

FGMEA BOARD MINUTES

June 14, 2005

The June meeting of the FGMEA Board was held on Tuesday, June 14, 2005 at the FEA Office in Fairfax. The meeting was called to order by Charlie Ring, president-elect.

PRESIDENT

Charlie Ring read a thank you note from Nancy Pope, past president, thanking the board for the clock and pen set that she was given at the general membership meeting on May 7, 2005.

Charlie introduced members of the new FGMEA board and gave each member a welcome packet.

FINE ARTS OFFICE

Dr. Roger Tomhave gave a background scenario for the Fine Arts Office. He said he wanted each discipline overseen by one person (a “go to” person for each discipline). On huge projects such as the National Symphony Orchestra concerts, “Cappies”, and “Instruments for All”, he said more than just the “go to” person would be involved.

Roger stated that Deb Duncan was placed in charge of All-County Choral Festival this year. For next year, Roger stated that he has no problem with Patrick Ware being the lead for that project with the rest of the Fine Arts staff acting as “gophers”. Roger explained that tasks and chores are divvied up based on the number of teachers with which each leader has to work. Roger said that Deb has a broader role helping others, including band, choral and general music.

Deb Duncan commented that she would help with All-County Choral Festival next year, as well as the National Symphony Orchestra concerts. Deb said that she and Patrick Ware work as partners.

Roger reported on scheduling. He said that teachers had reported to the FCPS School Board that some schools and principals were not following regulations, including time allotted for classes. Roger said that as a result of the teachers’ reports he has been directed to collect schedules during early fall and to go over them with a “fine-toothed-comb”.

SECRETARY

The April minutes were read by Lydia E. Hunter, secretary, and were approved as corrected.

TREASURER

Lizzie Williamson, treasurer, reported that the ending balance on May 31, 2005 was \$18,253.62, with \$375.00 in deposits and \$8,622.15 in withdrawals; and that the ending balance on June 14, 2005 was \$10,006.47.

Lizzie reported that we lost \$2,907.50 on our Choral Festival t-shirt sales. Lizzie asked that the board revisit the t-shirt issue. She suggested that we need to sell the large and extra-large shirts we have, but not order any new shirts.

Lizzie said that because we did not want money going through the PONY, some of the checks which were being held, bounced, and as a result, our account was charged a fee for each check that did not clear the bank. She suggested that each teacher collect money from students, turn the money over to the school's financial secretary, and request that the financial secretary issue a check made payable to FGMEA (handled the same way as CD sales).

Bev Ogden made a **motion** that we handle t-shirt money procedure the same as CD orders for Choral Festival. The motion was seconded, and, following discussion, **the motion carried.**

Bev Ogden made a **second motion** to table further t-shirt discussion until the fall. **The motion was seconded and carried.**

ALL COUNTY-CHORAL FESTIVAL

Carrie Ragona and Wendy Peterson, 2005 Choral Festival co-chairs, thanked FGMEA for the walkie talkies.

Wendy announced that Janet Galvan will be the 2006 All-County Choral Festival clinician. ACCF will be held on May 5 and May 6, 2006. Discussion followed about the amount of money for music purchase, which may be more than \$2,000. Wendy said that the choral read-thru will be in November.

Patrick Ware announced that Fine Arts Library will no longer be part of ISD, but part of Library Services. He said that music will be processed differently. He also informed the board that Penny and John Ferris, FCPS Fine Arts librarians, will be retiring.

Wendy introduced Heather Young who will serve as co-chair for the 2006 ACCF.

Charlie Ring made a request to Patrick Ware that our site rehearsal dates for ACCF not conflict with area band rehearsals. Wendy asked that the band directors be given our rehearsal dates in advance.

Charlie thanked both Carrie Ragona and Wendy Peterson for their work as the 2005 All-County Choral Festival co-chairs.

Patrick Ware commented that there are no prerequisites for becoming ACCF chair, and suggested that the chair should work up through the ranks.

NEWSLETTER

Debbie Key, newsletter editor, passed around a draft of the FGMEA Spring Newsletter for the board's perusal. She asked board members to make any corrections or additions to the newsletter before final publication.

OTHER BUSINESS

Charlie announced that he is in search of a Ways and Means chair.

Charlie announced that Joyce Stephansky, whom he worked with in the Middle Atlantic Orff Chapter, will present our fall in-service on Monday, October 3, 2005.

Charlie inquired about the honorarium for the technology chair. A **motion** to give a \$200 honorarium to the technology chair was made by Lizzie Williamson and seconded by Michael Utell. Discussion about finances for the technology chair followed. An **amendment to the motion** that no more than a \$500 honorarium be given for the first year to the technology chair was made by Wendy Peterson and seconded by Lizzie Williamson. **The amendment to the motion passed.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Key, acting secretary