

## Finneytown Music Parents Association Meeting - 8/12/19

In attendance - Steve Jones, Jamie Vogelsang, Denny Tenhundfeld, Rebecca Page, Laura Engleman, Jasmine Smedley, April Bruder, Joyce Johnson, Sam Fronk, Stefanie Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Brad Delaney, Maggie Laird, Beth Cahill, Tina Wuorinen, Amanda Angert

Meeting called to order at 7:02 by April Bruder.

Angela Hursh – Citizens for Finneytown Schools Chairperson (PAC)

7.69 million for two building for FLSD. We have a website - finneytownbond.org

Why? 1) Repairs, 1 millions/ year on repairs. 2) Technology, not enough electrical outlets in classrooms to keep up with computer technology. 3) Security Issue – 68 doors in all there buildings = security nightmare.

Bond issue – The cost is an assessed value of your house. \$100,000 assessed value = \$22/ month  
The bond we are currently paying off is 5.0 or 5.5 mills on in 5 years. 13 mills in taxes for 5 years, resulting in 7.6 mills.

The state has offered us 60% but we have to come up with the 40% first. All numbers are on website FAQ page. Absentee ballots with save the campaign money. Need \$5,000 - \$10,000 raised to run the campaign. Architectural rendering of buildings will soon be available. Talking points are available to convince neighbors. Angela H will send images out made by Michael Mavridoglou.

Secretary's Report – Maggie Laird

Approval of June 2019 Minutes

Change "Brads to Brad," Change "Vogelsing" to "Vogelsang." Change "Stephanie" to "Stefanie." Change "Betsy" to "Beth Cahill" under cookie dough. Luminaries should not have an apostrophe, please remove. Edit Old Business to "Section 1" under bylaw changes. Tina W made a motion to approve the minutes. Denny T seconded. All in favor.

President's Report – April Bruder

Band camp – best camp ever. Had a lot of fun. Both of her kids are in leadership position – exciting to see growth in them. Lot of leadership opportunities to help others as well. Shoe fundraiser - needs to get together with Tom regarding shoes. Excited to revamp the luminary sales.

Old Business – Introduction of Laura Engleman. Sandy and Denny T to leave elementary position. Laura E would like to volunteer in the elementary position. Michael K said middle school choir needs a volunteer. Denny T expressed interest. We still need a uniform person for tuxes and dresses and middle school band. Jamie V made a motion to approve Sandy/ Denny T for MS Choir, Laura E for Elementary. Amanda A seconded. All in favor.

Orchestra/ Choir - Stefanie Kennedy

Getting ready for beginning of school year. Mrs. Kennedy will teach choir this year. She is excited, but will miss Laura. She has pulled a curriculum called Sight Reading Curriculum.

Band - Michael Kennedy

Band camp great. Great experience at Wilmington. Fields were great, as was food. Dorms were different than expectations. The Director change for facilities was a challenge. Parents were very supportive of kids. Camp felt different in a good way for the kids. It was definitely closer and nicer. Financially, it was more but it was worth it. The show will transform in the next couple of months. We have great music. We went a different direction visually this year; Susie Cole has been instrumental in this. She is taking us

to great places for our movements and color guard. Raised money from winter guard. Color guard girls are very excited. Amanda A has been amazing in the role of band mom. The kids are focused and working hard. Discussion about kids and parents feelings about band are positive.

#### HS Band – Amanda Angert

What a great summer this has been! The students have been rehearsing since June and attended band camp at Wilmington College the week of July 14th. While we had a pretty rocky start, it ended up being an amazing week! Our first home game is August 30th and our first contest is September 14th. If you have a chance, come out and support these hardworking students!

#### Brent Music/ Voices of Whitaker (VOW) – Steve Jones

Project Connect – Lissa Ray & her husband – refurbished all of Steve's instruments. Steve's room is ready for school. VOW – he will be at the back to school celebration at Whitaker on 8/20. He will also send out information in Thursday folders. VOW starts the third week of September. Some kids will join in January after drama club is over. There will be an activity bus for VOW.

#### Marsha Grubbs – Uniforms

All but one of the marching band students have been fitted for their uniforms. I have plenty of hemming, etc. to do to complete the process, but soon I will be able to put the choir room back into it original order. I have two more students to fit for shoes. We have found that this company runs narrow, so we are ordering more wide shoes this year. Actually, with so many students wearing only athletic shoes which run wide, many are not used to a regular shoe, but we do not want the students thinking about their pinched feet while performing.

Due to the heat of August games, we are looking at September 13th being the first time that the students will be in their uniforms with the first September home football game. The next day is our first contest so if there are any problems, I will only have a few hours to fix things!!

After doing the alterations, I will still have to label the uniform racks, the garment bags, assign hats and gloves (Glenda usually does the gloves), and make all the lists.

#### Memberships – Rebecca Page

All board members need to be paid members. She will be at all back to school nights. She would like to have an extra person to work with at secondary and Whitaker for crowd control. Membership forms to be at schedule pick up.

#### Communications – Rebecca Page

The next newsletter will go out at end of August/ early September. Blurbs, photos, links, etc. to Rebecca by 8/23.

#### Website – Bill Fessler

#### Kathy Revelle – Private Lessons

I have contacted last years instructors and hope to hear that they are available to teach in our program again. If we need to find replacement instructors, I will ask for your help. A draft of a flyer will be sent to parents in grades 5-12. (See attached.) Please review. Perhaps I am optimistic, but I would like to have lessons begin the second week of September.

Fundraising – Cookie Dough – Beth Cahill & Jasmine Smedley

Beth has been in contact with Savory Sweets. Cookie dough sales will run 9/25 – 10/11. Tallies due 10/22. Delivery will be 11/12. \$14 per tub. We will need reps to go to classrooms on 9/25 or close date that works for people. Looking for ways to increase participation. Getting names on forms ahead of time will be helpful. Parents might do more if they are more aware. Please send Beth and Jasmine ideas.

Joyce Johnson – Board of Education

Last meeting was on 7/15. Busy passing resolution for the bond levy. Next meeting is 8/19 at 7:30.

Heidi Reeb – Treasure’s Report (through 6/30) via April Bruder

See attached. We are \$2,000 ahead. Membership is up. We have very generous donors who donate extra with their membership. All band camp scholarships got used. Jamie V made a motion to approve, Tina W seconded. All in favor.

Heidi Reeb – Treasure’s Report (through 8/7) via April Bruder

We have lots of planned income to come. We will be able to pay ourselves back so we can put money toward marimba. Review of rest of treasures report. T-shirt orders on the website - we either need to order shirts or refund money to people who bought old shirts off of our website. Bill W has taken that link off of the website. Denny made a motion to approve, Rebecca seconded. All in favor.

Old Business –

Amanda Angert - The fundraiser took place on July 14th, our first night at band camp. The goal this year, as in previous years, was \$12,500 and we received just under \$15,000 in pledges!!! To date, we have received \$14,158.90 of that money and it’s still trickling in so that number will only go up. 59 Minute Fundraiser updated total as of 8/12, 7:00 pm - \$14,368.90 total raised so far!

New Business –

DBTS – Dr. Dinan has applications to go through for show director. Is DBTS on Valentine’s Day an issue? Short discussion about date resulted in keeping it on Valentine’s Day.

Shoe Fundraiser – Have a teaser so people will save shoes. Jack Rabbit will recycle shoes that we cannot donate.

Be ready to help with fundraisers. Laura E offered her deep freeze if needed. Possibly reach out to churches/ business etc to sell at cost?

Denny T to look at trailer lights that are out.

First home game is 8/30 .

Next meeting is 9/9 @ 7:00 pm in the Media Center on the secondary campus.

Maggie L made a motion to end the meeting, Denny T seconded. All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.