

Attendees: Sue Burton, Heidi Reeb, Chris Wolferst, Ric Towner, Maggie Laird, Jenny Towner, April Bruder, Bill Fessler, Tina Wuorinen, Brad Delaney, Laura Carroll, Den Tenhundfeld, Rebecca Page, Marsha Grubbs, Heidi Rice, Jen Dinan

Secretary's Report – Sue Burton

Reviewed minutes from December meeting – Attendance correction – Stefanie Schneider was in attendance and Laura Carroll was not. Motion by Den to accept December 2017 minutes with that correction. Seconded by Tina. Motion passed.

Correspondence – none

President's Report – Ric Towner

Happy New Year everyone - I'm looking forward to a good second half of the academic year. We had a good first half: great Marching Band season (nice job Tina and Kim making the after concert reception happen in December), solid numbers and growth in choir and orchestra programs at all levels, successful fundraisers, good work by administration and teaching staff managing the music education changes at Whitaker and secondary campus, continued improvement in the private lessons program, new choir uniforms, fresh ideas for less expensive but more inclusive special experiences available to music students, the beginnings of a framework for better collaboration between support groups and administration ... good stuff.

Our major focus in January and February will be on a successful Dinner before the show and Bid and Buy and on showing support for the students and staff at games and concerts. Jen and I have not yet been to a basketball game and plan to try to make it to as many home games as we can in January and February to support the team and to show school spirit. The more of us that can show up the better - especially when the pep band is playing!

Staff Reports:

Band & Music Dept. – Brad Delaney –

High School Solo & Ensemble is 2/3 @ Elder HS. Large ensembles fee paid by FMPA, soloists pay their own fees. OMEA large group is 3/2 & 3/3 NOT 9 & 10. Choir will compete @Taylor probably late Friday night 3/2, then Band Saturday 3/3 @ Harrison HS.

HS Band - VP Tina Wuorinen

The Band Concert was well attended and the Marching Band reception that followed was a huge success. Everyone from the concert was invited to the MP after the concert and a large crowd came. Superintendent Noe was unable to attend, but Dr. Dinan and Kim Fain, along with a few other people, spoke about what the marching band has meant to them. A video that Mike Kennedy put together was also shown. Everyone also enjoyed the appetizers and desserts that were donated. The last order of hoodies had come in and they were delivered that evening as well. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a very special evening!

The District 14 Honor Band rehearsals were this past week with the concert on Sunday at Princeton HS. Loyd Briski and Zachary Wuorinen represented Finneytown in the HS concert band and Anna

Tenhundfeld, Jack Isphording, Jessica Sanders, Nate Heath, and Robbie Reeb were in the 8th grade band. Congratulations to all!

All State Band rehearsals and concert will be in Columbus February 7-9. Alexander Eberhardt will be representing Finneytown in the band. Also, Cooper Burton and LaValle Coleman will be in the All State Choir and Zachary Wuorinen will be in the All State Orchestra. Congratulations to all!

MS Band – VP April Bruder

Orchestra – Stefanie Schneider

Orchestra VP – Heidi Rice

MS honors orchestra is 1/19 @ Princeton. Some MS honor band students were eligible to do honor orchestra as well.

Choirs & music dept. – Laura Carroll

MS honor choir is Feb. 3 – a number of kids going, at Princeton. Musical – “Once Upon a Mattress” – have blocked Act I w/principal cast.

HS/MS Choirs – VP Sue Connell

Elementary Music Staff –

Elementary Report – VP's Den & Sandy Tenhundfeld

Den has nothing report

Marching Band Uniform Report – Marsha Grubbs

Nothing to report

Concert Uniform Report – Amanda Angert

Membership Report – Rebecca Page

We now have 61 families/individuals/businesses who have either joined as members, and/or made donations to the FMPA. We have received \$2,965.00 so far in memberships and donations this year.

Communication Report – Deb Amend

We were able to get out the December/January Newsletter last week, but had some glitches in communication and format. Rebecca and I have a better means of communication, so that will help with some of the glitches with this issue (sorry about my super power ability to lose emails in gmail box...) So, I am proposing this schedule for February/March Newsletter:

Feb 15 deadline for all submissions. I will send out a reminder email the week before.

Sent to editing to Rebecca by **February 19**

Sent to MK/Ric for Approval by **Feb 21**

Publish date: **February 26**

Please send me anything you would like on the Facebook page via email. The more photos or videos the better as they draw more views and are more likely to be shared. I will schedule the posts. The email needs to say "FMPA Facebook Page" so I can easily search in my inbox.

Website report – Bill Fessler

Bill verified that pricing for Dinner Before the Show is unchanged from last year: \$35 family max, 7th grade to adult - \$8, age 4-6th grade - \$5, age 3 and under are free. \$1 more night of dinner. We agree to keep the prices unchanged. Musical ticket price is unchanged also (\$12 adults, \$8 students)

Private Lessons – Maggie Laird

32 students – half of those are with Sam for percussion. Payments are improving.

Treasurer's Report - Heidi Reeb

The treasurer has been very busy! Tracking Clovergo, Payschools, Amazon Smile, Paypal during band fundraiser have all added complexity. Luminary report: \$1,172 net (\$508 supplies, left with extra inventory).

Treasurer's report ending Jan. 8 (since Nov. 2017) was reviewed. Motion to accept the Jan. 8 report was made by Maggie, seconded by Tina. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Dinner Before the Show – April

- Bid n buy: we'll be reaching out to FMPA members asking if they'd like to sponsor a basket for the fundraiser either through a cash donation that we would then use to make a basket or by doing the buying for the basket. We'll have a variety of themes to choose from or they are welcome to add a theme of their own. We'll plan to send an email as well as post to the fb page.
- Letters to past donors are going out this week.
- Anyone with new ideas or connections for new, different items, please let me know!
- In addition to the usual bid n buy, we'll also have raffle baskets where people can buy tickets and put their name in the basket they hope to win.
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- Tina will contact LaRosa's. Needs food helpers.
- Heidi Reeb will get cash/change & she & Rebecca both have Clovergo capability.
- Sue will check on past templates for flyers/tickets
- Tina will send out one sign up for all helpers/donations needed
- Need a drink/dessert chair.
- Sandy T is doing table décor.
- Ric working on entertainment – VOW, Nepali dancers, poss. 8th percussion ensemble?

Student trip – this spring. Table discussion to next month.

Additional marching band budget – discuss next month when MK is here.

Band trailer needs – Ric is still working on a proposal

NEW BUSINESS

2018-19 Executive Board – Ric will be resigning as his daughter graduates. He is recommending April Bruder be nominated for president. He'll propose in March to start working together to transition and wants the board's affirmation.

Next meeting - Monday February 12, 2018, location TBD.

Adjournment – motioned by Heidi Reeb and seconded by Maggie that we adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Burton, secretary