

**FGMEA Executive Board Meeting**  
**FEA Office**  
**May 24, 2016**

**I. Call to Order: Kelly Harbison called the meeting to order at 4:40pm**

**Absent:** Sara Alipanah, Cheryl Baker, Pam Beck, Jennifer Blend, Sean Cator, Rachel Grimsby, Bev Ogden, Charlie Quinlan, Josie Walker, Margie Woods

**Present:** Beth Atkins, Michael Dennis, Mary Frances Dini, Jeanette Essig, Kelly Harbison, Pam Hill, Alisa Kieffer, Christian King, Danielle Mazurowski, Joy Petty, Deb Rudd, Pam Wilson

**II. President's Report: Jennifer Blend**

A. Choral Festival thanks from Jennifer.

**III. Vice President's Report: Kelly Harbison**

A. Big celebration as the FY 2017 approved budget is scheduled to be adopted at the Board Meeting on Thursday, May 26, 2016. The FY 2017 budget currently proposes a step increase for eligible employees, a 1.0 percent market scale adjustment (MSA) for all employees, and an additional \$40.0 million investment to improve teacher salaries.

B. Please support the Fairfax County Meals Tax campaign, as it will provide much needed funding for not only our schools, but other county services as well. Many neighboring counties have implemented a meals tax and it has been very successful. The school board will vote at their meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> on the language to be used on the ballot in the November election for Fairfax residents.

**IV. Secretary's Report: Beth Atkins**

Minutes from the April general meeting were approved.

**V. Treasurer's Report: Christian King**

A. Internal audit will happen in the next month. Will coordinate schedules soon.

B. Budget for 2016-2017 academic year presented. We need to make sure that next year's budget leaves an adequate reserve to make sure all checks clear.

C. Discussion of cost of production of CDs for All County Choral Festival.

D. Discussion of contract for choral festival CD production and rehearsal CD production– tabled until fall.

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

A. Sorting through assessment spreadsheets

B. Keith Taylor plans to retire in August

C. Fine Arts is working on staffing. Middle school in particular has challenges. Are middle schools (Longfellow) required to offer chorus?

D. This year's summer curriculum team will be working on planning/pacing guides to support the new POS. Planning/Pacing is *one* way to cover the year's content

rather than *the required* way to cover the content. Moving toward bigger ideas rather than individual indicators. Not sure how many pacing guides will be completed this summer.

**VII. Committee Chair Reports:**

**A. Past President:** None

**B. Choral Festival: Danielle Menard Mazurowski/Sean Cator/Mary Frances Dini**

1. Thanks from Jamie for being so welcoming. Lots of positive feedback from teachers.
2. Working on date for next year's choral festival.
3. Debriefing meeting went well.
4. Looking at June dates for music selection.
5. Commissioned piece has been sent to the publisher. Everything should be ready in time for November's read through.

**C. Grants:** None

**D. In-Service:**

1. Request for in-service dates for next year. Next year's staff development day is March 24.
2. Pyramid leads would like to meet as pyramids at the fall in-service. Request for 25 break out rooms to facilitate.

**E. Newsletter:** None

**F. Social:**

1. Board thank you for food at festival.

**G. Ways & Means:**

1. Undersold T-shirts at festival so we have a starting inventory for next year.

**VIII. Unfinished Business**

- A. Jeanette is following up on grant question.

**IX. New Business**

**A. Scholarships for EIFTA**

1. Typically we do two full scholarships to the summer EIFTA, which is \$475 each.
2. This year there was an option to donate funds for a scholarship.
3. **Motion: Joy Petty** I move that FGMEA sponsor two full scholarships for EIFTA not to exceed \$475 each if there is interest and we have not missed the deadline.  
**Second: Pam Wilson**  
**Motion passes.**
4. Jeanette will follow up with Jennifer Himes about funding two scholarships from FGMEA.

**Adjournment: Kelly Harbison adjourned the meeting at 5:29pm.**