

FGMEA General Membership Meeting Minutes
Saturday, April 18th, 2009

The FGMEA General Membership meeting was held on Saturday, April 18th, 2009 at Mount Vernon High School.

I. Call to Order

Joy Petty, President, called the meeting to order at 1:42 p.m.

Joy welcomed FGMEA members and thanked them for attending.

II. Constitution: Bev Ogden

On March 26th, the Executive Board approved three changes to the FGMEA Constitution. As constitutional changes must be approved by FGMEA members, Bev sent details regarding the proposed changes to FGMEA members via email before the General Membership Meeting.

Bev noted that responses to the proposed changes were only positive and called for votes on the proposed changes. All three proposed changes passed unanimously. Constitutional changes are as follows:

Article V – Elections

Original

B. The membership will elect cluster chairpersons by secret ballot at the last general meeting of the school year. Cluster Chairpersons will begin their duties at the beginning of the school year.

Change

B. The membership of each designated cluster grouping will elect a member who teaches in that particular grouping area to serve as their representative on the board. Cluster Chairpersons will begin their duties at the beginning of the school year.

Chapter II - Duties of the Cluster Chairpersons

Original

A. One Cluster Chairperson for each of the four cluster pairings (Clusters 1 and 2, Clusters 3 and 4, Clusters 5 and 6, Clusters 7 and 8) shall:

Change

A. The elected Cluster Chairperson from each Cluster grouping shall:

Chapter III - Duties of the Standing Committee Chairpersons

Original

F. The New Teacher Chairperson(s) shall work with the General Music Lead Mentor to welcome new music teachers to FCPS, shall attend mentor/mentee meetings, and promote membership in FGMEA and other professional organizations.

Change

F. The New Teacher Chairperson(s) shall welcome music teachers new to FCPS, shall attend mentor/mentee meetings, and promote membership in FGMEA and other professional organizations. This position will initially be offered to the FCPS General Music Lead Mentor. If said Lead Mentor does not accept, the position will be filled through appointment by the FGMEA President.

III. Election of Officers: Charlie Ring

Charlie thanked Joy Petty and presented her with a plaque for her service as FGMEA President 2007 – 2009.

Charlie, as Chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the following slate of officers for the 2009 – 2010 school year:

President: **Carla Okouchi**

Vice-President: **Rob Stansbery**

Secretary: **Cynthia Carlton**

Treasurer: **Debbie Key**

Charlie asked for additional nominations from the floor, per FGMEA by-laws. Hearing none, Charlie asked members to fill out their ballots for FGMEA officers.

IV. Election of Cluster Chairs: Bev Ogden & Charlie Ring

Members broke into their four Cluster groupings, which were facilitated by Carla Okouchi, Rob Stansbery, Charlie Ring and Debbie Key, to elect Cluster Chairs.

V. President's Report: Joy Petty

Joy asked General Music teachers to sit together during the ACCF concert. She asked that teachers fill out and return ACCF Evaluation Forms to Cynthia Carlton (Cunningham Park ES) or Deb Rudd (Spring Hill ES). She also announced that Master Order forms for CDs needed to be turned in to Ruth Wygal and that Dee Picuch-Siebert needed to meet with the ushers immediately following the meeting.

Joy thanked the Social Committee for setting up the wonderful Hospitality Room and asked those who had assisted to stand and be recognized.

Joy thanked Cynthia Carlton and Deb Rudd, ACCF Co-chairs, for their hard work and presented each with a bouquet of flowers. ACCF 2010 Co-chairs Deb Rudd and Michael Dennis have already begun the planning for ACCF 2010.

Linda White and Judy Humphries retired before the school year began. Joy is not aware of any FGMEA retirees at the end of this academic year.

VI. Fine Arts Office Report: Jeanette Essig

Jeanette thanked members for their time and efforts in making ACCF 2009 a success.

Jeanette asked members to prepare an Inventory List of current instruments. This is important for a number of reasons, including replacement of instruments in the event of fire.

Plans are underway for the August In-service, which will be held at George Mason University. Lucinda Sexton and Erin Rosa will offer the presentation they gave at the national Kodály conference, which was quite well-received. There will be a session on teaching Special Education students in General Music classes. A third session has yet to be determined.

VII. Vice-President's Report: Carla Okouchi

Carla spoke to members about the importance of advocacy in the current fiscal climate. She urged members to sign up to speak at Budget hearings or to e-mail the FEA office with concerns. The next budget meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12th at 6:00 p.m. at Luther Jackson MS.

VIII. Treasurer's Report: Debbie Key

Debbie distributed *FGMEA Treasurer's Report: April 11, 2008 – April 17, 2009*. The April 11, 2008 balance was \$14,185.30. Income for April 11, 2008 – April 17, 2009 was \$18,715.00 and expenses were \$18,791.73. The April 17, 2009 balance was \$14, 108.57.

Debbie noted that although expenses slightly exceeded income this year (by \$76.73); FGMEA has made some very positive decisions about spending during the year, such as the \$25 gift certificates given at the beginning of the year to new teachers.

IX. Election Results: Charlie Ring

Charlie announced that the following were elected as FGMEA officers for the 2009 – 2010 academic year: President: **Carla Okouchi**; Vice-President: **Rob Stansbery**; Secretary: **Cynthia Carlton**; Treasurer: **Debbie Key**; Chair, Cluster 1, 2: **Carolyn Dorey**; Chair, Cluster 3, 4: **Gayla Kobialka**; Chair, Cluster 5, 6: **Jessica Stowe**; Chair, Cluster 7, 8: **Rachel Grimsby**.

X. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Stansbery
FGMEA Secretary