

Attendees: Sue Burton, Tina Wuorinen, Jen Dinan, Brad Delaney, Mike Kennedy, Laura Carroll, Stefanie Schneider, Dan Deitsch, April Bruder, Ric Towner, Joanna Eberhardt, Chris Wolferst, Maggie Laird, Heidi Reeb

Secretary's Report – Sue Burton

A motion to approve the October minutes was made by Dan and seconded by Maggie. The motion passed.

Correspondence – none.

President's Report – Ric Towner

We've had a good start to the year - way to go marching band! Now I'm excited about orchestra and choir concerts, the musical, concert band season, voices of Whitaker ... At our meeting this week I'm looking forward to hearing about how the private lessons program has gone during it's restart and what we need to do to support / improve the program going forward. Chris did a fantastic job with the cookie dough sale - we had lower participation this year which we'll need to figure out going forward but for now we need to focus on getting the dough distributed and on how to sell another 250+ tubs to reach our goal! Sue Burton has recruited Karen Kershner to lead the luminary sale this year (way to go Sue!) and I think the electronic FMPA newsletter that Deb has created is a great improvement in our communications. There is a lot of good momentum I see among teachers and staff towards working together to leverage Finneytown's strengths to best serve and inspire students. Let's keep doing all we can to support them.

Staff reports –

Band & Music Dept. – Mike Kennedy

MK said the best feeling this marching band season was having the kids feel proud of themselves. He complimented Ric on getting more parents out to see the band. Hearing the parents cheer is the best. The staff have been fighting to get musicianship back in the band. Extra section instructors helped (able to hire due to extra money raised/available).

HS Band - VP Tina Wuorinen

The marching band finished their season strong by getting a 1 (superior) rating at OMEA State Competition on Sunday, October 30, in Dayton. They were the only B band in their time block that received a 1 rating! It was also especially exciting for the band, since they have not received a 1 at state competition since 2011. Way to go Marching Band! They had a celebration meal when we returned, with a special cake and celebration of the seniors. The senior members were able to take their banners home that day, after they had hung at all of the home football games and this celebration meal. Thank you to the staff for all of their hard work with the marching band. I know there were a lot of extra hours put in to make this happen. Thanks to Marsha Grubbs for all of her work with the uniforms, to Brian Baty for his leadership with the pit, and to Chris Wolferst for taking snacks to all the contests for the students after their performances. Also, thanks to all the parents who pitched in to help with uniforms, meals, as chaperones, with pit, etc. Now the band is

working on concert band music and looking forward to their Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 15th, in the PAC.

MS Band – VP April Bruder

MS Band report- Looking forward to our December concert! I'll be looking for volunteers to chaperone. Is there a list Heidi Rice and I can work from for MS parent recruiting? :)

Orchestra – Stefanie Schneider

The Orchestra played at the Finneytown Foundation meeting and enjoyed it. They did an hour and 15 minutes of music. The Orchestra concert is on Thurs. 12/8.

Orchestra VP – Heidi Rice

MS/HS Orchestra report: I'm working on recruiting chaperones for the Dec 8th concert. Thanks, Heidi

Choirs – Laura Carroll

Choir & chorale sang Saturday at the Finneytown Foundation meeting, and have a concert on Tues. 12/6. X period choir is picking up their music quickly. Concert choir going very well – 8 boys = power in numbers. Plan to compete in Q102 Christmas carol contest – link to come soon.

HS Choirs – VP Sue Connell

MS Choirs – unfilled

Elementary Music Staff – Heidi Johnson

As requested at the last FMPA meeting, this is a list of the uniform requirements for each music group (unfortunately, I was unable to get the Band information into the document—but will keep working on that....)

3rd & 4th grades Voices of Whitaker: White top, black pants or skirt, black dress shoes and socks (no gym shoes, Sperry's, or jeans)

5th & 6th grades Voices of Whitaker: White top, black pants or skirt, black dress shoes and socks (no gym shoes, Sperry's, or jeans)

5th & 6th grade Band:

5th & 6th grade Orchestra: Black on bottom (black pants/skirt, black socks, black shoes) & white on top

7th grade Band:

8th grade Band:

HS Band:

7th grade Orchestra: Black on top, black on bottom, black shoes, black socks

8th grade Orchestra: Black on top, black on bottom, black shoes, black socks

HS Orchestra: Black on top, black on bottom, black shoes, black socks

MS Girls Choir: Black on top, black on bottom, black shoes, black socks

X-period Choir: Black on top, black on bottom, black shoes, black socks

Concert Choir: Women - Red dress, black shoes, Men - White tux shirt, black tux, black shoes, black socks, cumerbund, bow tie

Chorale: Women - black dress, black shoes, Men - White tux shirt, black tux, black shoes, black socks, cumerbund, bow tie

Elementary Report – VP's Den & Sandy Tenhundfeld

Not much for the elementary to report. We are looking forward to the December concerts and will start recruiting for chaperones. Can we get a list of the elementary kids for 5/6 band and orchestra and the voices kids?

Unfortunatley neither of us will be able to make it tonight. Den is traveling home from being out of town for work and I am very under the weather while covering homework duty and no sitter.

Thanks! Sandy and Den

Uniform Report – Marsha Grubbs

With the ending of the Marching Band season, Glenda Esslinger has graciously volunteered to launder the trousers, jackets and cuffs--the cuffs and jackets need to be cleaned in front loading machines.

I have begun sizing the band students in tuxes for concert band. All but two of the returning students have been sized, and I will now begin on the new male students this week during X-period, Then I will be sizing the female band students for their black skirts.

There were several dresses from the choral concert that did not turn out quite like I had expected, so I took four home to rework, and they are almost finished.

Thanks, Marsha

Membership Report – Joanna Eberhardt

67 members. Dues and donations equal \$3030.00 (minus payschools fees).

Joanna added in person that she sends out email thank you's to all who join, and snail mail thank you for any extra donations over \$25. She will not be at the next meeting.

Also discussion about Amazon Smile program – Joanna will add info about it (Ric to write up) when she sends out the newsletter tomorrow. Heidi R can send a blurb to Amazon Smiles to choose us as a featured organization.

Communication Report – Deb Amend

Communication has moved along with some bumps. After running into computer problems and several college visits, the October/November edition became the November issue. I am already working on the December issue to ensure that doesn't happen again!

November was focused on the orchestra. My husband, Rob, went to the school and got some great pictures of some of the orchestra students, which I think makes it special. December will be focusing on private lessons. Please feel free to send me article suggestions or theme suggestions. I was thinking that January would move to Musical Theater. I am going to schedule posts about Light Up Finneytown on our Facebook Page starting this week.

Reminders about cookie dough pick up are already scheduled. I will also use both the newsletter and the FB page to let people know that cookie dough can still be purchased.

I will try to be at the meeting tomorrow, but I know I will be late because my girls have guitar lessons in Blue Ash. We also may have Aly's cello stand being delivered to us after some repairs, and I am not sure when they are going to stop by to deliver it.

Deb Amend

Website report – Bill Fessler

Website updated to

- 1) change cookie dough sales promo to pickup promo
- 2) Added luminary sales promo
- 3) links to sales flyer and payschools site are included
- 4) Payschools luminary merchandise was activated
- 5) Email alerts for payschools sales changed to Karen's address.
- 6) Sue will show Karen how to access Payshools site for reporting.

I will be travelling for work and unable to attend November's meeting.

Bill Fessler

Treasurer's Report - Heidi Reeb

No assistant treasurer for Heidi yet....

Treasurer's report reviewed and discussed. Motion to accept the report made by Sue, seconded by Tina. Motion passed.

School board representative report – Cindy Rebman

OLD BUSINESS

Private Lesson Plan – Maggie Laird

Approximately 10 trumpet/brass, 20 woodwind, 13 percussion ensemble. \$25 to do ensemble. Ric to take on collections for missed payments. Less chaperoning now because teachers in building for musical until mid-Feb.

Savory Sweets Cookie Dough –

FMPA Savory Sweets Fall Fundraiser was a success! Despite selling fewer units of cookie dough compared to last year, we were still able to increase our profit because of the higher price point. FMPA ordered an additional 215 units to sell at music events through the rest of the year (some of these have already been "reserved" by people who did not get their orders in before the deadline). I think we will have enough freezer space, but would like to have a few more people willing to store the cookie dough as back up. I'm still looking for volunteers to help on Thursday, delivery day. I specifically need people between 12:00-1:00 to help unload the truck, and between 3:00-6:00 when students will pick up their orders.

Added in person: participation was way down – 70 to 80 fewer students were selling. They will plan to sell at Grandparents Day.

NEW BUSINESS

Concert planning – will sell luminaries and cookie dough in lobby. Program will be printed 11/28 - staff/Jen Dinan will try to make program print larger & more readable.

Luminary sales – Karen Kershner has taken over this year. An email was sent out requesting help for staffing sales tables at music concerts, doing kit assembly, publicity, etc.

Dinner Before the Show - 2/17/17. Musical Fiddler on the Roof begins at 7:30 pm.

- New LaRosa's manager – Dan will talk w/him re: food donation
- Need theme/decor - ?Heidi Rice?
- Bid N Buy - April is understudy for Dan
- Food service manager – Tina
- Cleanup captain – Maggie
- Entertainment – Ric. To include Voices of Whitaker (Heidi J was to talk w/Faith after October meeting). Perhaps also percussion ensemble, Nepali student dancers, maybe PEM has something?
- Ticket Sales - ?Den and Sandy?

PEM concert 12/3 – Sue to contact John & Toni Hutchins for details/FMPA involvement.

Adjournment – motioned by Dan , and seconded by Sue, that we adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next meeting is Monday, December 12 at 7 pm in MP conference room.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Burton, secretary