

FMPA June meeting – 6/10/19

In attendance - Joyce Johnson, Sam Fronk, Michael Kennedy, Brads Delaney, April Bruder, Amanda Angert, Steve Jones, Jamie Vogelsing, Tina Wuorinen, Beth Cahill, Rebecca Page, Maggie Laird, Eric Muchmore, Jasmine Smedley and Heidi Reeb

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm.

Secretary's Report – Maggie Laird

Approval of April Minutes. Corrections - specify that it is the Fine Arts Dinner. Page 3 – Bylaws, we did not vote on changing the bylaws, we only discussed them. Beth C made a motion to approve the minutes. Tina W seconded. All approved.

Presidents Report – April Bruder

Presented the thank you card from the FMPA senior scholarship winners. Let us not hit the same wallets repeatedly. It's been a wonderful year. Thank you to all of your time and financial contributions. Families should check with employers about matching donations. April mentioned ed that because of marsh and Sam we are on budget. Without them we would have had to make cuts.

Band – Michael Kennedy

Last concert was awesome. Seeing the kids from 5th grade on is very rewarding. Our advancement at Midstates was fantastic. Buddy Rogers reps said we are the talk of the town. Bohemian Rhapsody was amazing, trio with Jayden Smedley, Zach Wuorinen and Sean Cahill. Percussion Festival was amazing, we are grateful to have Sam. Expressed his appreciation of Brad and Stephanie. Is very impressed with kids, talked about how talented they are. Best 5th grade band ever. Very thankful for volunteers, old and new. The reality of our school is that it is majority is in poverty. Delaney is studying this is as his Masters. Our students are excelling despite this. Dr. Dinan's focus is on what is best for kids.

Orchestra – Stephanie Kennedy via Michael Kennedy – Orchestra has grown under Stephanie. There talent is amazing considering the inability of many to take private lessons. She is proud of her kids and their growth.

Laura Carroll via Michael Kennedy – Thank you for support over the years. Choir will be going through changes. It will take time while the master schedule is being formed, which falls under Dr. Dinan. Michael Kennedy talked about how they have had a different schedule through the years. We have excelled despite the changes.

Brent Music/ Voices of Whitaker - Steve Jones

Sent a letter going into incoming second graders to tell of choices for VOW & drama club. Some kids that were in drama club in the first half of the year joined VOW in January. The community is embracing the diversity and he is always searching for ways to do that in music.

Uniforms – Marsha Grubbs

First of all, I would like to thank you for the Music Supporter of the Year award. As I told the music staff, it was completely a surprise. My husband does complain sometimes about me being a professional volunteer, but I enjoy the work.

The band uniforms have all been laundered and are back in the uniform room. With Glenda Esslinger's help, we ordered the gloves we anticipate we will need for next year for the band. We also ordered 50

red NYLON garment bags. These are significantly more expensive than the vinyl bags we have always used--these also include a zipped pocket for shoes!! But we hope that these will last longer than the vinyl bags which had zipper problems sometimes after only a few uses. We anticipate purchasing another 50 next year. So we will have the guard and underclassmen still using the vinyl bags this year while the upperclassmen will use the new bags.

Also, Kate Miller is designing the outfits for the field commanders this year which will have an element of surprise for the audience when the music changes from the 2nd movement to the 3rd movement. If you see her around this summer, please thank her for her help with the show.

With Zachary and Loyd becoming alternates this year, I will really miss Tina and Ying helping me in sizing the students this summer. I will definitely need some other folks to help me. I hope to start putting the students in uniforms June 26.

Ying bought a sizer for shoes and a hat stretcher that Tina W will get to us.

Membership – Rebecca Page

As of 6/9, we have 65 members/donors for the 2018-2019 calendar year, for a total of \$3,840.00. We still have 6 Kelley Hickey Memorial Orchestra Camp Scholarship donors, for a total of \$190.00.

While we currently have 12 fewer total members/donors than last year, we have significantly surpassed last year's financial total (by \$235.00)! We also have 2 more Kelley Hickey donors than last year, and have also significantly surpassed last year's financial total (by \$55.00)!

2017-18:

\$3,605 in memberships & donations - 77 total individuals/families

\$135.00 Kelley Hickey Memorial Orchestra Camp Scholarship Fund - 4 total Kelley Hickey donations (some small, some large)

Communications – Rebecca Page

I sent out the April/May 2019 Music Notes e-newsletter on May 1. I would like to send out the August/September 2019 issue (the next one) at the end of August/beginning of September. Mark your calendars! Please send me any submissions for the upcoming newsletter by Friday, August 23, to give April and Mike a chance to proof/approve it in time. This can include blurbs (word from the president, the terrific Percussion Festival, band camp, etc.), photos, videos, links, logos, etc.

Website – Bill Fessler

April reports Bill cleared things up and moved necessary things off of page.

Private Lesson- Kathy Revelle

I did thank the instructors by email and asked about their plans for 2019-20: most replied that they plan to return. I plan to get our instructors in place in mid-July so we can find any replacements needed.

Messages to families about Private Lessons will go out in late July, and will be repeated the second week of school.

Can instructors take new students over the summer? Yes.

Fundraising – Jasmine Smedley, Beth Cahill

Looking at different companies instead of Savory Sweets. There were errors SS made in delivery and errors in entering orders. There may be a minor bill that may come to us to cover it, however SS may opt to disregard due to their own errors.

Joyce Johnson- Board of Education Report

There is a special meeting on 6/9 . Resolutions for ELPP were passed. Ric Towner would be one of the people along with Veronica Bishop. Asked about new Brent principal – it is on the agenda for the next meeting. Will be discussed on 6/17 meeting. Steve J said the teachers at Brent are very impressed.

Treasurers Report (ending 6/10) – Heidi Reeb

Income does not include Percussion Festival. It is a flow through on the back of the page. Finally got the cookie dough money. DBTS has been closed out. Discussion of rest of report.

Percussion Festival – \$1715.15 – still wanting for Freddy's dine to donate fundraiser and pizza expense. Our fiscal year ends at the end of June. Amanda discussed that the tuxes will be picked up from dry cleaner soon so she can turn in the expense to Heidi R before 6/30. Michael Kennedy – lots of challenges with technology in writing drills. Amanda A made motion to approve the treasurers report. Beth C seconded. All approved.

Old Business

Bylaws Changes – need to vote on changes regarding wording in se option one – article VI. Tina moves to approves to the changes. Maggie seconds. All are in favor. See attached.

Percussion Festival- Sam Fronk

Very smooth and successful. 35 approx kids attended. Dick Jensen, percussionist CSO said it was very well run and organized and he would like to come back next year. Extra \$300 from UDF came in. It was a lot of fun. Amazing concert.

DBTS - +\$3, 552.86

Served 187 meals, 45 complimentary, 32 students, 119 adults, 210 total from previous year.

New Business

Nominations for board positions for the 2019/20 school year.

MS Band & MS Chorus could be combined.

HS Chorus

Uniforms – Tuxes & Dresses

Sandy to look into getting a new elementary person so she can do choir.

Discussion about who could do Uniforms- Tuxes/ Dresses. Maybe Marsha for fittings, but doesn't want to sew. Jamie Vogelsang to do HS Choir. Maggie L made a motion, Beth C seconded. All approved.

Membership donations - the exclusivity. Think about how businesses will support, because they are looking for ways to do so.

Luminary's-

Is this a fundraiser we can sustain. How many family's participated? It's a big load in many ways. We made \$750 last year. Many will miss it. Lots of ideas about ways to revamp luminaries. Starting with a concert to kick off the season. Possibly use different materials. Make it more public. Conversation to be continued. Need to consider affordability of fundraiser. Buy one for yourself, one for someone else? That would be any easy way to donate.

April looking into different options in lieu of Savory Sweets. Going to continue unless other options are available. Betsy C says to do a Blitz. Spread out prizes. Think about extending sale to involve all kids. Talked about how 59 minute fundraiser works because it is an event as a-posed to a sale over time.

Jasmine suggested a Pep rally to get things started. The fundraiser needs more energy. Businesses to sponsor a meal to bring people together.

Heidi brought up the trailer and the businesses represented. Will that be caught up on?

Shoe Fundraiser – Tom Henderson. Donations of used wearable shoes. 25 pairs in a large bag, which are provided. Shoes should be tied or rubber banded together. Shoes are sent to other countries where there is a business model is sold. If we don't get 2500 pairs of shoes, then whatever we do get \$250 is deducted. There is very little cost to us. A mini drive is 60 days. Should be wrapped up by the end of October. Discussion about pulling shoes together, place and where. Our houses, trailers? \$1500-\$1800 is average pay out. Joyce says pull House System into it, but then we would have to share. Amanda A made a motion to dot the Shoe Fundraiser. Rebecca seconded the motion. All in favor.

2019/20 Budget – See attached.

Discussion about contest fees, transportation fees, teaching technology. Possible put \$750 on transportation, and \$2500+ for teaching technology. There has been a 25% decrease in the music budget. The "brain" needs to be a priority as well. Beth C brought up the idea of using Donors Choose. Will need approx \$6500 over next 2 years for the long term investments. We need to put \$3000 in Teaching tech and \$750 transportation in long term investments for this year. Discussed the cost of different parts of the brains. Jaime discussed fixing different pieces at a time instead of all at once. \$38,585 proposed expenses. Maggie made a motion to approve the budget, Amanda approved.

Rebecca asked Steve for her and Heidi to send a blurb about elementary music staff for the newsletter.

Next meeting is 8/12 at 7:00.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08.