

## **FGMEA BOARD MINUTES TO MEMBERS**

### **April 4, 2006**

The April meeting of the **FGMEA Board** was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at the FEA Office in Fairfax. The meeting was called to order by **Charlie Ring, President**. Board members in attendance were: Charles Ring, Joy Petty, Debbie Key, Loretta Schmitt, Nancy Pope, Michael Utell, Wendy Peterson, Heather Young, Carla Okouchi, Bev Ogden, Marianne Tagge, Mary Woods, Rebecca Diehl, Carolyn Dorey, Julie Derges Kastner, Mimi Youkeles.

### **Loretta Schmitt Secretary**

The March minutes were electronically sent to the board members. The minutes were electronically corrected and sent to the cluster chairs via email to be disseminated to the FGMEA membership.

### **Charlie Ring, President's Report**

#### **Announcements**

- Samantha Elizabeth McCraney was born March 15, 2006 to Sarah McCraney and her husband. Sarah is General Music teacher at Lorton Station ES. Congratulations Sarah and family. The proud grandmother is Darshia Allwine, General Music Teacher at West Springfield Elementary.
- Mary Woods has a new address:  
9600 Chapel Hill Drive  
Burke, Va. 22015  
(703) 569-0011
- Marti Pittman has a new address:  
2027 Lakebreeze Way  
Reston, VA 20191  
703-300-1715
- Debra Lindsay, (Crestwood ES) and Linda White, (Haycock ES) will be hosting music educators from Australia in December, 2006. They are requesting that FGMEA have a reception for our guests and that we try to provide some transportation to and from various schools. This event will be brought forward to next year's board.
- Debra Lindsay, (Crestwood ES) has published a book, Lessons in American Music. This book may be purchased thorough **MENC**. Congratulations!

### **Executive Officers Meeting with Dr. Roger Tomhave**

- **The executive officers of FGMEA met with Dr. Roger Tomhave, Fine Arts Coordinator on Monday, April 3, 2006 to share the Fairfax General Music Educators Association Report of Issues**

**and Recommendations & Survey Results and discuss the three pressing concerns facing General Music Teachers. A round table discussion will be held with the music leadership team at the Fine Arts Office on May 1, 2006.**

- **Charlie invited anyone to contact him with input and suggestions as to how we can have an amenable solution to all music programs at the elementary level.**
- **Hard copies of the Issues and Recommendations Report and Survey Results will be sent to all General Music Teachers after spring break. All General Music Teachers need to be PROACTIVE in their buildings.**

A Cluster III General Music Teacher voiced concern regarding the 2007 TTT budget for art staffing initiatives that were brought forth at the March board meeting. Clarification per email is as follows.

### **ART and TTT**

- **The TTT formula will be increased by rolling in the current art positions.**
- **The current FY 2007 proposed budget will not allow for sixty minutes weekly of art. The budget for delivery of art will be status quo at 60 minutes weekly for grades 1-3 and 80 minutes every other week for grades K, and 4-6. All day Ks are treated as 1-3.**
- **No one is talking about any reduction to music/PE time as a result of a combined TTT formula. But, we are all concerned that giving the principals a lump sum of TTT staffing means that they would be able to allocate positions among that staffing as they deemed necessary, just as the currently do with music/PE positions. We hope that we will have input to Regulation 4422.6 as we proceed, but it is a Human Resources Regulation, so we could be left out.**

**Dr. Roger Tomhave, (Fine Arts Coordinator) stated:**

- **“If art is included in the TTT (Time to Teach, teacher, planning time) formula at the elementary, revisions will need to be made to Regulation 3218.1, Elementary School Art, Music and Physical Education Program; and 4422.6, Duties, Responsibilities, and Rights of Employees: Teacher Work Assignments.**
- **In addition, we will want to correlate a revision of Regulation 3340.1, Special Programs; Elementary School Band, String, and Choral Programs.**
- **We will use this meeting (May 1, 2006) to make our best recommendations for the revisions of these Regulations so that we are a united front as we present recommendations both to the Assistant**

**Superintendent for Human Resources and the  
Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services.”**

**Debbie Key, Treasurer’s Report**

- We have a **balance of \$10,511.98**

**Committee Chair Reports:**

**Mike Utell, Resource**

**Motion**

Mike Utell moved that any private teacher, accompanist or substitute who wishes to add or remove themselves from our resource list must fill out the information asked for on the FGMEA resource contact form and return it to the FGMEA Resource Chair for changing. This form should be distributed by the Resource Chair to all general music teachers in the beginning of the year to help keep lists updated.

**Motion seconded by Nancy Pope**

**Motion Passed**

**Wendy Peterson, Heather Young Choral Festival Co-Chair**

- There are numerous duties for Friday and Saturday of choral festival
- There will be a hospitality room available
- FGMEA will provide snacks
- There will be an agenda for each day
- The FGMEA General Membership meeting will be Saturday May 6, 2006 to elect the 2006-2007 Executive officers and Cluster Chairs.
- **All General Music Teachers must be ready to assist on Friday, May 5, 2006, to make sure things run smoothly. We will not be allowed to enter the building until 12:30 P. M. due to AP testing.**
- Entrance #1 and #9 will be used
- The police have been contacted to help with traffic.

**Motion**

Heather Young, Choral Festival Co-Chair moved that Carla Okouchi, (Hayfield ES) serve as the Choral Festival Co-Chair with Heather Young for the 2007 All County Choral Festival.

**Motion seconded by Rebecca Diehl**

## **Motion Passed**

### **Julie Derges Kastner, Grant**

The grant committee met to update and revise the process for application and awarding of grants.

## **Motion**

Julie Kastner moved that any grant money not used for grants be awarded to the Fine Arts Music Library.

### **Motion seconded by Nancy Pope**

## **Motion Passed**

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Nancy Pope moved that the board approve updates to the mini-grant application form.

### **Motion seconded by Joy Petty**

## **Motion Passed**

### **Mary Woods, Inservice**

Mary asked for suggestions for the FGMEA fall inservice. Suggestions included:

- Workshop on teaching music to special learners in general music
- Open dialogue with colleagues regarding what they have experienced and done in the music classroom
- Seek a presenter from the University level who specializes in special needs and special learners in music
- Grant recipients share how they used the grant money for their project.
- Linda White present on her numerous Fulbright experiences
- Debra Lindsay present her publication, Lessons in American Music.
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Please email Mary Woods with your suggestions for the fall inservice.

## **New Business**

- The designated Monday, October 2, 2006 for the fall inservice falls on Yom Kippur. Mary Woods will contact the Fine Arts Office for clarification.

- This inservice can be moved with the approval of the FGMEA board and the Fine Arts Office.
- Mike Utell participates with the Fairfax Wind Symphony. They will perform at the Midwest Clinic. Congratulations!
- Mike Utell, Jihanna Charlton, Jennifer Frazier, and Kara Lucas participated with their students in the first ever Virginia All State Choir for fifth grade organized by our own Patrick Ware, (Hunters Wood ES). Kudos and Congratulations to these individuals.

### **Carla Okouchi, Newsletter**

Please send information, congratulations and articles for the FGMEA newsletter to Carla Okouchi newsletter chair.

Bev Ogden would like to have a workshop on Master scheduling.

- Provide training to General Music Teachers in scheduling
- Participants receive a certificate so that General Music Teachers can say to the administration they have had training in scheduling. Perhaps the endorsement would allow General Music Teachers to be included in the scheduling process.
- Mary Woods will contact Lorraine Neill regarding her expertise in scheduling.

The next FGMEA General Membership meeting will be held, Saturday May 6, 2006 at choral festival. The next FGMEA Board Meeting will be a potluck dinner on Tuesday, June 13, 2006. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Loretta*

Loretta Schmitt  
Secretary