

Finneytown Music Parents Association (FMPA) February 2019 Minutes

2/11/19 – Meeting called to order at 7:05 by April Bruder

Sam Fronk, April Bruder, Rebecca Page, Tina Wuorinen, Joyce Johnson, Beth Cahill, Bill Fessler, Marsha Grubbs, Michael Kennedy, Kathy Revelle, Jasmine Smedley, Heidi Reeb, Den Tenhundfeld, Eric Muchmore, Glenda Esslinger, Laura Beverly, Brad Delaney & Maggie Laird were in attendance.

Secretary's Report – Maggie Laird

Orchestra Report Correction – Tina W corrected that solo & ensemble was not in Cleveland, All State Orchestra was in Cleveland. Den T moves to approve, Bill F seconded. All were in favor.

Presidents Report – April Bruder

If you have questions or concerns you wish to raise at the meeting, send them to me ahead of the meeting. If it is an issue we need to discuss as a board, I can be sure to place it on the agenda for the meeting or a future meeting. I want to honor everyone's time by keeping meetings dedicated to board matters. Please keep on the task at hand during the meeting. We're halfway through our school year and we've had our share of ups and downs. Our financial situation, while not bleak and dire, isn't as great as we'd like it to be. We'll continue plugging away with our usual efforts, working to recruit more community members to participate in the concessions fundraiser as well as to think outside what has been typical of FMPA in the past. All the while, we'll continue to keep our eyes on the prize-the continued success of our music students and staff. That's easy to do when we have students achieving great successes as has happened this year. The latest in a string of successes is just this week's percussion concert. It honestly was one of my most favorite concerts in a while. You could see the pride as their hard work and efforts were displayed on the stage. This is why we're here!

This is what I want us to bear in mind as we continue working this year collaboratively as a board, not allowing ourselves to become passive in our roles as we support our music staff and students. There is a fundraiser discussion on the agenda-no selling involved! You'll want to be there to hear all about it! Time permitted, we will also share new by law language to be more inclusive as discussed previously. I'll send that out for review over the weekend.

Band - Michael Kennedy & Mr. Delaney

Concert coming up in March. Not going to contest due to snow days. Another X Period will be missed coming up. 2/25 is the 2019/20 marching band meeting, fees the same at \$280. Dave Oliverio has been asked to put in on Pay Schools. The Wilmington location will be a great improvement or band camp. Camp is the 14th- 18th, which gives us a financial savings for one less day. There will be less walking to the field will lead to more practice time. Kids will get to use the pool one day. Dorms are air conditioned. 59 minute fundraiser will still happen. We will provide breakfast the day of departure. Concert band is going great. Format of last concert will change, solo & ensemble will be a part of the last concert, woodwind, brass & percussion ensemble as well. This will make expressing music talent more inclusive among the student body. Marsh G brought up the possibility of the Jazz ensemble. Mr. Delaney discussed that the interest is there but not the commitment among the students. Mr. Kennedy to discuss the alternate in more detail at the 2/25 meeting.

Choir - Laura Carroll

Congrats to our 3 Middle Schoolers who participated in Middle School Honor Choir this past weekend; Dea Hankerson, Angelina Bush, and Marin Ruffner. Our next concert is March 12 at 7pm. Voice class will

be having a recital on April 4 at 7pm in the PAC. The 2019-2020 has been set. 28 students were invited to participate in the ensemble. We are still in need of a HS and MS choir rep.

Orchestra - Stephanie Schneider

Two 8th Graders participated in MS Honors Orchestra, Nayla Lindsay and Annie Haarlammert. Zach Wuorinen participated in All State Orchestra at OMEA Conference. All the kids said they had fun and learned a lot. They loved playing in the different groups. The Combined Chorale, HS Orchestra, HS Band concert is coming up March 12th. We will not need chaperones since the teachers will be with their groups backstage. I will email Amanda Angert and Rebecca Page to request any new logos for business sponsors and the updated Membership list. I'll need those by Tuesday March 5. The Middle School and Whitaker classes are getting ready for the end of the year concert in May.

Elementary – Den & Sandy Tenhundfeld

Mostly quiet at the elementary level, students are working to prepare for concerts.

HS Band Report – Tina Wuorinen

The Marching Band information meeting will be held on Monday, February 25, at 7 PM in the band room. Band Camp will be from 8 AM on Sun, July 14-Thurs, July 18, at noon, at Wilmington College. The next concert for band, orchestra, and choir, will be on Tuesday, March 12, at 7 PM.

Uniforms – Amanda Angert/ Marsha Grubbs

No update.

Membership – Rebecca Page

We now have 56 Members/Donors, for a total of \$2,840.00. We still have 6 donors to the Kelley Hickey Memorial Orchestra Camp Scholarship Fund, for a total of \$190.00. We currently have 11 Alumni Memberships.

Communications – Rebecca Page

Would like to move deadline for newsletter submissions from 2/22 up to 2/20.

Please send me any information, photos, videos, weblinks, or anything else you'd like included in the February/March e-newsletter by Wednesday, February 20. I'd like to give April and Mr. Kennedy a week to approve the content (if needed), so I can send it out to the membership and boards not later than the weekend of March 1-3.

Website – Bill Fessler

No update.

Business Fundraiser – Amanda Angert

Currently getting thank you notes out to local businesses. No new donations have come in. Thank you posts will begin this week on the FMPA FB page. Waiting on one logo but all others have been sent to Stefanie Schneider (programs) and Rebecca Page (newsletter). The next Freddy's Dine to Donate will be March 15 & 16 and will be advertised in the March 12 concert program.

Cookie dough -Beth Cahill & Jasmine Smedley

Plenty of cookie dough available, especially chocolate chunk. Please have interested parties email us at fmpadoughsale18@gmail.com. We currently have about 40 tubs. Now just \$10\ per tub.

School Board Report - Joyce Johnson

Next meeting is Tuesday 2/19. Aubrey, integrated platform. Discussed the revamping of the website. We are in the middle of title 1 audit at Brent and Whitaker.

Treasurers Report - Heidi Reeb

Quick review of January Report. Tina moved to approve, Maggie seconded. All were in favor. February report see attached. It was a slow month. Discussion of report. Discussion of \$2K that was not accounted for regarding cookie dough sales. Private lessons recap of closing it out. Bill F moves to approve, Marsha seconded. All were in favor.

Old business

We will have a dinner before the show, 4/12, 5-7:00 pm. 7:30 showtime.

Many of the positions are covered. Sara Braun offered salad and spaghetti. Tina W will talk to LaRosas. Heidi Rice will do tickets. Sandy T will do decorations. Amanda A will do desserts. April B will be in charge of the bid n buy and raffle baskets. April 5th is last day for deserts. Discussion of Heidi & Laura B ready to handle taking money at the end. Entertainment – solos. Sam Fronk – MC.

New Business

Sam Fronk – Cincinnati Percussion Festival on 6/8/19. See handout. It is modeled off of Ohio Day of Percussion. There will be guest artists, symphony & CCM. Master classes will take place through out the day. \$1400 has been collected, the cost is at \$1220. Many high schools are coming. \$15 per kid, (Finneytown students are free). Help is needed with running the event. Shuttle drivers may be needed for parking at farther distances. We will need a team of volunteers to run the day and assist Sam. Den T made the motion to accept the Percussion Festival. Rebecca P seconded. All were in favor.

Looking to increase membership. Not where we were last year. We need to get Alumni on board with this. Would love to get 25 alumni members this year. Any thoughts on how to go about getting the word out?

Changing language in by-laws to be more inclusive of all of our volunteers. To be discussed further next month.

Maggie L needs someone to take minutes at the March meeting.

Next meeting is March 11th. Den T made a motion to end Meeting. Bill seconded. All were in favor. Meeting ended at 8:23 pm.