

## **FGMEA Board Meeting Minutes November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

The November meeting of the FGMEA Executive Board was held on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the FEA office in Fairfax.

### **I. Call to Order**

**Joy Petty, President**, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Board members in attendance were: **Joy Petty, Carla Okouchi, Debbie Key, Rob Stansbery, Charlie Ring, Christian King, Cynthia Carlton, Carolyn Dorey, Dori Eggan, Rachael Goldman, Rachel Grimsby, Vanessa Utell** and **Gayla Kobialka**.

### **II. President's Report: Joy Petty**

Joy thanked **Mary Woods** for hosting the ACCF read-through session at Kings Glen ES.

FACE (Fairfax Arts Coalition for Education) has met and discussed the upcoming budget cuts as they affect the Fine Arts. Joy will keep FGMEA members informed about developments from FACE. This must be done via personal/home e-mail accounts; FCPS employees cannot use FCPS time or resources for advocacy issues. To date 92 members (64% of the membership) have submitted their personal e-mails to be used for this purpose.

Joy distributed *FCPS 2010 Budget (not inclusive)*. This information will be distributed to the FGMEA membership via personal e-mail on November 26<sup>th</sup>. Joy stressed that General Music teachers' jobs are not in jeopardy under any of the proposed models for the 2010 budget.

Board members who notified Joy that they would not be attending the November Executive Board meeting are: **Jacque Yoerges, Angie Collins, Elaine Stanford, Jeannette Essig, Bev Ogden, Mary Woods, Cindy Noble, Danielle Menard, Karen Judkins**, and **Michael Dennis**.

Congratulations to FGMEA member **Russell Nadel** (Mt. Vernon Woods) on receiving a grant from FEA to purchase African musical instruments. He will use the instruments to help teach students about world music, as well as their own and others' native cultures. He also hopes to provide new musical styles and performance techniques, and use the instruments in his Percussion Ensemble.

Congratulation to retired FGMEA member **Linda White** for being quoted in this month's MENC online General Music feature article *Multicultural Music: Finding Sources, Making Plans*. The article can be found at [www.menc.org/v/general\\_music/multicultural-music-finding-sources-making-plans](http://www.menc.org/v/general_music/multicultural-music-finding-sources-making-plans)

### **III. Vice-President's Report: Carla Okouchi**

Carla's notes for the Vice-President's Report were distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting.

Carla attended Dr. Dale's open dialogue session on Budget 2010 at Falls Church HS on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. A question was asked about the possibility of cutting the elementary instrumental program. Dr. Dale responded, "Band and strings is not being considered at this time because they provide planning time to the classroom teachers." She also participated in the November 6<sup>th</sup> FEA Communications Team meeting concerning budget issues. Carla stressed the importance of FGMEA members becoming involved and continuing to stay involved by attending Representative meetings.

### **IV. Secretary's Report: Rob Stansbery**

The minutes of the October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 General Membership meeting were distributed via e-mail to Board members, and were approved as written.

### **V. Fine Arts Office Report: Elaine Stanford**

Elaine and Jeannette were not able to attend the meeting. No Fine Arts Office Report was presented.

### **VI. Treasurer's Report: Debbie Key**

Debbie distributed the *FGMEA Treasurer's Report for November 25, 2008*. The bank account reconciles as it should. The balance forwarded from the October 2008 report was **\$15,258.54**. Deposits and credits totaling **\$75.00**, and withdrawals and debits totaling **\$1,366.86** resulted in an ending balance on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 of **\$13,966.68**.

### **VII. Committee Chair Reports**

#### **A. Choral Festival: Cynthia Carlton**

Cynthia thanked **Mary Woods** for hosting the ACCF read-through session at Kings Glen ES.

Cynthia reminded members to invite their administrators to the ACCF concert on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. It is important to have the date on their calendars as soon as possible.

In preparation for the first site rehearsal on January 12<sup>th</sup>, site hosts will be contacting teachers to ask for assistance conducting and accompanying at site rehearsals.

ACCF auditions should be completed at this time so that rehearsals with singers can begin.

The issue of the *Gloria* music for SAB is resolved. Teachers who turned their SAB music in at the read-through session have received temporary Xeroxed copies to use.

#### **B. Ways and Means: Gayla Kobialka**

Gayla distributed *ACCF T-shirts 2008* via e-mail prior to the meeting.

An initial order for t-shirts needs to be placed. FGMEA's profit on the t-shirts will go up \$0.50 per shirt.

**MOTION: FGMEA shall place an initial order of 300 t-shirts a cost of \$1875.00.**

Motion made by: **Gayla Kobialka**. Seconded: **Rachel Grimsby**.

Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Teachers are encouraged to order t-shirts early this year. The t-shirt order form has been added to the ACCF online packet. **T-shirt orders received after March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 will not be ponied to the teacher. They will be held for pick-up on April 17<sup>th</sup> at ACCF (Fairfax HS).**

#### **C. Grant Committee: Christian King**

The Grant Committee met on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Six Board members participated in the selection process; thank you to those participants. Grants were awarded to **Mary Woods** (Kings Glen) and **Valerie Juntilla** (McNair). The grant monies have already been dispersed to the recipients.

#### **D. Technology/Website: Vanessa Utell**

FGMEA's website continues to be constructed and developed. The Members' site will soon be functional. Some of the information needs to be updated. The address is [www.fgmea.org](http://www.fgmea.org).

#### **E. New Teacher: Rachael Goldman**

The plans are proceeding for the New Teacher and FGMEA Board Member holiday party on December 1<sup>st</sup> at Mary Woods' house in Burke. Board members may check the e-vite for details.

### **VIII. New Business**

**Rob Stansbery** brought to the Board's attention a proposal to change school hours, which would affect ACCF site-rehearsals, FGMEA Board meetings, and timing of other events. This proposal can be found at <http://www.fcps.edu/fts/taskforce07/>.

**Carla Okouchi** noted the *Working Conditions Survey Roundtable/Town Hall* meeting at the FEA office in Fairfax. Eric Hirsch, creator of the Working Conditions Survey, will provide a detailed report on the results of the survey. Members are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to [receptionist@fairfaxea.org](mailto:receptionist@fairfaxea.org).

**Charlie Ring** congratulated Carla on her movie role in *Ninjas Versus Zombies* and favorably reviewed her appearance with fangs! <http://nvzmovie.com/>

**FGMEA wishes all of our members a Happy Holiday season, a safe and restful Winter Break and a healthy and joyous New Year!**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rob Stansbery  
FGMEA Secretary