

## Minutes for FMPA meeting 11/12

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by April B.

Tina W mentioned that the all of the emailed reports need to go into the minutes. Maggie L will go back and add September & October emailed reports.

Denny T mentioned to approved the corrected minutes, Tina W seconded the motion. All approved.

### April B – Presidents Report

No questions. April made changes to her report to include PEM and Winterfest.

Discussion on times for PEM memorial. It is from 6:00 – 9:00 pm.

### Laura Carrol- Choir/ Chorale

Chorale as lots of performances, such as Winterfest on 12/1. 12/6 & 12/7 is adaptive music class. On 12/7 chorale will sing at Senior Citizens brunch and at fountain square. They will get free hot choc and ice skating at fountain square. 12/13 chorale sings at Brookdale. They will also go in March. A middle school/ high school choir representative is needed. April B has tried to find a suitable person for the role. Laura C will get names to FMPA board members to try and find a person, discussion of Star Rivers. Lavelle Coleman will audition for All State Choir, in Cleveland in January. He wants to go to school to be a music teacher.

### Stephanie Schnieder, Orchestra

Sends weekly updates, concert on 12/4, 5-12. Heidi Rice getting chaperones. Hoodies have come in, students excited to have them. 12/7 HS orchestra to play for senior citizens brunch.

### Band- Michael Kennedy & Brad Delaney

12/1 Winterfest parade at 3:00, students are excited. Will be in uniform. Discussion of kids that are in chorale and band/ color guard. Singing 2:00-2:30, parents to help kids get from one spot to another. Fantastic marching band season, appreciates parental and administrators support. Discussion of mistakes at finals and how the judging works. Gordon helping us get drill to next level. Discussion of adapting to the new circuit. Mid states judges you get to meet, come from all over US, high school/ collegiate level. They give a lot of feedback. Discussion of kids needing to believe in them selves and that Finneytown can achieve this. Very proud of kids; recognition of who much work marching band takes. Will have to do more design, more of the theater production, a lot of that falls on the color guard and how they can tell the story. They are going to rewrite the drill movements in to the dots. Color guard has to be integrated into the music. Act better, dance better, fix color guard writing. Band needs more experience, students and teachers. Rocks very effective, lots of points. Discussion of different people, Kat Miller & Chad Englemen. Excited about concert on 12/11, 5-12. Huge impact for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and schedule changes. Students are making teachers do sleigh ride.

### Rebecca Page - Membership Report

We currently have 45 members/donors, for a total of \$2,440.00. We currently have 6 donors to the Kelley Hickey Memorial Orchestra Camp Scholarship Fund, for a total of \$190.00

#### Rebecca Page – Communications Report

I sent out the October/November e-newsletter on October 26. I would like to plan to send out each bi-monthly e-newsletter at the end of the 1st month of a 2-month issue (next one would be December/January), based on what Deb had done in the past. If I could get submissions from everyone not later than Wednesday, December 12, that would give me 2 days to finish compiling and formatting the content; that would then allow Mike almost a week to approve the content, so I could send out the next issue to membership not later than Friday, December 21 (the last day of exams, and the last day before winter break). Please get any important dates/event info. to me for this newsletter, for anything happening before the February/March issue is sent out (anything happening before March 1, or after that date, if known). I missed being able to publicize several things (like the cookie dough and luminary fundraisers) in advance of the sales, as I didn't have the information in time. I publicized the cookie dough sale in the last newsletter, after the original order deadline (as product was still available for sale, and to remind folks of the pick-up date). I know Light Up Finneytown night is Sunday, December 16... do we have a start date yet for when they'll be available for sale? Perhaps I could send that information (when the flyer is available) out to the membership, as a newsletter addendum? I have pics and bios for the Secondary Campus music staff... I'd love the same for Elementary music staff, if possible. I will be featuring our illustrious staff in upcoming issue(s).

#### Marsha Grubbs- Uniforms

I still have laundering duties for some soiled trousers and jackets since the band has one more occasion to wear their marching uniforms at Winterfest when the students march in the parade on December 1. She washed some uniforms and needs to fit students uniforms for 12/1.

#### Amanda Angert - Uniforms

Fittings for concert band will begin this week to be sure everyone has a tux/skirt for the band concert next month.

#### Bill Fessler –Website

He will make changes to website this week.

#### Amanda Angert - Business Fundrasing

I visited over 30 local businesses to ask for donations for our music program. While I explained that any donation would be welcome, donations of \$75 or more would receive advertising in our concert programs, a thank you on our FMPA Facebook page, and a mention in our monthly newsletter. Many were receptive but as of this writing, only one check has been received (Conover Dental - \$100). I will follow up with all businesses this week. Our Dine to Donate weekend at Freddy's will be wrapping up tonight and although it may take a few weeks to get a check, I am hoping to find out how much was raised and share that at the meeting tomorrow night.

Has received donations from Conover Dental (\$100) & Baroque Violin (\$75). Freddy's, approx \$140 from the weekend's fundraiser. Will do Freddy's again in winter or spring. She will get the dates to put in music program. Manager at Freddy's very friendly and helpful. Very willing to support music programming. I know they are going to be participating in a House System fundraiser (similar to Wing Stop Wednesdays) that will run for 6 weeks so if we choose to do this again, it might need to wait until late winter/early spring to be sure we aren't overdoing it. If we time this in conjunction with a concert, we can advertise in the concert program (great idea, April!!!) to attract more interest.

Instagram account; Jaime made them point that insta Snapchat are where the kids are. Instagram/FB work together. April will set up Instagram.

#### Beth Cahill & Jasmine Smedley- Cookie Dough Report

145 sellers, 1500 items, have some for sale still. Den T got a freezer. Top sellers are Kaleb Allen, Zach Prost & Zach Wuorinen. Need to get gift cards for winners. There will be 2 basket winner drawings, will announce in class for future motivation. Should get inventory of what's in freezer.

#### Tina Wuorinen - HS Band Report

The HS marching band has had a fantastic season! They received 1st place in preliminary AAA Mid-States competition (20 bands) and 4th place in Mid-States finals (10 bands). This is the first time they have qualified for Mid-States finals. They also received best music and general effect at both Mid-States competitions as well as several OMEA competitions. They also received several best percussions and one best auxiliary, plus 2 Grand Champion awards in OMEA competitions, superior ratings at all competitions, and they received a superior rating at state competition. The band and directors have worked very hard and we have had wonderful parent volunteers and teacher/administrative support.

#### Heidi Reeb – Treasurer's Report

Highly recommends doing Bengals games and others for fundraising. Fun to do it with other people you know. Memberships, small fee goes to Clovergo or pay schools. Income just over \$1400. \$55 more towards Kelly Hickey memorial. Reserves, just over \$17,000.

\$7301 as income at this date for cookie dough. Maggie L made a motion to approve the budget, Denny T seconded. All approved. See attached for the detailed financial report.

#### Old Business

Luminaries - Kay sanders, Karen Kershner, Sue Connell working together.

12/16 luminaries. 5:30-9:00. Sue and Ian Connell made some kits. Sold 6 at holiday market. Fliers will go home with elementary schools kids. Quick short term ideas for selling more. Getting Luminary info on marquee. Sue connell, great for holiday parties , etc.

VP spots to be filled are for both choirs, middle school band. Think about who could be invited.

#### New Business -

Potential for DTD. Cons of doing that? Don't want to task our businesses too much.

Jaime V – Wildcat cards? Jaime to investigate.

Possible to have band magnets for cars. Possibly pens/ button, pad of paper. Static clings for cars.

Look into ideas for alumni memberships. Goal of 50 alumni memberships by summer. Kim Murphy – FinneyTown alumni. 10 alumni members for FMPA currently.

Students have to be trained and must be 16 but do not have to be with their parents for Bengals & Reds games.

DBTS were are at \$4500, but wants to shoot for more. Discussions of upcoming dates.

Next meeting 12/10.

Bill F made a motion to end the meeting, Denny T seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

