

Attendees: Sue Burton, Tina Wuorinen, Bill Fessler, Heidi Reeb, April Bruder, Laura Carroll, Stefanie Schneider, Mike Kennedy, Brad Delaney, Rebecca Page, Susan Connell, Janet Cain, Marsha Grubbs, Scott Haarlammert, Maggie Laird, Chris Wolferst

Secretary's Report – Sue Burton

Reviewed minutes from September 2017 meeting – Motion by Tina to accept the September minutes. Seconded by Bill. Motion passed.
Correspondence – none

President's Report – Ric Towner

From email: I'm looking forward to our meeting Monday. I'm sorry I wasn't there last month. We will spend some time at the start of the meeting addressing some norms that I think are important for effective meetings and for maintaining trust within our team and between parents, teachers and administrators.

As FMPA board members we each have at least two roles in the music programs at Finneytown - (1) parent of a child(ren) in the programs and (2) board member working to improve the programs for all children. We are never not in parenting role (it's pretty much a 24 - 7 as long as we live role!) however when we're performing an FMPA role which includes participating in FMPA meetings our primary focus needs to be on FMPA related items and in that role we always support the music department staff.

I'd like to propose the following norms for us to adopt as a board:

- We will raise issues / concerns that are primarily personal and related to our role as a parent with teachers and administrators outside of FMPA board meetings and music department activities.
- If there is an issue that is of concern to anyone as a parent that they wish to address in a board meeting they should let me know in advance and i will review with Mike ahead of the meeting. No surprise, last minute agenda items.
- When performing a role for the FMPA in support of the music department, (helping with uniforms, band set up, chaperoning, camp, providing snacks,) we will always support the music department team, always speak to each other respectfully and never treat students or staff rudely.

Ric also reminded us that we are a support organization, not a strategic task force. The FMPA board present verbally affirmed our agreement with the norms listed above. Heidi R apologized to those present for the way she brought up a personal concern in the FMPA meeting last month. Mr. Kennedy accepted Heidi's apology, and voiced thanks from the music staff, acknowledging that they support, value, and notice what FMPA does in all aspects to help them.

Staff Reports:

Band & Music Dept. – Mike Kennedy

Band qualified early this season for OMEA state competition. They will attend MidStates competition this year for the first time. It is a different style of competition, with more visuals. Have been working on physical fitness for this. Nov. 4 prelims in AM, if qualify then finals are that same evening. AAA class (based on size of playing group, not size of school).

Marsha asked if MK thinks private lessons are helping the musicality of the group. He says they have changed the way they are teaching and their assessment system has helped close the gap for those

who don't get lessons. Their classroom teaching is better - they use a rubric with OMEA ranking across the music curriculum.

HS Band - VP Tina Wuorinen

All the band yard signs for the new marchers and all the band buttons (except 1) have been handed out to either the students or parents. The marching band has competed in 2 contests, and they got a superior rating at the first one, so they will be going to state competition this year on Oct 29! Two competitions have been added, both Midstates contests, on Oct 28 and Nov 4. Tim Fain built a new trailer/cart for the pit drum set to make it easier to get equipment on and off the field. Thanks to all the parents who have volunteered to help or bring food. We are offering band hoodies and other cold weather music wear, and orders have been placed. We hope to have them in a couple of weeks.

MS Band – VP April Bruder

Orchestra – Stefanie Schneider

Concert tomorrow night Oct. 10 – grades 7-12, 8 pm.

Orchestra VP – Heidi Rice

I will not be at tonight's meeting.

I have concert chaperones for all orchestra classes.

Choirs – Laura Carroll

Concert tomorrow (Oct. 10), 8 pm to allow for sports conflicts. Concert choir has new black gowns – thank you to FMPA for funding.

HS/MS Choirs – VP Sue Connell

Elementary Music Staff –

Elementary Report – VP's Den & Sandy Tenhundfeld

Voices of Whitaker – grades 2/3 have 39 kids, grades 4/5 have 36 kids – conducted by Steve Jones.

School Board report – Scott Haarlamert

Scott encourages us to all take the survey online that was mailed on a postcard re: future planning for district. If 2 adults in household, can use 2 diff browsers on same computer if needed.

Marching Band Uniform Report – Marsha Grubbs

Concert Uniform Report – Amanda Angert

I will not be at tonight's meeting so here is my report:

The new Concert Choir dresses came in and all alterations have been completed. Fittings for Concert Band will begin in early November after marching season is complete. Anyone willing and able to help with sewing would be greatly appreciated 😊

Membership Report – Rebecca Page

We're up to 28 memberships and/or donations (some donate without purchasing a membership), for a total of \$1,580.95. I'll be at the orchestra/chorus concert at a table in the lobby on Tuesday. Rebecca asked who gets the info on what members volunteer to do – we said all board members.

Communication Report – Deb Amend

October/November Newsletter went out last week. I will use the notes from the October/November meetings to pull together the next one. I will try to get some good pictures at the concert on Tuesday and send them to Stefanie and Laura for approval, so we can start getting some orchestra and choral pics on the FB page, as well in the next newsletter.

On the newsletter itself, there is a button you can click to share on websites or facebook or other social media. Please feel free to share as you please.

Facebook page now has 192 "likes". Average views on posts with photos is about 600, and videos is around 300, depending greatly on the video. I'll be posting some reminders about the cookie dough sell on the FB page as well.

I won't be at the meeting tomorrow night as Aly's cello teacher is going out of town for a week, and we had to reschedule her lesson for tomorrow evening.

Website report – Bill Fessler

Online payments have started for private lessons. 17 payments thus far for 3 families. Extra \$1 per lesson is charged as convenience fee that covers the cost to Payschools.

Private Lessons – Maggie Laird

23 students now. Will do another push once marching band is over. No voice students currently. Question re: if families ask for scholarship help for this: MK tells them to shift to every other week instead of weekly, and instructors have been OK with that. We don't have a "scholarship fund" for this – money is allocated to non-payments and the daytime ensemble teachers.

Treasurer's Report - Heidi Reeb

59 minute fundraiser – MK won't track it any longer, will reward the top fundraising student this month then that category can be closed.

Treasurer's report ending Oct. 9 was reviewed. Motion to accept the Oct. 9 report was made by Bill, seconded by Sue C. Motion passed.

June/final 2016-17 treasurer's report was reviewed. Motion to approve the final 2016-17 treasurer's report was made by Maggie, seconded by Sue B. Motion passed.

Question re: is it a problem w/our non-profit status if we show positive income over expense too many years in a row? Heidi says the Attorney General categorizes based on total assets. She is not aware that it would affect our non-profit status.

Heidi filed the 990 postcard for IRS and paid the \$50 Attorney General's office fee in July, the new fiscal year, for the old fiscal year of 2016-17.

OLD BUSINESS

Disney trip challenges/alternatives:

Savory Sweets

Due date: Thurs. Oct. 19

Pick up: Thurs. Nov. 16

Chris asking for volunteers to help w/pick up night and counting money/orders.

NEW BUSINESS

Luminaries: put on agenda for next month. Possible names of helpers for Karen Kershner – Renee Heath, Kay Sanders. Date – Sunday Dec. 17th.

Dinner Before the Show – April

Want "pre-themed" baskets (Sundae basket, etc.) and raffle baskets for kids.

For next month's agenda – need new trailer for band next year.

Reminder we should publicize that we have an Amazon Smile account.

Next meeting - Monday November 13, 2017, in the Senior Lounge

Adjournment – motioned by Maggie and seconded by April that we adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Burton, secretary