

FMPA Minutes – May 11, 2020, meeting via Zoom

In attendance – April Bruder, Maggie Laird, Kathy Revelle, Rebecca Page, Michael Kennedy, Brad Delaney, Tina Wuorinen, Laura Engleman, Amanda Angert, Cindy Rebman, Steve Jones, Kayla Fields, Beth Cahill, Sandy Tenhundfeld, Heidi Reeb, Marsha Grubbs, Sam Fronk, Bill Fessler, Jasmine Smedley

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Secretary's Report – Maggie Laird

Marsha G moves to approve minutes, Tina W seconded. All were in favor, minutes approved.

President's Report – April Bruder

There's a lot we don't know. Please support our staff and administration as they make difficult decisions. April introduced the new general music teacher, Kayla Fields. Spots need to be filled for next year and as far as I know it will include HS orchestra (Heidi Rice??), at least one co-chair for cookie dough sale and an apprentice to our current treasurer (who will take over in 2021).

Band – Michael Kennedy

Excited to figure out new things. Welcome to Kayla, please see her website. She has a beautiful voice; they are excited to have her on board. See the FMPA FB page for the videos. Mr. Delaney is working on the recruiting meeting for upcoming 5th grade. Turn in rate for assignments is really good. We are doing the best we can with virtual learning. As far as marching band goes, there is a lot we are unsure of so it is really difficult to announce anything firm. MK is concerned with upfront costs in regards to marching band. He doesn't want to make unnecessary financial risks. MK is following OMEA, Midstates and BOA. No decisions have been made yet. Away camp is officially cancelled. We will be doing a home camp. There is a lot of cost associated with that even though we will be home. All monies will be reimbursed if home camp does not happen. Marsha asked if he has been in contact with other band directors. He discussed many issues that may arise with all marching bands and specifically for Finneytown. Financial, safety and timing concerns are all issues that could be a problem. We are not in a position to risk money like some districts might be. Marsha asked about the safety of blowing horns and choir. MK is looking for more definitive answers regarding that science. There was talk about OMEA cancelling competitions from Tina W. We have to keep working on the music and not give up on it. We have to continue to think about how important this is to our music students.

Orchestra/ Choir – Stef Kennedy

Kids have been completing assignments via google for orchestra. There has been discussion about instruments being turned back in.

Elementary Music – Laura Engleman, Steve Jones, Kayla Fields

Steve Jones - Per Meredith Baker less is more at this point. Social/ emotional learning is most important right now. He has been utilizing Youtube. He found songs relating to social/ emotional learning for his kindergarten and 1st grade students. We have to be very flexible in regards to singing and movement for the general education classroom. There is a lot we don't know in regards to the general education classroom.

have been zooming with every Brent class on a weekly basis (mid March through mid May)

Here is a quick synopsis of the virtual music activities that have been provided:

1. YouTube songs for Kindergarten and 1st graders
2. YouTube rhythm clapping games for 1st graders

3. Social/Emotional Learning songs (one per week for the month of May) posted on the Brent Elementary Facebook page.
4. A fun version of "5 Green and Speckled Frogs" with movement was presented for each zoom class this past week.
5. A video of Mr. Jones leading the children in a fun song that they performed for this past Grandparents Day.

Laura Engleman – Per Mrs. Wallace –

Students are continuing their online assignments with either a short listening/responding or a small research assignment each week. I've been able to add in to each homeroom's Zoom and teach a mini-music lesson. It was wonderful to see the students again!

Uniforms – Marsha Grubbs and Sandy Tenhundfeld

Marsha - Wanted to purchase garment bags for this year. That is of course not a priority for us at this point. This will have to be put off at least one more year.

Sandy - Tuxes need to be dry cleaned; they smell bad. Should we carry over money to next year if they can't get cleaned this year.

High School Orchestra – Tina Wuorinen

So sorry the last concert of the year could not be held and that the orchestra and band will not be able to play for graduation.

I will miss working with everyone next year. Please call me if I can help with anything.

Membership – Rebecca Page

We now have 55 members/donors (one member donated twice - August and March, but I'm only counting that member once), for a total of \$2,450.00. We now have 6 donors to the Kelley Hickey Memorial Orchestra Camp Scholarship Fund, for a total of \$120.00. 2 new memberships just came in from the last meeting. \$2500.

Communications – Rebecca Page

The deadline for submissions for the April / May / June e-newsletter is Friday, May 22. Earlier is better. This will allow me time to compile all the submissions, get a draft copy to April and Mike to proof/approve, and send it out to the membership and administration by Friday, May 29. I try to send it out right at the end of the 1st month of the 2 months covered in the e-newsletter, or the beginning of the 2nd month at the very latest, if there are late submissions.

PEM winners – graduating seniors. Anything to fill space would be appreciated. She is looking for a list of names. She does not know how much information that will be. She can write something up about the PEM winners being on The Who's website. She will rely on peoples personal videos and photos since there is not any concerts.

Website – Bill Fessler

No update.

Private Lessons – Kathy Revelle

I have asked instructors to let me know if they left any personal items in their instructional spaces. Of course, Private Lessons for the 2020-21 School Year are dependent upon instructional plans that the Finneytown Administration puts in place. Sam F has been successfully doing online lessons.

Board of Education Report – Cindy Rebman

Process for the elementary building has been moving along. Architects have begun the basic initial drawings. They have also been doing sight work at the building sight. They are looking at whether we can keep the both ball fields or not. It is hard to make decisions for the fall in terms of opening up school or not. How do you keep kids safe learning at the same time? The next board meeting is 5/18.

Treasurer's Report – Heidi Reeb (Report ending 5/11)

Review of financial report. There has been some activity, money is coming and going especially for the percussion festival which has brought in almost \$2k.

We got money from FB fundraising and PayPal donations. Total income for the last 2 months is about \$300.00. We will meet our budget for this fiscal year. Our annual renewal for insurance has been paid. Total expense about \$840.00. There will be a bit of concessions money coming in.

Marsha makes a motions to approves report, Den is seconding. All were in favor.

Old Business – Shoes fundraiser check was received for \$388.80. Please send procedural document to April if you will no longer will be in your role for the next year. Music spirit wear is on hold for now.

Cookie Dough - We believe we will continue with Cookie Dough at this point. Thank you to Jasmine for her work on Cookie dough as she is leaving. Beth Cahill will continue.

Business fundraiser - Keep business fundraiser in the back of our minds until a more appropriate time.

New Business –

Audit - We need to perform an audit to be a responsible non profit organization. April would like to hold this in July.

Budget – it is a difficult thing to perform right now with so many things changing on a daily basis.

Whatever we set will likely be subject to many changes during that next year.

Percussion Festival – We are sitting with money we need to do something with. Can we reserve that money for the next years percussion festival? Yes. Marsha – can we communicate with the donators that we will be holding that money for the next year? Sam or Marsha can take care of that.

The new music teacher Ms. Kayla Fields was introduced. She took a couple of minutes to tell us about herself and she was welcomed.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm. It will likely be on Zoom.

Denny motioned to adjourn the meeting, Heidi seconded. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.