

**FGMEA Executive Board Meeting**  
**Stansbery House**  
**May 27, 2014**

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

Present: Michael Dennis, Jennifer Frazier, Deb Rudd, Rebecca Caldwell, Erin Cooper, Kelly Harbison, Joy Petty, Bev Ogden, Emily Sternisha, Sara Alipanah, Alice Real, Josie Walker, Lee Larsen, Marian Schultz, Danielle Menard Mazurowski, Mary Francis Dini, Joy Petty, Jeanette Essig, Kate Fellin, Debbie Key, Meg Hannan, and Pam Wilson

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

A. FCPS Budget

1. Was approved last week, with no change in staffing from earlier reports
2. All de-staffs will be places before early hires are allowed

B. FCPS Calendar and Start Time

1. School Board work sessions this week
2. Elementary Monday early closing is being discussed
3. Michael is sending a letter outlining FGMEA concerns about
  - a. collaboration time with music colleagues during Monday afternoons
  - b. planning time vs. teaching time
  - c. workload of itinerant teachers

*If you would like a copy of this communication, please email Michael at mdennis74@gmail.com.*

C. Schedule Survey

1. Only about 90 responses to the schedule survey; this is fewer than last year
2. Positive response on students getting regulation minutes
3. There are still some schools with band/strings and choral pull-outs where students are not getting general music
4. There are a few schools with 40 vs. the required 45 minutes of general music

D. Mentoring/Great Beginnings

1. Michael and Jeanette are going to gather responses from new teachers and mentors on the new system
2. Did our new music teachers get the support they needed? What other support do they need?

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

- A. General meeting notes from April 2014 are being corrected by Michael and will be sent with the minutes from the May board meeting.

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

A. Financial Report:

<i>Ending Balance 4/26/14</i>	<i>\$13,473.17</i>
<i>Deposits/credits</i>	<i>12,745.00</i>
<i>Withdrawals/debits</i>	<i>4,220.46</i>
<i>Ending Balance 5/28/14</i>	<i>\$21,977.71</i>

B. Proposed Budget distributed

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

**A. Finance Class in High School**

1. Teachers were “floated” into this school year even if the numbers were not there
2. Teachers will not be “floated” into next school year creating de-staffs in all arts areas; de-staffs must be in to HR by tomorrow

**B. FCPS Administrative Re-structure** – not sure how this will affect the reporting structure of the Fine Arts Office

**C. Fall and winter in-services** will happen next year

**D. ACCF** is still looking for a location for 2015

**VI. Committee Chair Reports:**

**A. Past President: Rob Stansbery**

1. There will still be four cluster chairs reporting to the same schools next year.
2. Due to the county administrative restructure (from 8 clusters to 5 regions), Michael will start a committee (of the current cluster chairs and a few other members) to brainstorm and outline a new structure for the cluster chair positions.

**B. Choral Festival: Marian Schultz / Danielle Menard Mazurowski**

1. Email went out from Marian today on three things: luncheon feedback, song ideas for next year, and clinician ideas for future years
2. There were 35 festival surveys sent in for the de-brief meeting last week.
3. Music Selection committee will meet June 9 to choose music for the 2015 ACCF
4. Pencil in these dates for next school year (pencil due to Monday closing issue)
  - a. November 17: Read-through at Marshall HS with Emily Ellsworth
  - b. April 24-25: Festival at location TBD
  - c. Site rehearsals will be dependent on designated Mondays
5. All of the committee chairs have agreed to continue in their current positions for next year
6. Singers are set for the practice CD recording

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

1. Fine Arts Office and Grants committee are still waiting for the technology issue to be resolved by the FCPS technology offices
2. Question for thought: Do we want to be able to award more than two grants but still keep the cost under \$1,000? This would need to be changed at the general membership meeting next year

**D. In-Service: Kate Fellin / Emily Sternisha**

**1. Commission for January 2015 in-service**

**Motion: Kate Fellin**

**“I move that the in-service chairs be authorized to offer Dr. Brophy no more than \$1,200 plus expenses for the January in-service in 2015.”**

**Second: Bev Ogden**

**Motion Carried**

*Dr. Brophy accepted an offer of \$1,000 as of 5/30/14 along with the new date. The date of the in-service has been changed by FCPS to Thursday, January 29, 2015.*

**E. Newsletter: Pam Wilson**

1. Would like a new committee title to reflect how the position has evolved to include social media. Possibly “Social Media” chair.
2. Facebook
  - a. We have 88 likes
  - b. The Facebook main page is connected to the FGMEA homepage
3. Newsletter – have an article of the month sign-up for the board members

**F. Social: Meg Hannan / Mary Frances Dini**

1. There was way too much food this year after not having enough last year. How can we resolve this?
2. We saved a lot of money getting trays from Giant instead of Wegman’s this year.
3. Feedback on the luncheon was positive.

**VII. Old Business**

**VIII. New Business**

**A. Scholarships for EIFTA**

**Motion: Rob Stansbery**

**“I move that we fund two full scholarships to the summer 2014 EIFTA at the amount of \$475 each.”**

**Second: Pam Wilson**

**Motion Carried**

**IX. Adjournment 5:34PM**