

## FMPA Minutes – October 12, 2020

In attendance – April Bruder, Cindy Rebman, Rebecca Page, Marsha Grubbs, Laura Beverly, Bill Fessler, Laura Engleman, Heidi Reeb, Stefanie Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Bradley Delaney, Kayla Fields, Beth Cahill, Den Tenhundfeld, Jamie Vogelsang, Kathy Revelle

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

### Secretary's Report – Maggie Laird

Approval of September 2020 Minutes- Denny T made a motion to accept the minutes. Laura E seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### President's Report – April Bruder

THANK YOU to our staff for working hard! I know personally they are reaching out to students and families to make contact and keep connections. It has a tremendous impact.

We have some new and exciting cookie dough happenings! I am really looking forward to hearing (and tasting) what's new!

While the current expected plan is in person learning starts soon for flex students, our music staff will not be working "normally" and we'll continue to support and assist in whatever ways we can and they learn what changes will need to be made to music instruction.

It was so nice to enjoy some music at our last home football game and give our seniors a special night.

Thank you to Amanda, Maggie and others involved who helped to make that happen!

I've heard from a good number of families how much it meant to be able to have their students at the football games. The feelings of "normalcy" were a tremendous boost for mental health.

Friendly reminder to the board (myself included): Be sure to get those memberships in! :)

### Band/ Music – Michael Kennedy/ Brad Delaney

Brad Delaney – 5<sup>th</sup> grade instrumental music, a combination of band and orchestra. Students will find out what instruments they will play. They will start with reading notes. Goal is to get students instruments as soon as possible. They are waiting for some instruments to be repaired. There are 77 in the instrumental class. They will likely have an instrumental pick-up night. They may be looking for a couple of volunteers to help with delivering instruments. They only get to see the students once a week. Michael Kennedy - Classes for middle and high school are going slower than face to face, but they are plowing through given the circumstances. MK has received photo release acceptance so we will be able to start putting things on the FB page. Everyone is getting better, teachers and students, with remote learning. MK's biggest concern is keeping kids connected during these difficult times.

### Orchestra/ Choir – Stefanie Kennedy

In some ways virtual has its benefits because you can distribute different musical pieces. There has been a lot of streamlining and adaptive changes in the past 6 weeks.

### Elementary Music – Laura Engleman

Kayla Fields – video about what is happening with music about Whitaker. She wants to make sure that all the students feel heard and see and a part of the community. There are kids creating their own songs on SongMaker. She is encouraging music through play and activity, such as body percussion. Students are creating and editing their own flipgrids, like mini producers. She hopes this is contributing to an engaging and growing experience. She has two special projects coming up. One of the projects is a virtual talent show with a live element.

Uniforms – Marsha Grubbs/ Sandy Tenhundfeld

Marsha has finished cleaning everything except for the gloves. Sandy still needs to get in their to take care of the choir dresses. MK and Stef K said Wednesday's are best.

Membership – Rebecca Page

We currently have 20 members/donors (4 of whom are FMPA Board Members) for a total of \$1,220.00.

Communications – Rebecca Page

Our first Music e-Notes newsletter (for August / September / October) went out a month later than usual, due to the delay in the start of school this year. Normally, I put out 5 bi-monthly newsletters during the school year (Aug/Sept, Oct/Nov, Dec/Jan, Feb/Mar, Apr/May). I would appreciate the input of the entire FMPA Board, Music Staff, Administrators, School Board Members, etc. (anyone who might have an opinion on the matter) as to when the next newsletter should come out... at the end of October/beginning of November, to get us back on a "regular" school year schedule, or bump everything back a month and put out a Nov/Dec newsletter? My questions are: is it too soon for everyone to have new content to give me to put one out at the end of October? Would waiting be fine, or would pertinent info that needs to get out to the membership not get out when it's needed, if we wait? Please let me know if anyone has any thoughts on the newsletter schedule. Please also continue to submit any photos, videos, text blurbs, etc. for anything you'd like to publicize/highlight about our awesome students, staff, and community.

Website – Bill Fessler

Private Lessons – Kathy Revelle

To my knowledge, three instructors currently are giving private lessons to Finneytown students.

They are:

Sam Fronk – Percussion, some lessons are in person, some virtual

Bruce Haag - Brass

?????????- Cello (strings?) (Laura Englemann is sending me info about the cello instructor she found for Madeline.) She will see if it is possible for her to do lessons for all strings.

So far I haven't heard from Shelby Hatton who taught Flute and Clarinet last year. MK will help her get in touch with her.

I could put together a list of instructors willing to provide lessons remotely, in their homes/studios or in students' homes. It could be in a flyer format similar to last year's. Are there reasons that we shouldn't do this - especially COVID concerns? If we do go ahead with this, should we suggest that the cost per lesson remain the same? What would be best is a flier to send via email and put in Dr. Dinan's newsletter. If students want to take lesson in a person's home, then that is their decision. MK is worried that lessons will be even more of an equity issue in terms of music advancement. He would prefer to keep it at \$22 at the most.

Fundraising –

Cookie Dough- Beth Cahill

Cookie dough is on! We are going with a new company. There will be some new offerings in addition to cookie dough. We will also have an online ordering option for those out-of-towners we couldn't reach before. We are really excited! See new business.

Board of Education Report – Cindy Rebman

New building is continuing. They are waiting on an updated drawing of what the exterior will look like. Cindy reviewed that families will find out on Thursday what the county color is in relation to Covid. See Terri's newsletter for more information.

Treasurer's Report – Heidi Reeb – Report for 9/14/2020-9/30/2020

See report attached.

Based on a suggestion from our last FY audit, I re-scheduled the content of the report to match our monthly checking account bank statements. In order to adjust to the new schedule, this report covers financial activities since our last meeting through September 30, 2020.

Next month's report shared with you during our November 2020 FMPA board meeting will cover [October 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020](#) (we will be on track for the new schedule moving forward). Denny T moves to approve, Marsha seconded. All were in favor.

Old Business –

April B - Business fundraiser- this is a place holder for such a day as things get more normal. Possibility of virtual concerts with business involvement.

New Business –

April B - Rebecca's question about Newsletter – April proposers a mini- newsletter with currently going on, such as cookie dough. Denny T recommends getting something about luminary's in it. Deadline for mini-newsletter will be 10/21. Can include something about kids current music experiences & a blurb about senior night.

MK – There will be on big virtual concert in December.

Cookie Dough – Beth Cahill/ Jamie Vogelsang

The new company is Otis Spunkmeyer. It is cookie dough and more. They also have pizzas, breakfast casseroles, muffins, pretzels. People can order online and have it delivered. There will be online order forms. We are uncertain how people would get traditional order forms. Cindy R – possibly pick up those forms at a weekly lunch pick up. Kick off for this fundraiser will be 10/26. We will earn 40% of the sale. There is no sliding scale. They also have a good incentive program; you get a free item for each 10 items sold. We will not have additional incentives due to pandemic related financial constraints. Free shipping for orders \$75+. April B asked Cindy R if we could use the parking lot. Cindy R is concerned if we are on purple of what that would mean. We can also look at other options. We will sell for about 10 days. Then process the orders. Then it could be another 2 weeks. Sale would be finished before Thanksgiving, delivery before Christmas break.

Audit – April Bruder

When she is hearing how much time she is spending on creating her reports, April believes it would behoove us to update our record keeping by using an accounting programs to assist in keeping our books. This would give Heidi some time back. April is looking into creating a committee to make future steps. Please let her know if you would like to help look into this.

Light up Finneytown – April Bruder

She is proposing Sunday, 12/20 at 6:00 – 8:00 pm. We need to find someone who would like to take over this project and be a chairperson. Please think of possible people who might do this and let April know.

Support House- April Bruder

We have a small amount of items that are being stored in there and we will need to find a new place to store items. We currently are looking at short term solutions. But we also need to look at long term

solutions, preferably not someone's house as that it is not sustainable. Heidi R is asking David Oliverio about records retention as she has about 15 years worth of financial information.

The next meeting will be November 9, 2020@ 7:00 via Zoom.

Adjournment- Denny T moves to adjourn. Bill F seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.