability but also didn't have enough teachers/staff due to high numbers for band. They do have an administrator for each concert.

- Graduation - Orchestra, choir, and band will all perform, those involved know who they are.
- Marching band welcomes new staff Allie Johnston to Color Guard coach. She is a 2nd grade teacher at Whitaker. Stefanie will do more behind-the-scenes band involvement, less summer and on-the-field, so she can do more with the orchestra. Brad is excited about the drill and props. Fall 2018 MB show is "Over the Falls", music by Michael Dougherty. They feel the show arranger services are a good value. Marching band continues moving toward the MidStates competitions. This involves changes like: pre-show w/recorded track; a show that does not stop tho' has applause points; more props and a storyline feel. Looking at 6 ft rocks on field as props, Penske quote obtained to haul props. MK requests we fully support the move toward MidStates but also acknowledges this is a bit of a trial year to see how it goes.

HS Band - VP Tina Wuorinen

The band concert for grades 5-12 will be held on Tues, May 22 at 7 PM. There will also be a Fine Arts dinner for the seniors from band, orchestra, and choir, along with their parents, at 5 PM that same evening.

We are still researching info for the props for marching band.

Please remember to order your FMPA shirts - \$18 for polo, \$12 for T-shirt, both embroidered. Tonight at the meeting would be a good time to turn in your order or you can use Payschools for \$1 more per shirt. If you want to make sure you get your shirt before school is out, please order by tomorrow. Please let me know if you have questions.

MS Band – VP April Bruder

Looking for Two 7th grade and 2 8th grade chaperones for next week's concert!
I'll need a replacement for next year. FYI ;)

Orchestra – Stefanie Schneider

8th grade has 41 kids vs. 9 the year MK was teaching orchestra. This recent concert was the 5th graders' first ever. Heidi Rice has been a big help to Stefanie this year.

Tina added that Zach Wuorinen recently competed in the Matinee Musicale and received 3rd place. This is a prestigious competition for grades 10 & 11, and soph/jrs in college. The award comes with scholarship money. Congratulations to Zach!

Orchestra VP – Heidi Rice

Choirs & music dept. – Laura Carroll

Choirs had end of year concert last Thurs. 10th. They will sing at graduation. Laura gave a big thank you to Sue Connell for her help this year.

HS/MS Choirs – VP Sue Connell

Elementary Music Staff –

Elementary Report – VP's Den & Sandy Tenhundfeld

Den reports the Voices of Whitaker did a great job last week and enjoyed singing. Steve Jones has done a phenomenal job with them this year.

Marching Band Uniform Report – Marsha Grubbs

Marsha will begin cleaning marching band uniforms next week in prep for next season's fittings.

Concert Uniform Report – Amanda Angert

Uniforms will be handed out for the band concert on May 22nd. Thanks go to Ian Connell for finding a broom for sweeping the uniform areas!

Membership Report – Rebecca Page

We now have 73 memberships and/or donations, for a total of \$3,555.00. (At the meeting, Rebecca reported one more, plus some donations, one from a music tutor in lieu of payment to the tutor the donation was made by the tutor.)

As Ric noted... if any of the FMPA board members who have not yet joined would like to do so, I'll have forms available at tonight's meetings, as well as the CloverGo. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted. In person, via mail, or through the FMPA payschools link.

Communication Report – Deb Amend

I will not be at the meeting tonight.

Please send me any topics, photos or information that you would like in the final newsletter for this year by this Friday (May 18). I will put it together this weekend and send to Rebecca for proofing and send it out. Pertinent info would include photos or info from performances in the past 2 months (April and May), anything needing announced for June/July concert or meeting wise, and any vacant positions for the board we still need to fill for next year.

I will also look through the reports and last month's notes for pertinent information.

Website report – Bill Fessler

Bill asked when to shut down the FMPA online ordering for shirts – answer given was Friday 5/18.

Also our meeting location should be updated to media center if that is where we will continue to meet.

Private Lessons – Maggie Laird in absentia

We were introduced to our new private lessons coordinator Kathy Revelle, a retired educator and grandmother of Finneytown students Max and Anya. Her email is: kathyrevelle@aim.com Here is her initial greeting to us:

I really am pleased to be involved in this organization and to serve as private lessons coordinator. I know music plays an extremely important role in the lives of Finneytown students, including my grandchildren, Max and Anya.

Tonight's agenda appears to be quite full, but I am hoping there will be an opportunity tonight for the Board to clarify policies regarding the private lessons. Specifically, my initial questions are:

Will I know what scheduled lessons are cancelled by teachers or families and which cancelled lessons are later made up? Do parents pay for skipped lessons if they do not give advance notice of cancellation?

Will teachers send attendance details to me?

What is the policy regarding failure to pay? Is payment "strictly" tracked and demanded, or is it handled on an honor basis?

It is wonderful that the FMPA makes private lessons available to all, including those families who would not otherwise be able to afford them. I'm sorry if my above questions seem too "businesslike." I am a retired teacher and I know that education is not a business and cannot be run like one. I just want to be clear about these expectations going forward. Looking forward to seeing all of you tonight.

These specific questions from Kathy will be best answered when Maggie is back in town and they can meet. A comment was made that 80% of the issues that have arisen stem from communication breakdowns between instructors, parents, and the coordinator. Private lesson checks will still go through Laura Beverly.

OLD BUSINESS

Concessions Fundraising – April

April and Sue C are to go tomorrow (5/15) for training then send out forms. Heidi R as treasurer will split all profits 50/50 between After Prom and FMPA as too difficult to split hairs. More training on 6/12 (unpaid time) from 6-10:30 pm. First “paycheck” has \$25 removed for costs of T-shirt, hat, insurance. Training lasts 3 years.

59 minute fundraiser – will be back. April proposes that we take the responsibility for this from the directors and be in charge of it. It will be done during band camp and will be a marching band fundraiser. We reached consensus that we will commit to doing this. Looking for a coordinator.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget – Ric

Ric reworked the categories of our treasurer’s report to make more sense and accurately reflect the ways in which money is being spent. He provided a sample of the new form with the proposed budget for 2018-19.

Also a request to clean up our “reserves” to decrease the number of separate reserve categories. We will consider a motion in June to take scholarship, instrument, grant, and cici’s reserve categories and put into general reserves.

There was discussion and then a MOTION to add \$4,000 to this current year’s equipment fund to pay for a new marimba (see email of April 29, 2018 from Ric Towner to the FMPA board). This would take the equipment fund from \$300 up to \$4300. The money will come from either surplus or reserves. The motion was made by Ric, seconded by Den, and approved. Ric will tell Heidi Reeb.

Membership form/categories – Rebecca Page

Rebecca had questions about consolidating and renaming some things on our membership form. She suggests the following, with input from those of us around the table:

Categories of giving would include 1) individual membership 2) patron donation is anything above the membership, as previously 3) “nonmember donation” if someone just wants to give some money not equivalent to a membership, say \$10 at a concert, etc.

She will reword the “FMPA memorial scholarship fund” to call it “FMPA memorial donation in the name of _(whoever)___.”

There was general consensus that these categories would work well.

2018-19 Board slate – Ric

There was a motion by Ric and seconded by Den to approve the following partial slate of board members for next year:

President – April Bruder

Secretary – Sue Burton

Treasurer – Heidi Reeb

Assistant Treasurer – pending confirmation

HS Orchestra – Heidi Rice

MS Orchestra – Heidi Rice

HS Band – Tina Wuorinen

MS Band – Maggie Laird

HS Chorus – Susan Connell
MS Chorus – OPEN - Laura Carroll will send a list of potential parents from which to recruit
Elementary – Den and Sandy Tenhundfeld
Communications – pending confirmation
Uniforms – Tuxes and dresses – Amanda Angert
Uniforms – Marching band – Marsha Grubbs
Membership – Rebecca Page
Website – Bill Fessler
Private Lessons Coordinator – Kathy Revelle
Bid and Buy Project Leader - April Bruder
59 Min Fundraiser project leader –OPEN
Savory Sweets Project Leader – OPEN
Luminary Sales project leader – Sue Connell

Ric suggests we rename the “Vice President” roles to “liason” or something similar that still fits with our bylaws – to emphasize the relational aspect of the role in supporting music staff and helping other parents and community members understand what’s happening in the music department.

Credit/debit card – table that for future meeting.

Next meeting - Monday June 11, 2018, at 7 pm at Ric and Jen Towner’s house.

Adjournment – motioned by Marsha and seconded by Den that we adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Burton, secretary