

FMPA September 2019 Minutes – 9/9/19

In attendance – Amanda Angert, Tina Wuorinen, Rebecca Page, Jasmine Smedley, Laura Engleman, Marsha Grubbs, Jamie Vogelsang, Denny Tenhundfeld, Bill Fessler, Michael Kennedy, Steve Stuhldreier, Heidi Reeb, Kathy Revelle, April Bruder, Maggie Laird, Brad Delaney, Eric Muchmore, Laura Beverly, Beth Cahill, Stefanie Kennedy

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

Secretary's Report – Maggie Laird

Approval of August Minutes – Jamie V made a motion to approve the August minutes. Denny T seconded the motion. All in favor.

President's Report – April Bruder

We're off and running! Hopefully you all saw my message in the Music Notes Newsletter earlier today this month. I mentioned our great community and I continue to be thankful for all those around this table and often, more importantly (because they didn't AGREE to sit on our board for a year) those who show up for our kids at various times of year. We sometimes think it's hard to find people, but I've had the pleasure of seeing more and more folks step up even if it's a little here and there. Let's continue to encourage, thank and applaud those people. When we feel valued and appreciated, we keep showing up! Let's make sure we keep adding to our pool of people who keep showing up no matter how little or big it appears. We all give what we can when we can.

Our private lessons program is back! Please help us spread the word that we have instructions available for brass, woodwinds, percussion and voice. If our instructors can't fill spots here in Finneytown, they may no longer be available, leaving some students without easy and affordable options for lessons. It's important to keep our community informed of the opportunities available for our students.

We have several students to recognize for outstanding efforts and talent with various audition only opportunities-Kay Nicht and Randy Fleming are two I have heard about recently. We'd like to feature students on our Facebook page as well as in our newsletter. Please share any accomplishments from your own children or children you may know with me and Rebecca. There's so much to celebrate!

I'm feeling energized and looking forward to another great year of fundraising, accomplishments and celebrations. I already have our usual items and new business items include cookie sale, Dinner Before the Show and shoe fundraiser.

If you haven't yet completed your membership forms and paid your dues for the year be sure to get that to Rebecca as soon as possible. All board members must be FMPA members per our by-laws.

A huge welcome back to Steve Stuhldreier as our board of ed rep. He and Joyce traded committees. We'll miss Joyce and are happy to have Steve back!

If you see Rob Jeffries please extend your appreciation to him for his hard work on the props. There has been lots of time and energy put into the props. He has had a small group of dedicated workers on the props. Kate Miller has also spent a lot of time on drum major

costumes. Sandy T has been integral in getting us donations in regards to materials needed for props. Heidi R commented on the team effort the props took.

Orchestra - Stefanie Kennedy

Everything is off to a great start. Lots of fun games to get the school year started for choir. Davis McKinney is taking the time to record all the piano part for the different pieces for the choir kids. MS choir starts this Thursday, 9/12 at 3:00.

Band - Michael Kennedy

Zach Wuorinen has made it into All state orchestra and Southwest regional orchestra. He and Jayden Smedley have been mentoring the younger kids. 5th grade band is off to a great start. X period Chorus for Stefanie is starting, we are up to about 20 students. They worked with the English teachers to recruit. Goal is to have 25-30 students. Students in fall sports can start after their sport is over. Lots of interest is in 6th & 7th grade. We have 55 kids in 5th grade band, 27 5th grade in orchestra out of 104 5th graders. Excited to see what Steve Jones does with VOW. Middle school bands are already preparing for December concert. Happy to see parents & community coming together in regard to the props. Further explanation of how the props will work with the band members during the show. The band has been practicing a lot with the props so they can get used to moving around them. He is very excited about the soloists. First contest is this Saturday, 7:50 at Taylor. Explanation of why we didn't play on 9/6 - the electronics got wet and the show does not work without the electronics.

Elementary Music – Laura Engleman VOW starts 9/16

Uniforms – Marsha Grubbs

The alterations are done for the jackets and trousers. Many thanks to Glenda Esslinger who helped me label the garment bags this afternoon. I have assigned all of the hats, but I still have to relabel the hat shelves. The shoes have arrived. I have labeled them and distributed most, although we are waiting for some to pay before those students receive their shoes. Then, I think that we will be ready for Friday night--the first time the band will be in their marching uniforms.

MS Choir – Den & Sandy Tenhundfeld

X Period Choir signup forms have been shared via Dr. Dinan's emails. Sandy will be fitting the high school kiddos in their dresses and tuxes during October in preparation for the first concert.

Membership – Rebecca Page

We currently have 26 members/donors for the 2019-20 calendar year, for a total of \$1,030.00. This includes 7 Alumni Memberships. We currently have 4 donors to the Kelley Hickey Memorial Orchestra Camp Scholarship Fund, for a total of \$70.00.

I will bring membership forms and the CloverGo (for credit card payments) to the next (and every meeting), if anyone still needs to join for the year (cash, check, and credit cards accepted).

I attend all school open houses / celebrations, the Homecoming Tailgate, all concerts throughout the school year, and possibly other events (schedule permitting) in order to boost our membership numbers. I have a high school band kid, so I need someone to cover the PAC lobby for me during the high school portion of band concerts (I will be in the lobby for the grades 5-8 portion). Please let me know if anyone is able and willing to cover the lobby during that portion of the band concerts. I will immediately return to the lobby afterward to try to catch exiting traffic, and the portion during the concert itself is usually very slow in the lobby. The following FMPA members have volunteered their time and efforts in the following ways:

Sara Braun & Blaise Prost - Secondary Orchestra, Cookie Dough Sale, Luminary Kit Sale, Dinner Before the Show, Business Partnerships
Laura Engleman - Elementary Rep
Bill & Elise Fessler - Elementary Band, Elementary Chorus
Peter & Marsha Grubbs - Secondary Band
The Petersen Family - Grant Writing, Let Me Know How I Can Help!
Mike & Kay Sanders - Secondary Band, Luminary Kit Sale
Chris & April Statt - Elementary Band, Elementary Chorus
Jamie Vogelsang - Secondary Band, Other, Let Me Know How I Can Help!
Phil & Tina Wuorinen - Secondary Band, Secondary Orchestra, Cookie Dough Sale, Luminary Kit Sale, Dinner Before the Show, Let Me Know How I Can Help!

If you are heading any of those areas, please let me know if you need phone and/or email contact info. for those folks.

Discussion of Rebecca leaving the table to see her son perform during concerts. We decided that just leaving brochures and the tri-fold out would suffice.

Communications – Rebecca Page

I sent out the first FMPA Music Notes e-newsletter of the school year for August / September 2019 on August 26. Yahoo mail has changed the way they structure mailing lists, and there were a few people who got missed off that mailing. If you know of someone who should have gotten it and did not, please let me know. I believe I have the mailing list correct now. The first newsletter goes out to all past and current members (including FMPA board), music faculty, school board members and administrators, and P.E.M. committee members. Subsequent newsletters go out to all of the above, minus past members. The newsletter is a benefit of membership, and reminders to past members who have not renewed will go out a couple of times during the school year.

The next October / November FMPA Music Notes will go out at the end of October. Please send me any submissions, including: messages, photos, video clips, sponsorship info and logos, students' accomplishments that should be highlighted, important upcoming events (including fundraisers), any financial updates (how much we've earned in fundraisers, etc.), web links, etc. by Friday, October 25 at the latest. You can send things as you get them and I'll compile them, so you don't have to wait till the last minute if you'd rather send them early. Thanks in advance! Much appreciated!

Website – Bill Fessler

Everything on website is up to date. If anyone has anything please send to Bill.

Private Lessons – Kathy Revelle

Things are getting in order for another successful year of Private Lessons.

I created an informational flyer (attached) which encourages parents to email directly to instructors to schedule lessons. Many thanks to Mike Kennedy who has arranged for the flyers to be printed and distributed to music students in grades 5-12.

We are in need of an instructor for string instruments; many thanks to Stephanie Kennedy who is helping with this. Lessons will start lessons the week of 9/16.

Fundraising – Amanda Angert

59 Minute Fundraiser - We wrapped up our fundraiser with over \$14,000 collected, well above our goal of \$12,500!!!

Marching Band – Amanda Angert

Students have been working hard to get ready for their first home game on Friday, September 13th and their first contest on Saturday, September 14th at Taylor HS. Band t-shirts for parents will (hopefully) arrive this week and band buttons are also in process. A huge thank you to all the parents who sign up to help and make my job easier

Board Report – Steve Stuhlreyer

Happy to be back. School board is done approving everything in regards to the bond. Our issue number is 13. Next board meeting is Monday, 9/16 at 7:00 pm. Review of where building will go. Question about more meetings, but that can't be answered for the board. Go to finneytownbond.org or "Finneytown's Future" on FB for more information on bond. Further discussion about the bond.

Treasure's Report (ending 9/8) – Heidi Reeb

Review and discussion of income and expenses. Rebecca Page asked about discrepancy for membership income of \$15.06. Heidi said that total is from fees from CloverGo and Payschools. Music equipment is technology needs under flow throughs. Net Income for 59 Minutes is \$14,209.05. Correction to be made per Amanda Angert - Chipotle was not apart of expense so the \$105.95 should be \$80.95. Therefore the total net income should be \$14,234.05. Heidi R will make the necessary changes. Tina W made a motion to approve the report. Jamie V seconded the motion. All in favor. April – We may need to make adjustments to our budget. We need to bump the band budget to \$16,500. Marsha made the motion to make the increase. Kathy R seconded the motion. All in favor. We have a bonus \$500 from the Chipotle fundraiser; this helped some color guard members be able to afford color guard fees.

Old Business

April B commented on our very full board roster. Still need a MS Band representative.

Sandy T has agreed to do the tuxes and dresses for uniforms.

PAC has already been rented out to another group on Valentines Day, so we need to move show date an DBTS. New date will be late January, most likely 1/24 for DBTS. Mike Morgan is working with us. We budget \$5,000 for DBTS so we need to get moving sooner. April B to see if

Jan Angert can help us earlier to secure donations from local businesses. Do we want to have the sports memorabilia or not? We made \$0 last year. It's not too early to build baskets. Will there be orchestra in the show? Michael Kennedy to work with new director Wednesday. Shoe fundraiser – 60 days from start to finish. We were hoping to start in October end in December. However with the DBTS moving up a few weeks, April thinks it best to start in December or February. Discussion on when to start? The shoe company will give us fliers etc to help us get started and they will provide bags. The first concert is 12/4. The fundraiser will be 12/1-2/1. Possibly bringing them to DBTS; an offer an incentive for bringing them? Idea of having point people around Finneytown to drop off shoes. Also use Brent and Whitaker as drop off points to get younger students involved.

New Business

Cookie Dough- Beth Cahill & Jasmine Smedley

Met on Saturday and decided to get names on forms ahead of the kick off. Denny T recommended using an excel spreadsheet to print out names and other contact information. Should we have 2/3rd grade VOW sell cookie dough? Yes. 2nd/3rd VOW, 4th/5th grade VOW, & 5-12th grade music programs will sell cookie dough. We have to pay .50 more per tub this year. 1800 used to be the top tier, 2000 is the new top tier. We have to up our price to \$15 per tub to counteract those changes. Savory Sweets has not been very cooperative or communicative. Students will need targets on how much to sell. 2000 tubs need to be our goal total. We need to sell an extra 600 tubs. Talk to Grant Anderson about including General Music 2nd – 5th. Incentives – passes for X period for every 10 tubs you sell, post marching band. Micheal Kennedy wants to do that but there will need to be parameters. Younger kids won't need as many incentives. Pie in the face? Directors doing a dot in the show for highest sellers. They will need volunteers for the week of 11/12 for delivery.

Volleyball team to raise money on 10/8 for breast cancer research. Can FMPA members pull together to donate a basket? Ask Amy Catanzaro for CSO donation? Symphony candy bars.

9/26 – Parade, meet at Northminster at 5:30. Bring candy. Tailgate on 9/27 – kid focused activities. Rebecca P requested the banner for her membership table at the tailgate.

Biggest money makers are US Bank Arena concerts. Please get Aramark trained to work in the concessions. You have to be 16 to work as a minor.

Student Achievements - Aly Amend- CSYO Cello , Randy Fleming- CSYO Percussion, Zachary Wuorinen- Principal Bass CSYO Philharmonic, Kay Nicht- CCM Choir

Next meeting is on 10/14 at 7:00 pm in Media center, secondary campus.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:48 pm.

