

**FGMEA Board Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2016**

The October meeting of the FGMEA Board was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at the FEA Office in Fairfax.

I. Call to Order: Jennifer Blend, President, called the meeting to order at 4:37p.m.

Board members in attendance were: **Beth Atkins, Cheryl Baker, Pam Beck, Jennifer Blend, Jeanette Essig, Kelly Harbison, Christian King, Tim Kloth, Joy Petty, Deb Rudd, Shane Smith, Alisa Waggoner, Mike Weiner, and Jackie Yoerges, Lisa Zargapur**

Board members not in attendance were: **Sara Alipanah, Sean Cator, Katrina Chaney, Michael Dennis, Mary Frances Dini, Rachel Grimsby, Pam Hill, Danielle Menard Mazurowski, Bev Ogden, Rod Tompkins**

II. President's Report: Jennifer Blend

- A.** The member's questions about FGMEA membership and ACCF financial concerns that were discussed last month were addressed via email by Jennifer Blend, restating the continuing promotion of FGMEA at appropriate events and the shared financial responsibility of ACCF with the Fine Arts Office.
- B.** We are using a new format for minutes.
- C.** In a Washington Post report on the Fairfax Budget, a teacher was concerned about how the defeat of the meals tax will impact the band/strings program. There was a discussion of general music participation in FACE (Fairfax Arts Coalition for Education) to advocate for our music programs. It is unknown whether instrumental teachers who are destaffed could be placed as general music teachers.

III. Vice President's Report: Kelly Harbison

- A.** Schedule survey had 76 responses as of Friday, November 11.

IV. Secretary's Report: Beth Atkins

- A.** The minutes of the October Executive Board meeting were approved as corrected and posted to the FGMEA website.

V. Treasurer's Report: Christian King

- A.** The bank account reconciles as it should. The balance forwarded from the October 2016 report was **\$9,589.82**. Deposits and credits totaling **\$0.00**, withdrawals and debits totaling **\$306.24**, and four outstanding checks totaling **\$384.50** resulted in an ending balance of **\$9,283.58** on November 15, 2016.

VI. Fine Arts Office Report: Jeannette Essig

- A. **Jeanette Essig** has been working on MyPLT for the All County Choral Festival. Please register in advance.
- B. **Jeanette** will compare the schedule information received by the Fine Arts Office and the information received by FGMEA.
- C. The FAO has already been asked to make a 5% cut. There is no information to report on next year's budget at this time.
- D. **Jeanette** will leave for VMEA tomorrow. It would be great to see some of our teachers involved in the conference as presenters.

VII. Committee Chair Reports:

- A. **Past President- Michael Dennis** – nothing to report
- B. **Membership: Pam Hill**
 - 1. We will continue to provide information on FGMEA at music gatherings.
- C. **Choral Festival: Sean Cator & Mary Frances Dini**
 - 1. **Sean Cator** reported via email that the rehearsal track recording will be this Sunday, November 20.
 - 2. **Sean Cator** reported via email that Dominick has booked his flight and his information will be forwarded to **Christian King** for reimbursement.
 - 3. The read through went well and we are looking at logistics for next year.
- D. **Grants: Bev Ogden**
 - 1. **Bev Ogden** reports that she received four grant applications; will form a committee to read them; and send a decision in January.
- E. **In-service: Cheryl Baker**
 - 1. There is currently one FCPS teacher who is interested in being a clinician for the March 24 inservice. There are several MAC AOSA members who have expressed interest in presenting as well.
- F. **Social Media/Newsletter: Mike Weiner**
 - 1. Let **Mike Weiner** know what is happening in your school.
- G. **Social: Alisa Kieffer & Shane Smith** – nothing to report
- H. **Ways & Means: Deb Rudd** – nothing to report
- I. **Technology: Rod Tompkins and Danielle Menard Mazurowski**
 - 1. The FGMEA website is currently up to date.
- J. **New Teacher: Rachel Grimsby**
- K. **Resource: Pam Beck**
 - 1. The private teacher list is being confirmed and updated by **Rod Tompkins**.

VIII. New Business: none

IX. Unfinished Business:

- A. Using a credit card reader at ACCF

X. Adjournment: Jennifer Blend adjourned the meeting at 5:09pm.