

## **FGMEA Board Meeting Minutes**

### **May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

The May meeting of the FGMEA Executive Board was held on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Betsy Nerdahl's home.

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

**Joy Petty, President**, called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Board members in attendance were: **Joy Petty, Rob Stansbery, Charlie Ring, Debbie Key, Carla Okouchi, Christian King, Betsy Nerdahl, Gayla Kobialka, Cynthia Carlton, Bev Ogden, Vanessa Utell, Michael Dennis, Misha Chernov, Pam Hill, Jeanette Essig, Jennifer Burke, Karen Judkins, Danielle Menard, Dori Eggan, Lee Larson, Camille Haberland, Rebecca Boston, James Laster, Emily Sternisha and Deb Rudd.**

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

Board members who notified Joy that they would not be attending the May Board meeting are: **Elaine Stanford, Cindy Noble, Mary Woods, LiAnne LaFleur, Jessica Stowe, Carolyn Dorey, Jacquie Yoerges, Angie Collins, Rachel Grimsby, Rachael Goldman, and Lucinda Sexton.**

Thank you to **Betsy Nerdahl** for offering her home for the Board meeting.

Joy welcomed attendees from both the "old" and "new" Boards and asked for a round of introductions.

Joy sent a letter of thanks on behalf of FGMEA to Roger Tomhave for his letter asking principals to allow general music teachers to attend the ACCF site rehearsal that was not on a designated Monday.

Joy researched options for a purchased gift to the Fine Arts Library in honor of 2008 retirees. She suggested a DVD set of *Beginning Folk Dances with Phyllis Weikart*. The library collection already holds a VHS set, which is well-used and continually checked out. Joy suggested that a purchase of an additional set in DVD form would make the reference much more available to teachers, and available in a contemporary format as well. The cost will be approximately \$149.95 plus tax and shipping charges.

**MOTION: FGMEA shall purchase a DVD set of *Beginning Folk Dances with Phyllis Weikart* as a gift to the Fine Arts Library in honor of 2008 retirees Judy Humphries and Linda White.**

Motion made by: Danielle Menard. Seconded: Bev Ogden.

The motion passed unanimously.

Joy thanked members of the outgoing Board for their service on the Board. She distributed cards and gifts to them.

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

The minutes of the April General Membership meeting were distributed via e-mail to Board members, and were approved as written.

### **IV. Fine Arts Office Report: Jeanette Essig**

Jeanette expressed congratulations from the FAO staff on a great year.

The Sixth Grade Assessment pilot will continue in 2009 – 2010. A few more schools will be included in the pilot.

Ecart is coming for general music teachers. Much of the material on 24 -7 will be translated into Ecart. This is expected to begin to come online in chunks by this fall.

General music teachers are asked to complete the Inventory List which was discussed at the April General Membership Meeting. Directions for completing the Inventory List can be found on Blackboard under Music ► Administrivia ► Music Inventory Information. Please complete this before the end of the school year.

Jeanette has recently visited many of the teachers new to general music in FCPS this year. She has enjoyed visiting them. Jeanette expressed thanks to FGMEA for supporting the new teachers.

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

Debbie distributed *FGMEA Treasurer's Report for May 2, 2009* to the Board. The bank account reconciles as it should. The balance forwarded from the March 2009 report was **\$12,897.51**. Deposits and credits totaling **\$13,598.00**, and withdrawals and debits totaling **\$4,863.82** resulted in an ending balance on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 of **\$21,631.69**.

Debbie distributed *FGMEA Proposed Budget for 2009 – 2010*. The proposed budget is based upon actual amounts received and disbursed from 2008 – 2009.

**Joy Petty** thanked Debbie for her detailed accounting during the year.

**MOTION: FGMEA shall accept the proposed budget detailed in *FGMEA Proposed Budget for 2009 – 2010*.**

Motion made by: Deb Rudd. Seconded: Vanessa Utell.  
Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

## VI. Committee Chair Reports

### A. Choral Festival: Cynthia Carlton and Deb Rudd

Cynthia thanked participating teachers for the many hours put into ACCF. She also thanked committee chairs.

Joy thanked Cynthia and Deb, and noted that this ACCF was one of the smoothest run in recent memory.

Cynthia noted that comments on returned comment forms have been largely positive, and thanked teachers for returning comment forms.

Joan Gregoryk, founder and Artistic Director of The Children's Chorus of Washington, has been confirmed as clinician for ACCF 2011.

#### ACCF 2010 Dates

Music Reading Session	November 9, 2009	Kings Glen ES, Springfield
Site Rehearsal 1	February, 8, 2010	Locations TBA
Site Rehearsal 2	March 1, 2010	Locations TBA
Site Rehearsal Snow Date	March 22, 2009	Locations TBA
Site Rehearsal 3	April 19, 2010	Locations TBA
ACCF 2010	April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2010	Hayfield SS, Alexandria

**Teachers are asked to put these dates on their school's Master Calendar immediately and to email 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers with the dates as well. In recent years, several conflicts have come about due to field trips and other events being scheduled on the Friday of ACCF. Listing these events on the calendar as "6<sup>th</sup> Grade Choral Festival" (rather than All-County Choral Festival) will alert anyone checking the calendar that this is an event for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.**

Many people sent in comments regarding cell phones. The committee chairs are working to develop an official policy that meets the needs of our students and also does not cause logistical problems for teachers.

Many positive comments were submitted regarding placement of the ACCF packet and other information on 24/7. This will be continued for ACCF 2010.

Music selection for ACCF 2010 has begun. This information will be forthcoming.

Deb has communicated with Lynnel Joy Jenkins, clinician for 2010. Lynnel is helping with music selection, and is very excited about working with our teachers for ACCF 2010.

### B. In-service: Mary Woods

As Mary was ill and unable to attend today's meeting, this discussion was tabled until September 2009.

**C. New Teacher: Joy Petty for Rachael Goldman**

In August 2008, FGMEA purchased \$25 gift cards to Staples for general music teachers new to FCPS. Several Board members, including Bev Ogden, who teaches the Great Beginnings course, attested to the usefulness of this gift and the good will it created.

**MOTION: FGMEA shall purchase a \$25.00 Staples gift card for each new General Music teacher in 2009 – 2010.**

Motion made by: Bev Ogden. Seconded: Vanessa Utell.

Following discussion, an amendment to the motion was offered.

**MOTION: FGMEA shall purchase a \$25.00 Staples gift card for each General Music teacher new to FCPS in 2009 – 2010.**

Motion made by: Christian King. Seconded: Charlie Ring.

The motion passed unanimously.

**D. Newsletter: Rob Stansbery**

The summer 2009 FGMEA newsletter will be distributed to members in early June.

**E. Ways and Means: Gayla Kobialka**

The number of ACCF t-shirts sold for ACCF 2009 was 610. This amount reflects slightly fewer sales than ACCF 2008, when 640 t-shirts were sold.

Current inventory of t-shirts is 132.

Books are closed for t-shirt sales for 2009 so no more shirts will be sold this year.

**VII. New Business**

FGMEA congratulates **Cynthia Carlton**, who received a Fulbright grant to study for five weeks in Mexico this summer. Cynthia will be working on a project to implement with students and share with the community next school year. She received the grant under the Department of Education Fulbright Hays program.

**VIII. Passing of the Gavel**

**Joy Petty**, FGMEA President 2007 – 2009, passed the gavel of FGMEA leadership to **Carla Okouchi**, FGMEA President 2009 – 2010.

This is the final FGMEA Executive Board meeting of the 2008 – 2009 academic year. The next meeting will be in September 2009.

With no further business, Carla adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rob Stansbery

FGMEA Secretary