

FGMEA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
FEA Office
September 24, 2013

I. Call to Order: Michael Dennis called the meeting to order at 4:32PM.

Absent: Josie Walker, Rod Tompkins, Emily Sternisha, Margie Woods

Present: Michael Dennis, Rob Stansbery, Jennifer Frazier, Rebecca Caldwell, Deb Rudd, Carolyn Dorey, Kelly Harbison, Erin Cooper, Lee Larsen, Marian Schultz, Joy Petty, Jeanette Essig, Bev Ogden, Emily Sternisha, Kate Fellin, Pam Hill, Camille Haberland, Pam Wilson, Sara Alipanah, Alice Real, Pam Beck, Debbie Key, and Meg Hannan

II. President's Report: Michael Dennis

A. Meeting calendar was distributed to board members (usually 4th Tuesdays).

B. Michael was contacted by one school about their schedule and its compliance with the new regulations. He was able to suggest action and the school is following up.

C. FCPS Men's Chorus events

1. Michael, Rita Gigliotti (South Lakes High School choral director and FCCDA President), and Margie Woods met over the summer to plan a boys workshop for 6-9th graders. This is for recruitment and retention of boys through middle school and will be coordinated by cluster. Cluster VIII is piloting the new format this year.

III. Vice President's Report: Jen Frazier (no report)

IV. Secretary's Report: Rebecca Caldwell

Meeting notes from May 2013 were approved as corrected.

V. Treasurer's Report: Deb Rudd

A. Make sure you turn in a clean receipt (purchases for FGMEA only) with your expense forms for reimbursement.

B. Financial Report:

<i>Ending Balance 05/22/13</i>	<i>\$14,617.94</i>
<i>Deposits/credits</i>	<i>1,646.49</i>
<i>Withdrawals/debits</i>	<i>2,093.46</i>
<i>Ending Balance 9/24/13</i>	<i>\$14,170.97</i>

VI. Fine Arts Office Report: Jeannette Essig

A. Fine Arts Portfolio Field Test

1. From last year's presentation to the School Board:
 - a. Current assessment data only documents student understanding of certain portions of our POS. We will investigate the development of a portfolio model to document student exploration, progress, and perceptions of value in the fine arts.
 - b. The SGFA portfolios will support Student Achievement Goal 1.3 by providing holistic, qualitative measures of student learning and program effectiveness for the elementary art and music programs.

- c. The SGFA Portfolios will be a multi-year collection of student-selected, art and music artifacts that document student learning and progress in a digital format.
 - d. District, culminating, 6th grade fine arts assessment will be included as a part of the portfolio.
2. Four schools (Dogwood, Cherry Run, Wolftrap, Lane) will field test utilizing Google Drive and iPads as technology tools. Good meeting and support on Friday with SBTS and their leadership, Kathy Manley and Tammi Sisk.
- B. 6th Grade Assessment Music teacher report
1. Inter-rater scores – Continue to improve, but we didn't calculate the overall level because the process for this year will be different
 2. Improvement goal - everyone is improving -- students can “pass” in art or music.
 3. Testing memo to come: Will address required assessment, Summer team scores samples- no Horizon entry for teachers
 4. Remember you are doing the “other” assessment this year!
- C. Schedules
1. Thanks to all those who have sent schedules and completed survey!
 2. We attempted to analyze all the master schedules last year within the FAO team. This was difficult without names, etc. This year, crowd sourcing the analysis (your survey results!) are making the process smoother.
 3. This survey is helping the FAO to get a clearer understanding of how the change in regulation has been implemented.
 4. Discussion...Michael Dennis did not send out the survey from FGMEA because of the new differences in regulations (45 mins in 4-6 not the old question of 60 mins) Maybe move to chorus. Rob: Should still send something. Joy: Maybe add an additional question to meet new needs. Lee: change it in the least possible way. Michael will meet with Jeanette and Jennifer before next meeting and create a draft of similar questions and new questions about chorus.
- D. Mentors
1. Lead Mentors at (the mentee's base school) are now in charge of all paperwork.

VII. Committee Chair Reports:

A. Cluster Chairs (no report)

B. Choral Festival: Lee Larsen, Marian Schultz

1. The read-through will be in the Oakton HS lecture hall 2:45-4:15 on November 18, 2013. 405 seats and a space up front – no parking issues ☺
2. Notes from Josh Pedde (our 2014 clinician) will be sent to Lee by Oct 1 and, after review, will be posted to Blackboard 24/7.
3. All music is now in! Bev Ogden (ACCF music chair) will coordinate with the Fine Arts Library to help with the in-processing of all of the music.
4. Rod Tompkins and Lee are looking into digital concert purchase options. Jeanette brought up the rehearsal CDs - Board agrees that teachers wants to continue to have physical CD's for practice tracks (about \$400 for dup and packaging plus another \$7-800 mechanical rights) as well as the streaming. Jeanette will talk to FAO about budget ... and continue to ask publishers if they will give us streaming rights for free.
5. Jeanette will ask Channel 21 to broadcast the concert a few more times this year (last year there were many requests from parents for it to be played again).

6. Marian and Lee watched, along with others, Emily Ellsworth at ACDA Voices United (George Mason University-August 2013) and really enjoyed her rehearsal techniques and mannerisms with the children. Marian will bring a bio and motion so we can officially discuss her next meeting as a possible clinician.

C. Constitution: Joy Petty (handout on meeting and motion order)

1. Motion: Joy Petty

Due to the changes with the Lead Mentor position in the County, the following changes be made to the FGMEA Bylaws:

Currently it reads:

Section 3, F. The New Teacher Chairperson(s) shall welcome new music teachers 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. (Amended: 18 April 2009)

Proposed change:

Section 3, F. The New Teacher Chairperson(s) shall welcome new FCPS general music teachers, and promote membership in FGMEA and other professional organizations.

Second: Marian Schultz

Passed unanimously

2. Motion: Joy Petty

At the ACCF Read-Thru (November 18, 2013), time be allotted for the above amendment to be voted on by the General Membership.

Second: Pam Wilson

Passes unanimously

D. Grants: Bev shared that Josie Walker is encouraging people to apply. Josie is taking the lead in Grants this year.

E. In-Service: Kate Fellin

1. The flyer will be emailed to all General Music teachers with the addition of FGMEA invites you at the top.
2. There will be an opportunity to stay for an hour and video record games that will be posted on YouTube or another service for reference.
3. Jeanette: FCPS prohibited hiring outside speakers 3 years ago. There is a new FCPS push to have all teachers hearing similar messages on designated Mondays (creative and critical thinking skills this year).

F. Membership: Pam Hill

1. 131 online registrations with paper forms brings us to almost to 150 memberships.
2. There will be a small team with laptops at the in-service for more registrations.
3. There are more registrations this year than at this time last year.
4. The cluster chairs, Rod, and Pam Hill will work together to get the member distribution lists ready by the October 29 board meeting. Notes will be passed on to members only beginning at that time.

G. New Teacher: Camille Haberland

1. 41 of the 50 new teachers have received their gift cards.

VIII. New Business

A. Boys Chorus Workshops

1. Motion: Jennifer Frazier

Moves that FGMEA work with FCCDA to sponsor men's chorus events including 6th grade students.

Second: Rob Stansbury

No vote (see below)

2. Motion: Bev Ogden

Moves to postpone the above motion until October 29, 2013 meeting.

Seconded by Pam Beck

Passes unanimously

IX. Adjournment: Michael Dennis adjourned the meeting at 6:01PM.