

FGMEA Executive Board Meeting
FEA Office
November 25, 2014

I. Call to Order: Michael Dennis called the meeting to order at 4:39PM.

Absent: Pam Hill, Alice Real, Deb Rudd, Rob Stansbery, Josie Walker, Kelly Harbison, Bev Ogden, Camille Haberland, Danielle Menard Mazurowski, Sara Alipanah, Cheryl Baker, and Pam Wilson

Present: Michael Dennis, Rebecca Caldwell, Jennifer Frazier, Erin Cooper, Marian Schultz, Pam Beck, Joy Petty, Jeanette Essig, Carolyn Dorey, and Meg Hannan

II. President's Report: Michael Dennis

A. Received some information for his letter to school board about scheduling. Most of the inconsistency in schedules is around chorus.

III. Vice President's Report: Jen Frazier

A. Mary Real's Writing in Elementary General Music Research Study: We had 22 people send me emails and a few were not FGMEA members - so 19 from my list to participate (and one person even joined FGMEA so they could participate!). Mary sent the survey out and says thanks for helping her!

B. FEA Meeting

1. We practiced what to say to people when they ask us our story of why we joined FEA. I think it's a great idea to know/think through what to say when people ask us about FGMEA and/or if you're a member of FEA. If you'd like some resources, please see Jennifer.
2. If you would like to donate to NEA, VEA, and/or FEA, you can have this as a withdraw from your bank account. If you'd like to know how - please see Jennifer.
3. Monday, Jan 26, is Lobby Day, talking to certain people that hold purse strings for education and giving our thoughts in Richmond. Please see attached flyer for more info (found on NEA's website).

IV. Secretary's Report: Rebecca Caldwell

Meeting notes from October 2014 were approved as corrected and distributed to membership.

V. Treasurer's Report: Deb Rudd

A. Financial Report:

<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$ 15,040.36
<i>Deposits/credits</i>	0
<i>Withdrawals/debits</i>	\$ 2,837.17
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$12,203.19

VI. Fine Arts Office Report: Jeannette Essig

- A. VMEA was a success! Congratulations to the many FCPS groups who performed – and the elementary teachers who engaged and encouraged them at the start.
- B. Plans for the January inservice with Tim Brophy are on hold due to changing guidelines for the use of the staff development day.
- C. International Symposium on Music Assessment is coming to Williamsburg February 18-21, 2015.
- D. Rachel Grimsby will be teaching “First Steps” (early childhood curriculum based on John Feierabend’s Conversational Solfege) as a 3-credit FCPS Academy Class. FCPS has completed paperwork requesting the state to certify the course as a content course, which can be used in place of a 3 hour graduate course for recertification- We are waiting to hear back from the state.
- E. Investigating rights for digital downloads (alongside our physical CD sales) for future choral festivals.
- F. Sibelius licenses have been used up because of computer reimaging. Individual copies should have been de-activated and then re-started as part of the reimaging process. FAO and FCPS technology people are working on the problem.
- G. The summer curriculum team that worked on POS will be meeting next week in Google Hangouts to solidify things. Also going to compare with new Virginia docs.

VII. Committee Chair Reports:

A. Cluster Chairs

- 1. A request for more of the larger T-shirt sizes at choral festival.

B. Choral Festival: Marian Schultz / Danielle Menard Mazurowski

- 1. Committee Chairs have been set.
- 2. Art work form for the printed program should be sent home in December or early January.
- 3. Waiting for permissions to put the practice tracks online.

C. Grants: Josie Walker / Bev Ogden

- 1. One grant application has been received and the deadline is extended to December 5.
- 2. Still waiting for technology approval on one of last year’s grant winners.

D. Membership: Pam Hill

- 1. We have 135 members and she updated the lists.

E. New Teacher: Camille Haberland

- 1. Shower given to new teachers by FGMEA board. Teachers were “gifted” with 7 lessons including all manipulatives and supplies needed. We have received several notes or comments of thanks from grateful teachers.

VIII. Unfinished Business

Motion: Jennifer Frazier

I move that Christine Noel be contacted to be the 2016 ACCF clinician.

Second: Rebecca Caldwell

Motion carries.

IX. New Business

X. Adjournment: Michael Dennis adjourned the meeting at 5:25PM.

