

**FGMEA Board Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2017**

The February meeting of the FGMEA Board was held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at the FEA Office in Fairfax.

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

Board members in attendance were: **Sara Alipanah, Beth Atkins, Cheryl Baker, Pam Beck, Jennifer Blend, Sean Cator, Michael Dennis, Mary Frances Dini, Jeanette Essig, Kelly Harbison, Christian King, Tim Kloth, Bev Ogden, Joy Petty, Shane Smith, and Lisa Zargarpur**

Board members not in attendance were: **Rachel Grimsby, Pam Hill, Danielle Menard Mazurowski, Deb Rudd, Rod Tompkins, Alisa Waggoner, Mike Weiner, Jacquie Yoerges**

II. President's Report: Jennifer Blend

- A.** Jennifer attended one of the School board meetings on Jan 30/31. At these meetings, attendees discussed saving fourth grade strings, foreign language, and other programs. On February 13, Dr. Lockard released his first round of proposed cuts and all instrumental music before 5th grade is on the reduction list.
- B.** Jennifer has been sending Fairfax Arts Coalition for Education (FACE) emails. Personal email addresses must be used for advocacy issues. If you did not receive an email on Jan 30 and Feb 15, then please make sure FGMEA has your personal email. Jennifer's personal email is veggiegirl78@hotmail.com.
- C.** Thank you to board members for voting for the March inservice program via email.
- D.** Carla Okouchi asked **Jennifer Blend** to be a part of a scheduling task force for FEA, meeting TBD. More information will follow after we meet.
- E.** **Jennifer Blend** will be attending VEA convention at the end of March as a delegate.

III. Vice President's Report: Kelly Harbison

- A.** **Kelly Harbison** was unable to attend the last meeting due to illness. FEA is supporting a property tax increase to support the school system.
- B.** FEA has been fighting for ERFC. At this time, there will be no significant changes to the program.

IV. Secretary's Report: Beth Atkins

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

V. Treasurer's Report: Christian King

11/15/16	Current Balance	\$9,283.58
	Deposits/credits	\$536.24
	Withdrawals/debits	\$3,318.42
2/28/16	Current Balance	\$6,501.40

1/31/2017	BB&T Statement Balance	\$6,606.08
	Total of Checks Outstanding (4)	\$119.68
	Total of Deposits after statement date.	\$15.00
	"Bank Statement balance plus deposits after statement date minus checks outstanding."	\$6,501.40

VI. Fine Arts Office Report: Jeannette Essig

- A. GOOD NEWS** – Another technology assessment was requested for the Noteflight online notation software. Noteflight LEARN has been approved. No central funding. \$49 setup fee plus \$2 per student. Jacquie Yoerges' grant can finally be funded!
- B. Elementary SIS** – Fine Arts & PE met with Alan Brody on Monday. Sectioning is coming to all schools for next school year. The deadline for entry for sectioning is September 29, 2017.
1. This will give specialists access to student information, including health information, IEPs and 504 plans – however – until the sectioning is completed at each school, GetIEP will be needed for information in September.
 2. It will also allow for
 - a. Mass assigning of comments
 - b. Viewing the entire comment language
 - c. Reviewing the report card and locating missing marks
 3. Encourage your band/strings teachers to recruit in the spring
 4. Our comment bank might be too large. **Jeanette Essig** will be inviting some folks to a after school focus group meeting to review current comments – the number of times they are used, and any recommendations for adding/deleting
- C. GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS** – new elementary laptops will not have CD/DVD drives. IT will be purchasing 7-10 CD/DVD drives per school. Details will be communicated to SBTS. ADVOCATE for yourself.
- D. Elementary Progress Report Committee** – working to clarify what constitutes a 4, etc., across the county and update online materials and plan for professional development.
- E. ACCF Copyright – CD sales** Last year, Amy Leniart, awesome Channel 21 producer who makes us look so good, asked about posting videos to FCPS Youtube channel, and I am making those requests to publishers as a part of my sync requests. Looks like the cost will be reasonable and covered by Fine Arts. (1 year term for most publishers)
- F.** Audio Associates will absorb the cost of credit card sales for All County Chorus CD credit card sales.
- G. Budget – 4th Grade Strings still on the list of potential cuts– faceadvocacy.net, Save Fairfax Band and Strings Facebook group – emails from Jennifer.** Schools that offer third grade strings would not offer third or fourth grade instrumental programs. A cut in 4th grade strings would have implications beyond just the elementary strings program. At this point, we don't know how HR will handle any possible reassignment of affected strings teachers given that they hold endorsements which would allow them to teach general music.

H. Inservice – March 24 - <http://commapps.fcps.edu/fcpsgram/#collapse1362>.

1. The music inservice is scheduled from 8-12. Principals should be aware of this inservice.

<http://fcpsnet.fcps.edu/plfe/pd/documents/March24SDSchedBldgUseChart.pdf>

5. **Committee Chair Reports:**

a. **Past President- Michael Dennis**

1. **Michael Dennis** shared the slate of officers for next year's election.

I. **Membership: Pam Hill**

1. We currently have 120 members who have paid \$1695.00 in dues.

J. **Choral Festival: Sean Cator & Mary Frances Dini**

1. The deadline for co-chair applications will be extended.
2. Voting on artwork will take place after the meeting.

K. **Grants: Bev Ogden**

1. We received several well written grants. The winners are: Lindsey Swansen at Weyanoke Elementary for World Music Drums and Katie Friedman at Aldrin Elementary for a ukulele ensemble.

L. **In-service: Cheryl Baker**

1. The board voted (via email) that Matthew Stensrud and Rachel Grimsby will present at the March inservice.
2. There will be two one-hour sessions scheduled so that you may attend two primary, two intermediate, or one of both.

M. **Social Media/Newsletter: Mike Weiner**

1. **Mike Weiner** will videotape games and play parties to be posted on the FGMEA website.

N. **Social: Alisa Kieffer & Shane Smith** – nothing to report

O. **Ways & Means: Deb Rudd**

1. Please send ACCF T-shirt order with Master Order Form and School check to Deborah Rudd at Spring Hill Elementary soon. T-shirts cannot be reserved with an email. The deadline is set so **Deb Rudd** can calculate the final order of t-shirts for the festival.

P. **Technology: Rod Tompkins and Danielle Menard Mazurowski** – nothing to report

Q. **New Teacher: Rachel Grimsby** – nothing to report

R. **Resource: Pam Beck** – nothing to report

VII. **New Business:** none

VIII. **Unfinished Business:** none

IX. **Adjournment:** Jennifer Blend adjourned the meeting at 5:37pm.