

**FGMEA Minutes, General Membership Meeting**  
**May 5, 2007**

I. the **FGMEA General Membership** meeting was held on Saturday, May 5, 2007 at the **Choral Room of Robinson Secondary School**. The meeting was called to order by **Charlie Ring, President**.

**Stan Schoonover, Fine Arts Office** shared the following information.

- Thank you for your hard work, especially for the Sixth Grade All-County Chorus event.
- Some General Music teachers **may be** destaffed.
- **Stan assured everyone they will have a job in the fall.**
- Teachers must be placed by June 9, 2007.
- After July 1, 2007, principals may hire from outside the pool of teachers currently in the Fairfax County Public Schools.

**Music Assessment**

- The School Board is mandating music **an assessment test** for grade six. Their view is that all sixth grade students will know something about music.
- This will be an "authentic" assessment rather than a "paper and pencil" type test.
- An authentic assessment **pilot** for sixth grade **based on the** POS will be developed this summer (2007).
- The **assessment** will be piloted in the fall of 2007 with sixth grade at selected schools.
- More information will be provided as this is developed.

II. **Charlie Ring, PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Announcements:**

- Charlie thanked Heather Young and Carla Okouchi for their outstanding efforts with the 2007 Sixth Grade All-County Chorus.
- Charlie announced the retirees for 2007. They are:
- Mary Green of Waynewood Elementary.
- Carol Jones of Virginia Run Elementary.
- Loretta Schmitt of Deer Park Elementary.
- Charlie presented the first **FGMEA Distinguished Service Award** to Loretta Schmitt for her service to the **FGMEA board** over the past twenty years.
- Leslie Scherer, Fairfax Villa Elementary was recognized as the Outstanding New Teacher of the Year for Fairfax County Public Schools.

- Linda White, Haycock Elementary was recognized as the Virginia General Music Teacher of the year.
- The Social Committee of FGMEA was acknowledged for the incredible spread in the Hospitality Room. Way to go Jessica Stowe, Diane Stevens, Rachel Grimbsy, Tim Whiting, Yovanda Miles and Marian Schultz.

### **III.Election of Officers & Cluster Chairs, Nancy Pope**

- Nancy Pope, Past President, presented a plaque to Charles Ring, President FGMEA 2005-2007 for his tireless efforts as an advocate for all General Music Teachers.
- Charlie spent hours reviewing the school board budget, and regulations that affect General Music Teachers.
- Charlie received a standing ovation for his numerous efforts.
- Nancy Pope, Past President, presented the 2007-2008 slate of officers for FGMEA.

### **Nominations for the executive officers included:**

President	Joy Petty
Vice-President	Wendy Peterson
Secretary	Jessica Stowe
Treasurer	Debbie Key

### **Cluster Chairs:**

Cluster 1& 2	Carolyn Dorey
Clusters 3&4	Angie Collins
Clusters 5&6	Cindy Noble
Clusters 7&8	Rachel Grimsby

### **IV.Constitution/Bylaw Amendments, Bev Ogden**

#### **Bylaws-Chapter I-Duties of the Officers**

#### **E.The Treasurer of FGMEA shall:**

**#4**

**Change From:** prepare a draft budget for approval at the first Executive Board meeting of the school year.

**Change TO:** prepare an end-of –year treasurer’s report which will be the proposed budget for the following year, with numbers rounded to the nearest dollar and adjustments made as necessary, for approval at the final executive board meeting of the school year.

#### **Bylaws-Chapter II-Duties of the Cluster Chairpersons**

**CHANGE FROM:** One Cluster Chairperson **from** each of the four cluster pairings

**CHANGE TO:** One Cluster Chairperson **for** each of the four cluster pairings.

**Bylaws-Chapter III-Duties of the Standing Committee Chairpersons**

B. There shall be two Choral Festival Chairpersons. One of the Choral Festival Chairpersons shall have served in that capacity at least one time previously. In cooperation with (add) **the FGMEA Board** and the Fine Arts Office, the Choral Festival Chairpersons shall:

**Bylaws-Chapter IV-Monies**

**Delete A:** It is already covered under duties of treasurer (Bylaw Chapter I, letter E, #4).

**Delete B:** #8 under duties of the Treasurer will be the signature and dollar amount requirement.

**Letter C:** Will become letter A and read:

In the event the Fairfax General Music Educator's Association should be dissolved, all monies remaining in the account after payment of any outstanding expenses shall be transferred to the Fine Arts Library for purchase of music and materials for use by the Elementary General Music Teachers of the Fairfax County Public Schools.

**All amendments to the Bylaws were passed by vote of the membership present.**

**V. Treasurer's Report, Debbie Key**

Our May balance is **\$9,861.98.** **Bravo Debbie for a wonderful report!**

**VI. Election Results, Nancy Pope**

**The officers for FGMEA 2007-2008 by a landslide are:**

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**VII. Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 P. M. The next FGMEA Board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at the home of Jessica Stowe.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Loretta*

**Loretta Schmitt  
Secretary**