

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

The February meeting of the FGMEA Board was held on Tuesday, March 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: **Beth Atkins, Pam Beck, Jennifer Blend, Sean Cator, Michael Dennis, Mary Frances Dini, Jeanette Essig, Rachel Grimsby, Kelly Harbison, Pam Hill, Christian King, Tim Kloth, Bev Ogden, Joy Petty, Deb Rudd, and Lisa Zargarpur**

Board members not in attendance were: **Sara Alipanah, Cheryl Baker, Danielle Menard Mazurowski, Shane Smith, Rod Tompkins, Alisa Waggoner, Mike Weiner, Jacquie Yoerges**

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

1. Budget concerns – **Jennifer Blend** sent an update to personal emails on March 22. Principals have received information on RIFs (Reduction in Force) that could result from cutting fourth grade strings. **Jennifer** is working on an email to Dr. Lockard on behalf of FGMEA
2. **Jennifer Blend** will attend the VEA Convention this weekend.
3. Thank you for a successful inservice on March 24!
4. Last meetings of the year
  - a. April 29 – general membership meeting at ACCF
  - b. May 17 – FGMEA audit
  - c. May 23 – last board meeting of the year

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

1. The gap between the 2018 budget and funding has come down to \$48.4 million. Fourth grade strings is still on the list of potential cuts for next year. Talk to administrators, colleagues, and community members.
2. There will be a vote on ERFC in April. FEA has worked hard to advocate against changes.

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

1. The minutes of the February Executive Board meeting were approved as corrected and posted to the FGMEA website.

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

2/28/17 Last Reported Balance	\$6,501.40
Deposits/credits	\$499.13
Withdrawals/debits	\$2,297.82
3/28/17 Current Balance	\$4,702.71

2/28/2017 BB&T Statement Balance	\$6,542.13
Total of Checks Outstanding (11)	\$2,314.42
Total of Deposits after statement date.	\$475.00
Bank Statement balance plus deposits after statement date minus checks outstanding."	\$4,702.71

**VI. Past President's Report – Michael Dennis - NSTR**

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

- A. Thank you for a great inservice.
- B. The discussion about report card comments was interesting.
- C. Budget. There is a hiring freeze in music until the budget vote. That means teachers on a one-year only contract cannot be rehired until after the budget vote. The regulation on RIF is available and addresses necessary certification to teach general music. If FCPS eliminates fourth grade strings, it would result in the elimination of 35 teaching positions.
- D. The ACCF program has gone to the printer.

**VIII. Committee Chair Reports:**

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

- a. Walkthrough was Friday, March 24.
- b. Motion and vote for Co-chair for 2018

**Mary Frances Dini:** "I move that Kelley Dauberman be accepted as co-chair for ACCF 2018." Bev Ogden second. The motion passed.

**Mary Frances Dini:** "I move that we select Jamie Hillman as conductor for All County Chorus conductor 2018." Rachel Grimbsy second.

**After discussion, the amended motion:** "I move that we select Jamie Hillman as conductor for All County Chorus conductor 2018. If Jamie Hillman is unavailable, I will contact Robyn Lana, then Joshua Pedde." The motion passed.

**B. Membership: Pam Hill**

- a. We currently have 125 members with dues of \$1760.

**C. Grants: Bev Ogden**

- a. Grants announced at last month's meeting have been awarded.

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

- a. The inservice went well. We will upload handouts from the in-service to the FGMEA website.

**E. Social Media/Newsletter: Mike Weiner - NSTR**

**F. Social: Alisa Kieffer & Shane Smith – NSTR**

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

- a. **Deb Rudd:** I move to purchase 75 small and 10 large t-shirts not to exceed \$550. **Kelly Harbison** second. Motion passes.

**H. Technology: Tim Kloth**

- a. Discussion of videos filmed after the in-service for the website. **Tim** will send videos to **Jennifer** when they are ready.

**I. New Teacher: Rachel Grimsby** – NSTR

**J. Resource: Pam Beck** - NSTR

**K. New Business:** none

**L. Unfinished Business:** none

**M. Adjournment:** Jennifer Blend adjourned the meeting at 5:33 pm.