

**FGMEA General Membership Meeting
Hayfield SS, Alexandria, Virginia
Saturday, April 20, 2013**

I. Call to Order: President Rob Stansbery called the meeting to order at 1:17 pm

II. President's Report: Rob Stansbery

III. Election of Officers and Cluster Chairs: Carla Okouchi

a. Carla presented the ballots with the slate of officers and cluster chairs from the nomination committee. She asked for write-ins. No write-ins were offered. The ballots were completed and collected.

b. Papers for other leadership roles can be given to Carla.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Deb Rudd

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| Ending Balance March 19, 2013 | \$13,487.95 |
| Deposits/Credits | 2,410.00 |
| Withdrawals/debits | 2,175.00 |
| Ending Balance April 20, 2013 | 13,722.95 |

BB&T Bank Statement dated **03/29/2013** shows a balance of **\$13,992.95**.
There are **4** checks issued after the statement date (total=**\$590.00**).
Bank Statement balance of **\$13,992.95** minus **\$590.00** equals **\$13,402.95**.

We have a total of **\$320.00** in deposits made after the statement made after statements date:
\$13,402.956 plus **\$320.00** equals **\$13,722.95**.

FGMEA Treasurer's Report: April 2012 – April 2013

April 28, 2012 Balance \$15,450.29
Income: \$19,645.57
Expenses: \$21,372.91
April 20, 2013 Balance \$13,722.95

INCOME: TOTAL: \$19,645.57

All-County Choral Festival CD Sales sub-total: \$9,091.00
ACCF 2012 sales & 2013 pre-festival sales \$9,091.00

All-County Choral Festival T-shirt Sales sub-total: \$ 8,050.00
ACCF 2012 sales & 2013 pre-festival sales \$8,050.00

Membership sub-total: \$ 2,139.57
2012-2013 membership dues received \$ 2,139.5

Treasurer's Annual Report (Con't.)

Petty Cash Reimbursement sub-total: \$ 350.00

Petty cash amount reimbursed from CD sales (ACCF '12) \$ 100.00

Petty cash amount reimbursed from T-shirt sales (ACCF '12) \$ 200.00

Petty cash amount reimbursed from Membership dues collection \$ 50.00

Other Income sub-total: \$15.00

Deposit for returned CD check \$ 15.00

Expenses: TOTAL: \$21,372.91

Ways & Means Committee sub-total: \$14,239.79

ACCF '12 CD Production costs \$8,500.00

ACCF '13 Petty Cash for CD collection table 250.00

ACCF '12 Petty Cash for CD collection table 100.00

ACCF '12 & '13 T-shirt production costs \$4,939.79

ACCF '13 Petty Cash for T-shirt collection table 250.00

ACCF '12 Petty Cash for T-shirt collection table 200.00

Social Committee sub-total: \$1,259.52

ACCF '12 refreshments \$1201.90

Board meeting refreshments \$57.62

Grants Committee sub-total: \$971.55

Grant recipient one \$ 500.00

Grant recipient two \$ 471.55

All-County Choral Festival Committee sub-total: \$1,445.58

Dinner for clinician, board, and Fine Arts staff 2011 \$419.00

Clinician's 2013 travel expenses \$98.00

Clinician's 2012 hotel expenses \$550.58

Refreshments for 2012 Read-Through In-Service \$180.27

ACCF Row Captain expenses \$36.63

Flowers for clinician, co-chairs & retirees 2011 \$157.50

ACCF Postage \$3.60

New Teacher Committee sub-total: \$875.00

Gift cards for new teachers \$875.00

In-Service Committee sub-total: \$1,449.27

Fee for Fall In-Service Clinician \$450.00

Clinician's 2012 Travel Expense \$674.20

Clinician's 2012 Hotel Expense \$296.95

In-service Refreshments \$28.12

Scholarship Committee sub-total: \$800.00

IFTA (Institute For The Arts) tuition \$800.00

Membership Committee sub-total: \$50.00

Petty Cash for Membership Dues collection table \$50.00

"Other" Expenses sub-total: \$245.75

ACCF Synchronization Fee \$50.00

Gift for Music Librarian \$109.14

Treasurer's Annual Report (Con't)

Distribution for Gift \$40.00

FGMEA Domain Name – One Year Registration \$10.69

FGMEA Domain Registration to New Registrar,

Plus 4 additional years \$35.92

Bank Fees/Return Deposit Items sub-total: \$36.45

BB&T Service Charges \$21.45

Return Deposit item \$15.00

VII. Fine Arts Office Report: Jeanette Essig

- a. We have confirmed our ACCF clinician for 2014: Josh Pedde.
- b. The 2015 clinician choice is close to being confirmed.
- c. Thank you to this year's co-chairs **Rebecca Caldwell** who is completing her second year, and to **Lee Larsen** who will be co-chair again next year. **Marian Schultz** (Colvin Run ES) will be the new co-chair for the 2013-14 festival.
- d. Thank you to this year's Social Committee led by Debbie Key and Meg Hannan, their committee members. The lunch on Friday and the breakfast on Saturday was very welcome and looked and tasted splendid. Well done!
- e. This year we say farewell and thank you to 5 retirees:

Kathy Jones (Flint Hill ES)

I earned my Bachelor of Music Education degree at Howard University and my Master of School Administration degree from Va. Tech. I began my career in Fairfax County in 1969 and worked at Hayfield Secondary School for two years before leaving the area. During the three years away from Fairfax, I worked in Philadelphia, PA and Romulus, MI, returning to Fairfax County in 1975. For the next 15 years I taught Middle School. I worked at Walt Whitman MS, Kilmer Intermediate School for 8 years until I was de-staffed and placed at the elementary level. That is when I fell in love with music all over again. At the elementary level I worked at Hutcheson ES, Kent Gardens ES, Cunningham Park ES, and for over 20 years at Flint Hill ES.

I have loved working at the elementary level, even though at first I thought that I would not. I learned that exposing students to solid music education at the early ages increases their life-long love of music.

Jarene Jones (Forestville ES)

Jean Martin (Centre Ridge ES)

Yovonda Miles (Canterbury Woods ES)

Since 1989 when I discovered that I was having triplets, I haven't done anything the "ordinary" way. I have been teaching some type of music for over 30 years with 17 of those years being in Fairfax County. I have enjoyed being a part of many, many children's lives over the years, but felt that it is time to retire to our beach house in North Carolina. When friends tell me that I am too young to retire, I remind them that having triplets really ages a person!

As for my children, one of my daughters will in California for a few years where she will pursue a doctorate in animal science. My other daughter and son live and teach music in North Carolina, so we will be a lot closer to them when we move.

Over the years, I have appreciated all of the friendship and advice from my music colleagues, but I especially enjoy the esprit de corps that we share as we do such difficult, yet rewarding professions. I also want to thank my husband and children for their support throughout my teaching career.

Marianne A. Palastro (Saratoga ES)

Marianne is a product of FCPS, having graduated from Mt. Vernon HS in 1976. She took a year off, then attended George Washington University, graduating Phi Beta Kappa in 1981 with a degree in Vocal Performance and a minor in Psychology. She began her teaching career with the Archdiocese of Washington teaching Kindergarten at Holy Family in Hillcrest Heights, MD. She also directed their Teen Choir. In 1986 Marianne was hired by FCPS.

Since that time she has worked as a cantor, soloist, and Children's Choir Director at several area churches, including: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community in Annandale, St. Leo the Great, Fairfax, and Good Shepherd RCC in Vienna.

Marianne received her Orff Certification from George Mason University, and she is also licensed by the state of VA to teach General Ed PK-4. She has a passion for integrating music across the curriculum and she has been published on the subject of using stories in General Music. Over the past 27 years Marianne has taught at Crestwood, Lynbrook, and Ft Belvoir ES. She has spent most of her career at Saratoga ES.

Marianne looks forward to having the time to sing again, spend time with her 3 children, Sarah (27), Nick (22), and Hannah (16). She also is looking forward to having fun with her 6 year old grandson Luca. Oh, and since her husband retired last year, she will be spending some quality time with him too!

We wish you all the best as you begin the next chapter of your life. Many thanks for your tireless work in the field of music education. Please stay in touch!

f. **New Regulation 3218 that passed in March**; *Rob made copies on chairs* and on the FCPS website. This has taken many hours over many presidencies. There was a change-over in leadership in instructional services and we thank them for helping to push this through.

- **No minimum minutes for chorus rehearsal yet.**
- enrichment time is included in your 1360 minutes/week instruction minutes
- *see bottom paragraph*

- Monday afternoon can be assigned by your principal; this is not part of your 390 planning minutes over two weeks.

Jeanette Essig: Thank you for getting the singers prepared for festival. Get a reserve sign for your seat. Apple 21 has new HD equipment and we're the first big event that they get to use it for! They are so excited.

VIII. Election Results: Carla Okouchi

The new officers were unanimously elected: **President:** Michael Dennis (Dogwood ES); **Vice President:** Jennifer Frazier (Herndon ES); **Secretary:** Rebecca Caldwell (Dogwood ES); **Treasurer:** Deb Rudd (Spring Hill ES).

Cluster Chairs: **Carolyn Dorey**, Cluster -1-2 (Wolftrap ES); **Marianne Tagge**, Cluster 3-4 (Beech Tree ES); **Erin Cooper**, Cluster 5-6 (Garfield ES); **Kelly Harbison**, Cluster 7-8 (Lees Corner ES).

Congratulations to all of our new and returning Officers and Cluster Chairs.

Thank you to **Rob Stansbery** for his service, in several capacities in addition being President for 2 years, to the board. Carla presented Rob with plaque on behalf of the membership.

Rob: I have loved doing this job and loved working with my colleagues, I appreciate your support, but I am glad to pass this responsibility on to Michael. Thank you, again!

Thanks to all of you for a great year.

IX. Adjournment

Rob Stansbery adjourned the meeting at 1:44 pm.

The next FGMEA Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013, at FEA Headquarters in Fairfax, VA.