

FMPA Minutes – June 8, 2020

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

Secretary's Report – Maggie Laird

Approval of May 2020 minutes - add Denny Tenhundfeld to attendance. Marsha motioned to approve minutes, Tina W seconded. All were in favor.

President's Report – April Bruder

Covid-19 is continuing to throw punches. We're going to adapt and thoughtfully plan how we react to the changes we'll need to make. Unfortunately, much is out of our hands as those above us are tasked with the difficulty to make decisions that impact how we serve our students and families. Today's marching band news is sitting heavily, but I know our staff will continue to be creative and thoughtful to make the best of this very difficult situation. The health of our students and our financial situation is a lot to consider in making these difficult decisions.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the other crisis impacting our country right now. I am not one to get too political in any forum, but I am one who strives to always be kind. Kindness just isn't enough right now. I encourage each of you to reflect and think about how you can make this little corner of the world a better place, remembering that our role with FMPA is to "support the music education of all students within the Finneytown Local School District ... regardless of race, color, creed, sex, or national origin." If you find you need resources or reading material to be a better ally to any group, but particularly our Black community right now, please reach out. I am, by NO means an expert, but I have been following some pages and am compiling a list of resources to use.

Band – Michael Kennedy / Brady Delaney

Mr. Kennedy sent an email to parents about cancelling band camp the what marching band might look like in the fall. See attached. Band discussions have been going on for 2 months. Not possible to have camp at all. Transportation is an issue. So many unknowns. Other band directors facing same challenges but some are still having rehearsal (have different set up than us). We cannot take the financial risk that would be involved with our budget. Weather is another factor. We cant use bathroom facilities. There is currently no cleaning services. We are going to wait on more news regarding how school will look in the 2020-21 school year before we make any other plans/ decisions. There are so many challenges we face. He hopes to have some form of marching band, but we don't know what that looks like. If we do have marching band, we will not be competing.

Heidi – What about MidStates? OMEA did cancel all state ensembles. MidStates and BOA are continuing on. Many band directors have not made final decisions. Marsha asks about if we would compete at all. There could be another spike. It also depends on Mike DeWines future decisions. Heidi mention her appreciation of Sam reaching out to percussion members.

Orchestra/ Choir – Stefanie Kennedy

Started end of the year inventory for orchestra. We don't know how things are going to look at this point for orchestra or choir.

Elementary Music – Laura Engleman

Steve Jones - We don't know about choir for next year. General music classes might happen in the teachers room. Worries about singing as it relates to coronavirus. Ziplock bag full of little music pieces. There are a lot of unanswered questions.

Kayla Fields – doing lots of webinars to prepare for the upcoming year in her new position.

Uniforms – Sandy Tenhundfeld / Marsha Grubbs

We will wait until fall to dry clean the uniforms. Fitting uniforms, may need to work as scheduled appointments. How long does the virus live on cloth. Can't keep uniforms in garment bag, because they will stink. Having volunteers in the school may not be possible.

Membership – Rebecca Page

We now have 57 members/donors (one member donated twice - August and March, but I'm only counting that member once), for a total of \$2,500.00. We now have 6 donors to the Kelley Hickey Memorial Orchestra Camp Scholarship Fund, for a total of \$120.00.

We had 65 members/donors for the 2018-19 school year, for a total of \$3,840.00, and 6 donors to the Kelley Hickey Memorial Orchestra Camp Scholarship Fund, for a total of \$190.00.

The difference between last year and this year's totals can be attributed to the pandemic, as roughly that dollar amount came from the spring concerts which had to be cancelled this year.

We had one early \$100 membership/donation now (from someone who had already contributed for the 2019-20 school year), that the donor wants to be applied to the 2020-21 school year, so we are already on our way to a successful year!

Communications – Rebecca Page

The April / May / June e-newsletter, the last Music Notes for the school year, was sent out May 31. Thanks to everyone who contributed submissions for this issue, and all year long! The newsletter will resume in the fall. Please continue to send any photos, videos, or text copy that you would like incorporated into a future newsletter. I will save them in a folder whenever they arrive, to be used for the next school year.

Private Lessons – Kathy Revelle

She has been in touch with the instructors. Bruce Haag and Sam Fronk are teaching remotely. She will ask which ones will be ask the instructors if they are willing to come back if possible in the fall.

Board of Education Report – Cindy Rebman

Steve Stuhlreyer is resigning. They need to fill his position. Process for elementary is continuing. We have drawing of how to arrange building on Brent property. Also are looking at parking lots, exits, entrances and playgrounds. We are hoping to only take up one field placement, but it looks like they are going to have to move both ball fields. Discussion about how shared spaces in the building will be laid out. Lot of moving pieces and complexities. Discussion of bussing to school in the fall as only 9 kids can be on a bus at this time. Football field is getting a new drainage system, then the turf will go on.

Treasurer's Report – Heidi Reeb

Discussion of report. Percussion festival fund will be utilized for next year. We awarded two senior scholarships at \$500 each. At the end of this fiscal year, 6/30, there will be another treasures report in early July. April – mark what was to be spent that we didn't spend for future use. Excess funds? Bill moves to approve, Marsha seconded. All in favor.

Old Business –

Procedural documents related to your position are needed.

Audit date – This is required by BOE- we will need 3 or 4 people. April will email audit members about a date after Heidi sends her 3 dates.

New Business –

Meal pick up/ distribution for FMPA will be on 7/23. Middle and high schoolers can volunteer.

2020-2021 Board Positions (see attached)

Jamie V motioned, Sandy T seconded . Board positions were approved.

Budget for 2020-21 School Year

Total approved dollars is 24,210. Review of budget. At any time we can amend the budget. Changing orchestra / Kelley Hickey to \$0. We could change dinner before the show income to 4,010. Total budget will now be \$24,010. Marsha moves to approve the amended budgets. Tina seconded. All in favor.

Next meeting is 8/10, location TBD.

Maggie motioned to adjourn the meeting, Amanda A seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.