

**FGMEA Executive Board Meeting**  
**FEA Office**  
**February 25, 2014**

**I. Call to Order 4:30pm**

Present: Michael Dennis, Jennifer Frazier, Deb Rudd, Rebecca Caldwell, Carolyn Dorey, Josie Walker, Lee Larsen, Marian Schultz, Mary Francis Dini, Joy Petty, Jeanette Essig, Kate Fellin, Pam Beck, Debbie Key, Meg Hannan, Rod Tompkins, Camille Haberland, Pam Hill, and Pam Wilson

**II. President's Report: Michael Dennis**

A. Men's Workshop debrief

1. Attending schools: Dogwood, Hunters Woods, Terraset, Mosby Woods, Langston Hughes MS, Stone MS, South Lakes HS, Westfield HS
2. Students really enjoyed the experience.
3. The Army Chorus really enjoyed participating and they want to continue, possibly under their own direction.

B. Board Membership

1. Cara Chaapel will be helping with Ways and Means
2. Due to maternity leave, \_\_\_\_\_ will take notes for Rebecca at the next meeting.

C. VA Legislative Report

1. PE bill was amended in state senate to include recess in the required time. The House tabled it for the year.
2. Three Labor Day bills are still alive.
3. Bill to eliminate four of the elementary level SOL's is still alive.

**III. Vice President's Report: Jen Frazier**

- A. If your I-9 forms was shredded, you should be getting leave covered by the county. If you need an FEA rep to be present when you talk with your principal about this, call.
- B. Mid-year evaluations- call sooner rather than later if you need help
- C. Budget – reduction in force (RIF) means position is eliminated, but not necessarily the individual teacher. Teachers affected by RIF get priority placement in other job openings, based on continuing contracts.
- D. FEA matching donations to a school that burned down in \_\_\_\_\_
- E. FEA trying to get fully funded budget from the county.
  1. There is a \$60+ million dollar gap as of this afternoon.
  2. Current status - net TTT decrease of 10.8 (decrease from budget balanced with the enrollment growth) for art, general music, and PE teachers combined. If the gap is not closed this could increase.
- F. TOMORROW (2-26) is blue day to talk about the budget. Wear your blue on Wednesdays.

**IV. Secretary's Report: Rebecca Caldwell**

- A. Meeting notes from November 2013 were approved as corrected.

**V. Treasurer's Report: Deb Rudd**

- A. Financial Report:

<i>Ending Balance 11/26/13</i>	<i>\$14,571.87</i>
<i>Deposits/credits</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>Withdrawals/debits</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>Ending Balance 2/25/14</i>	<i>\$14,571.87</i>

**VI. Fine Arts Office Report: Jeannette Essig**

**A. Assessments**

1. Count your assessments carefully. There was a sorting error.
2. You are not required to enter scores for all of your children. FAO will let you know which students' papers to submit scores for.
3. Make clean copies (no grading marks from you – only student marks) to keep for FAO submission.

**B. Summer Curriculum**

1. Think about how would you like to give feedback about SOL/POS revisions before the summer? Survey? Small group of teachers pulled out?
2. National Standards have just changed but because Virginia just did SOL revisions, the state will not re-revise right away. FCPS will revise POS to reflect new SOLs, but the national standard revision will have to wait until the next time around.

**C. Portrait of a graduate**

**D. Concern about site rehearsal at Riverside conflicting with designated Monday inservices**

**VII. Committee Chair Reports:**

**A. Cluster Chairs**

**B. Choral Festival: Lee Larsen / Marian Schultz**

1. Thanks to
  - a. Marian and Mary Ella Mahoya for working on the Dismissal Plan
  - b. Cara Chaapel for taking over Ways and Means (T-shirts)
2. Program Artwork was voted on and 10 were sent along to the FAO for the program.
3. Lee Larsen sent out a new T-shirt order form (and excel example) today, 2/25
4. Instrument sign-up going on this week!
  - a. Jonathan Andert is in charge of the Orff ensemble with Marti Fucile assisting  
Instrumentation: 4 CB, 8 BX, 8 AX, 8 SX, SNARE drum; adding CBX
  - b. Alice Real is leading instruments for "Buy Me Chocolate"  
Instrumentation: 5-6 maracas and 3 claves
5. Recording options
  - a. FAO is not covering the extra (about \$0.90) mechanical rights for the child-purchased concert CD. FGMEA will absorb the price this year.
  - b. We will discuss changing the price of the CD at the beginning of next year.
  - c. We will also discuss in greater detail "non-CD" purchase options in the near future
6. Thank you to Rod Tompkins for setting up the new website:
  - a. 832 kids signed up to listen!
  - b. 485 listened within the past month
  - c. 133 listened within the past week
  - d. 26 listened within the past 24 hours
  - e. Any other feedback from teachers?

**C. Grants: Josie Walker / Bev Ogden**

1. *Write winners here.*
2. One involved a software proposal that has not been approved by FCPS. This grant is approved pending software approval.
3. 11 total submissions

**D. In-Service: Kate Fellin**

1. Issue about new county policy about not paying clinicians – we can pay for a clinician using FGMEA funds, but cannot take over the designated Monday time if we do.
2. Can we get an off-site location for the meeting? Reston Community Center? Church? Auditorium?

**E. Membership: Pam Hill**

1. As of Feb. 20, 2014, FGMEA has 184 members. This generated \$2,440.00 in dues.

**F. New Teacher: Camille Haberland**

1. Booked a room for mentees and mentors to have lunch, but ended up cancelling with all the snow days.
2. Contacting NAFME about a spring date (April) alternative
3. Michael wants to talk to the new teachers and mentors about the new Great Beginnings program (what they got vs what they need). Might want to collaborate with Art and PE teachers about this as well.

**G. Newsletter: Pam Wilson**

1. Working on a blog! Please email her short stories (1-2 paragraphs) or professional questions.

**H. Technology: Rod Tompkins**

1. We have a twitter account! @FGMEA Fairfax
2. We have a facebook account – like us!
3. Pam Wilson will take over the content for these as well; Rod will keep up the tech side. We will explore this division of tasks and then prepare any changes needed to the bylaws after we have a concrete idea of how this works.

**VIII. Old Business**

**IX. New Business**

**X. Adjournment**