

FGMEA Minutes, General Membership Meeting
June 12, 2007

- I. **FGMEA** meeting was called to order by **Charles Ring, President** on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at the home of Jessica Stowe. In attendance were: Charles Ring, Joy Petty, Loretta Schmitt, Debbie Key, Wendy Peterson, Marianne Tagge, Bev Ogden, Marti Fucile, Rachel Grimsby, Heather Young, Jessica Stowe, Mimi Youkeles, Camille Brady, Julie Kastner, Diane Stevens from the “retiring board” and Jeanette Essig from the Fine Arts Office. In addition to those remaining on the board, members new to the board included were: Angie Collins, Betsy Nerdhal, Cynthia Carlton, Michael Dennis, Rob Stansbery and Jacquie Yoerges.
- II. **President’s Report Charles Ring**
- A. **Jihanna Charlton (Membership Chair)** will be expecting her second child in December. Congratulations Jihanna!
- B. **Julie Kastner (Grant Chair)** will be leaving us to go pursue her Masters and Doctorate in General Music Education with a focus on early childhood at Michigan State University. She will be studying with Dr. Cynthia Taggart, a renowned specialist in early childhood music education. Julie will be teaching a course in the fall to undergraduate early childhood education majors, teaching them how to use music effectively with their young students. Congratulations and best wishes Julie!
- C. Jenn Namey at Bren Marr is getting married on 7-7-07.
Congratulations!
- D. Thank you to **Heather Young and Carla Okouchi (Choral Festival Co-Chairs)** for a truly outstanding ACCF this year!
- E. Congratulations to **Loretta Schmitt (Secretary)** on her retirement.
- F. Charlie thanked the **FGMEA Board** for the wonderful plaque given to him at ACCF, 2007. It really meant a lot to Charlie.
- G. Charlie passed around a thank you note from Loretta Schmitt thanking the **FGMEA Board** for her Distinguished Service Award that she received at ACCF, 2007.
- H. Charlie thanked **Carla Okouchi (Newsletter)** for the wonderful newsletter.
- I. Charlie thanked Jessica Stowe for hosting the last board meeting of the year.

III. Fine Arts Report, Jeanette Essig

A. Sixth Grade Assessment:

1. **Roger Tomhave, Fine Arts Office** will have the assessment under **one** umbrella the “arts.”
2. The curriculum committee will work on guidelines this summer for the assessment.
3. The assessment will be authentic.
 - a. What do students know?
 - b. Responsive,... what do students hear?
4. Individuals writing the assessment guidelines will determine who might PILOT the assessment.

B. The board was pleased that we already have the National Symphony Orchestra concert dates.

IV. Vice-President’s Report, Joy Petty

Joy introduced her new board.

President	Joy Petty
Past President	Charles Ring
Vice-President	Wendy Peterson
Secretary	Jessica Stowe
Treasurer	Debbie Key
Cluster Chair 1, 2	Carolyn Dorey
Clusster Chair 3, 4	Angie Collins
Cluster Chair 5, 6	Cindy Noble
Cluster 7, 8	Rachel Grimsby
Choral Festival	Carla Okouchi
Choral Festival	Cynthia Carlton
In-Service	Mary Woods
Social	Diane Stevens
Social	Lesley Scherer
Social	Connie Higgins
Resource	Michael Dennis
New Teacher	Rachael Goldman
Newsletter	Ron Stanberry
Constitution	Bev Ogden
Public Relations	Jacquie Yoerges
Ways & Means	vacant
Grant	Christian King
Grant	vacant
Technology/Website	Vanessa Utell
Fine Arts Office	Elaine Stanford

FGMEA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS, 2007-2008

All meetings are held at the **FEA Building in Fairfax** on the **second Tuesday of each month at 4:30 P. M.**

- Tuesday, September 11, 2007
- Tuesday, October 9, 2007
- Tuesday, November 13, 2007
- **NO MEETING IN DECEMBER**
- **NO MEETING IN JANUARY**
- Tuesday, February 12, 2008
- Tuesday, March 11, 2008
- **NO MEETING IN APRIL (CHORAL FESTIVAL)**
- Tuesday, May 13, 2008
- Tuesday, June 10, 2008
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V. Treasurer's Report, Debbie Key

A. The current balance is \$16591.17.

B. Proposed FGMEA Budget for 2007-2008

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| 1. Projected Income: | <u>\$16,764.00</u> |
| 2. Projected Expenses: | <u>\$14,610.00</u> |

Charlie acknowledged Debbie for her amazing attention to detail and accuracy with the **FGMEA** treasury.

VI. Committee Reports:

A. Ways and Means Mimi Youkeles

- All but 14 shirts sold at Choral Festival.
- 1 shirt was given to the director and 1 shirt was given to the camera man.

Thanks for a job well done Mimi.

B Choral Festival, Heather Young and Carla Okouchi

MOTION:

Camille Brady moved that we ask Deen Entsminger to commission a choral selection for the FCPS Sixth Grade All-County Choral Festival.

The motion was seconded by Rachel Grimsby.

- **Discussion:**
 - The Fine Arts Office will cover \$1500.00 of the cost towards the \$3000.00 fee to have the piece commissioned.
 - **FGMEA** will pay the remaining \$1500.00 of the fee.
 - This is a great model of what we do chorally and musically for children.
 - Our name would be “out there.”
 - The board concluded that having a selection written for the Sixth Grade All-County Chorus would be a tribute to the fine General Music program we have in FCPS.
 - Deen Entsminger will have the flexibility to create the composition as he chooses without a directive of the genre.

MOTION PASSED.

B. 2009 Choral Festival

MOTION: **Camille Brady** moved to accept the suggested clinicians for the 2009 ACCF. The motion was seconded by **Rachel Grmisby**.

Discussion: The FCPS calendar is no longer available two years in advance. **Camille Brady** moved to table the motion to a later date. **Bev Ogden** seconded the motion.

After discussion, the vote was tabled.

MOTION: **Michael Dennis** moved to give **Cynthia Carlton** authority to contact the three clinicians we are discussing with possible 2009 dates. The motion was seconded by **Wendy Peterson**.

MOTION PASSED.

C.Choral Festival Dates:

MOTION: **Bev Ogden** moved to accept the site rehearsal/Choral Festival dates suggested by Carla Okouchi.

The motion was seconded by Heather Young.

Discussion: There are some problems that might arise with the proposed dates, i. e. administrators not allowing music teachers to attend rehearsals unless it is a designated Monday, amendments were made.

AMENDED MOTION: **Bev Ogden** moved to amend the site/rehearsal dates for Choral Festival.

Heather Young seconded the motion to accept the dates listed below.

Camille Brady seconded the amended motion.

MOTION PASSED.

CHORAL FESTIVAL DATES 2008

November 11, 2007	Music Reading Session 2:30-4:30 P. M.
January 14, 2008	First Site Rehearsal
February 4, 2008	Second Site Rehearsal
February 11, 2008	<u>Snow Make Up Date</u>
March 3, 2008	Third Site Rehearsal
March 10, 2008	<u>Snow Make Up Date</u>
<u>April 11-12,2008</u>	Sixth Grade All-County Choral Festival
	Hayfield High School

*Joy Petty will contact Elaine Stanford, Fine Arts Office and ask her to write a letter to principals asking for flexibility with “non designated” Mondays.

VII. New Business

Wendy Peterson presented the idea from her pyramid meeting to add 15 minutes to site rehearsals so the secondary schools could possibly provide a mini performance for choral festival students to enhance recruitment at the secondary level.

VIII. Passing of the gavel, Charles Ring

At this time, **Charles Ring, President of FGMEA from 2005-2007** passed the gavel to the incoming President, Joy Petty.

IX. Adjournment, Joy Petty

Joy Petty then presented Charlie with a gift certificate for the numerous hours of leadership and service to **FGMEA**. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Joy Petty, the new President of **FGMEA**.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta

**Loretta Schmitt
Secretary**