

Attendees: Sue Burton, Ric Towner, Den Tenhundfeld, Amanda Angert, Tina Wuorinen, Rebecca Page, Jen Dinan, Heidi Reeb, Bill Fessler, Marsha Grubbs, April Bruder

Secretary's Report – Sue Burton

Reviewed minutes from January 2018. Motion by Tina to accept January 2018 minutes. Seconded by Rebecca. Motion passed.

Correspondence – none

President's Report – Ric Towner

Next weekend should be good fun! April, Tina and team are doing an awesome job getting ready for Dinner Before the Show and I am looking forward to seeing this year's musical. There's a basketball game Friday night too so parking may be a challenge. Short report this month - see you Monday!

Staff Reports: Skipping all staff reports as secondary staff at rehearsal for the musical and none have come in by email.

Band & Music Dept. –

HS Band - VP Tina Wuorinen

HS solo and ensemble was held at Elder High School on Feb 3. Many students participated and did well. The OMEA conference was in Columbus Feb 8-10 and included All State Band, Orchestra, and Choir. Finneytown had students in all 3 groups. The Marching Band meeting for next season will be Feb 26 at 7 PM. The next Finneytown concert for band, orchestra, and choir will be March 22 at 7 PM.

MS Band – VP April Bruder

Orchestra – Stefanie Schneider

Orchestra VP – Heidi Rice

Choirs & music dept. – Laura Carroll

HS/MS Choirs – VP Sue Connell

Elementary Music Staff –

Elementary Report – VP's Den & Sandy Tenhundfeld

Both age group choirs of Voices of Whitaker will sing at DBS beginning at 5:05 pm

Marching Band Uniform Report – Marsha Grubbs

Marsha expressed concern that marching band parents be made aware of the cost of shoes as there is no mention in the band packet and there is not a full enough stock to supply all members with shoes at no cost. Ric will discuss w/MK before the marching band parent meeting. Also Tina may be getting some P & G product next week with which to wash the uniforms.

Concert Uniform Report – Amanda Angert

Membership Report – Rebecca Page

We are now up to 63 members and/or donors, with a total of \$3,015.00 (memberships & donations combined). Rebecca asked our thoughts on sending a reminder to last year's members to sign up this year. We encouraged her to send it out.

Communication Report – Deb Amend

Photos of the Bid and Buy Baskets have been uploaded and scheduled for release on Tuesday/Wed of this week. April will caption them and possibly use the individual photos to start the bidding process early.

FB Page is up to 198 Followers (196 'like' the page -- not sure what the difference is)
Photos continue to bring about the most views.

Please submit all pictures or article information to me for the March/April Newsletter by this Friday, including "A Word from the President". Please email them to me and put "FMPA Newsletter" in the title so that I can ensure I don't miss any.

In order to streamline the process, I think it might work best if I email to the distribution list. That way the process would go:

Draft looked over by Rebecca

Approved by MK/RIC

Distributed by me

If we were to make this change, then I would need the membership email list in order to input them into the website I am using.

Website report – Bill Fessler

The check form is set up. This Thurs. Bill will shut down the DBS sales option and send final report.

Private Lessons – Maggie Laird

Checks will go out Monday morning for the instructors January. While the new check in system for lessons is helpful, he has not completely solve the problem. I have some instructors that are not using it were using it late, which causes confusion. I am in the process of figuring out who is behind on payments and by how much. In the email went out as well as a Facebook post stating all payments for lessons through February are due by 2/25. Hopefully this will get people to pay for any unpaid lessons.

On another note, I will be stepping down from my role as private lessons music coordinator; spread sheets and tracking financials is definitely not a gifting for me. I have communicated this with Ric, April, Heidi and Laura. I am still eager to serve the FMPA in another capacity. I am happy to help find a replacement and show them the "ropes." Thanks for your understanding.

Treasurer's Report - Heidi Reeb

Heidi Reeb would like to remind Steve Jones and Heidi Johnson they have \$500 budgeted for general music that thus far has not been spent.

More luminary money was handed to Ric/Heidi tonight from the Kershners.

Question was raised about how the private lessons lag in collections is currently. Maggie set a deadline of 2/25 & Ric hasn't gotten a list of delinquent accounts recently.

Ric's observations re: next year's budget – we are on track to come in a bit under targeted income, so this year we will probably invest more into the programs than we bring in.

Treasurer's report ending February 12 2018 was reviewed. Motion to accept the report was made by Den, seconded by Sue. Motion passed.

Additional info later sent by email:

One thing to note - for February 2018 report, I listed \$300 monthly expense to After Prom. This expense occurred in the month of January 2018, and is in the budget there. **There should be no monthly entry for After Prom expense in February 2018.** I updated the report attached (is modified vs. the hard copy you received at our meeting).

Also: a free service through our Wesbanco business account:

When you use our Deposit Form, please use the attached form in place of the one you've used previously. Additionally, from now on, when we provide a form for payment that may be paid with a check (e.g. purchasing hoodies), please include the Check Acceptance Policy (below) on the form. We now have a Double Check recovery program in place to handle the times when a check does not go through due to insufficient funds. This keeps us from being charged the fees and follows up with the check writer so we don't have to. We are required by law to notify folks who write us checks. I will have the policy visible when we collect checks to pay for Dinner Before the Show tickets and Bid n Buy items.

Bill - please link this modified form on our FMPA home page for folks to pay for lessons. Additionally, please add the below statement to the hoodies form that Elise uses.

We can talk this a bit more in our meeting.

Check Acceptance Policy

Your check is welcome! In the event your check is returned unpaid due to insufficient funds, you authorize your check to be electronically redeposited for the face amount of the check. Recovery fees, as applicable by state law, will be assessed on all returned checks and may be collected by us or our agent, Econ-O-Check, from your checking account. By presenting your check for payment for your transaction, you are acknowledging your acceptance of our Check Acceptance Policy. If you have any questions concerning our Check Acceptance Policy, please discuss at the time of purchase or you may contact our agent at the phone number below. Thank you 1-888-374-3369 (Econ-O-Check/DoubleCheck).

OLD BUSINESS

Dinner Before the Show – April

We have so many great items for our raffle and bid and buy this year. Jan Angert has been amazing getting things from our local businesses right here in Finneytown. I'll share a full list later but-Freddy's donated TWO great baskets and O'Reilley's Auto Parts and AutoZone donated buckets of car supplies! Jan has made contact with many businesses we may never have thought to ask! She has been nothing short of amazing. She even dropped off all the donations she collected completely wrapped and ready for display. Please give her a big thank you when you see her next week.

We've had some really great donors step up this year. We have just a couple of needs to complete some baskets. If you'd like to donate any of the following please let me know and bring the items Monday to our meeting, or I am happy to pick things up from you sooner if you'd like:

- New baking sheets (one or two nice ones will do)
- Chocolates - fancier chocolate bars, no more than \$10 total
- bottles of wine-nothing too expensive we could use 2-4, ideally :)

Be sure you've seen the sign up to help Tina in the kitchen, Amanda with desserts and drinks or let me know if you are able to help at closing time with raffle basket and bid and buy closing. I know I'll have Heidi there for payment but we'll need a few hands to be sure things end quickly and smoothly so families can get to the show!

We could use more help with serving dinner and clearing trays on Friday as well as clean up. Invite your friends to dinner and to sign up to help!

Set up will begin at 2 pm. We are doing SO well on raffle items and bid and buy items.

Teachers from Brent, Mr. Farr, Ms. Sowders, Language Arts dept, all donated baskets for DBS.

49 tickets have been sold online thus far.

From Heidi Rice: We've only received a handful of pre sale ticket orders. The tickets have been printed and cut. Sandy Martens and my mom are available to help with ticket sales the night of the dinner. I believe Heidi Reeb said she will be getting us change. Are we going to accept cards at the door? Please let me know if there's anything else I can or should do before the dinner.

Student trip – RT will discuss funding of this with MK

Additional marching band budget – \$1,000 – Ric will review with MK. Discuss next month.

Band trailer needs – Ric is still working on a proposal

NEW BUSINESS

Senior awards – are 5/21/18. We will give 2 - \$500 awards, Ric will discuss w/staff.

Pep band options – Ric to discuss with staff & Dr. Dinan. Brad and AD Gerald talked, increased pep band to 6 games next year from 4 this year. CHL rules mean very restricted playing time for band.

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

Adjournment – motioned by Den and seconded by Heidi Reeb that we adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Burton, secretary