

**FGMEA General Membership Meeting**  
**Saturday, April 28, 2018**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. President's Report: Kelly Harbison**

I. Presidents Report:

- 1) Thank you to the ACCF co-chairs Mary Frances Dini and Kelley Dauberman
- 2) Kelly Hood will be our incoming co-chair for 2018-2019
- 3) Elaine Stanford will be our conductor for the 2018-2019 festival
- 4) Thank you to the FGMEA board this year for all of their hard work
- 5) I want to especially thank Tim Kloth and Libby Rigney, our Resources co-chairs for coming up with great resources and videos to post on our website
- 6) Thank you to hospitality co-chairs Victoria Schubert and Shane Smith for putting together all the wonderful food this weekend, and for accommodating special food concerns
- 7) This year's grant recipients were:

All About Altos (purchase of alto recorders for 6th graders)                      \$489.20  
Sarah Watson  
Mount Eagle Elementary

Note Knacks – Hands on Rhythm Learning    \$494.08  
Laura Walsh  
Centreville Elementary

- 8) We have a new logo! As you can see it is at the bottom of the agenda. We will be rolling this out for the 2018-2019 school year. Thanks to Rod Tompkins for helping to design such a great new image for our organization!
- 9) Please fill out an interest form if you are interested in joining the FGMEA board...we would love to have you!
- 10) Please join again in the fall! We will continue to post more resources and have lots of fun things planned.

**Election of Officers: Jennifer Blend**

Article 4 Section A, Must be members of FGMEA,

Slate: Kelly Harbison, President

Beth Atkinson, VP

Lisa Zargapur, Secretary

Christian King, Treasurer

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

How will we address trend that we are spending more than we take in.  
How can we cut spending or increase income?

April 29, 2017 Balance: \$11,105.33

Income: \$13,376

Expenses: \$17,620.40

April 26, 2018 Balance: \$6,861.61

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

1. Summer curriculum. Updating resources and yearly overviews.
2. Elementary IFTA looking for more kids
3. Scan 6<sup>th</sup> grade assessment. Wants our opinion as well as the kids. POG is important.
4. Choral Festival=POG

**VIII. Election Results: Jennifer Blend**

Unanimous results.

**IX. Adjournment: 1:39**



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## Honoring Retirees

### **Betsy Nerdahl**

Betsy Nerdahl began her career teaching general mathematics at Mark Twain Intermediate School in 1980, where she taught for two years. From 1992-1994, she taught General Music at Mantua Elementary. She then moved to Killeen, Texas where she taught General Music at Music Harker Heights Elementary from 1994-1996. She moved back to FCPS in 1996 and taught at Kings Park until 2000. Then it was back to Texas where she taught General Music from 2000-2002 at Cimarron Elementary in Houston. Since 2002, she has been sharing her love of music with the students at Ravensworth Elementary. She is Orff Certified.

### **Joy Petty**

Was an experienced teacher when she began teaching in FCPS. She started at Westmore ES (until it closed in 2000) and Kings Glen ES; Braddock ES; and has been at Lane ES since 2001.

She has served on the FGMEA Board since 2001, as cluster chair (remember that position?!); Vice President; and, President from 2007-2009. She was on the committee which wrote the current FGMEA Constitution and has served as Constitution chair on the Board for the last 7 years.

Joy has always been an advocate for music education in FCPS lending her voice and support to the music teachers and students.

### **Ruth Wygal**

Ruth started her 32-year teaching career in West Virginia where she taught general music and choral music at Richwood Jr. High for one year. The following year she transferred to Hutchison Elementary here in Fairfax County. After that year, Ruth moved to West Africa where she served as the music specialist for 4 years at the American International School of Abidjan, Ivory Coast. Upon returning to the states she taught in West Virginia again for a year and then transferred back to Fairfax County in 1992. Ruth has been here ever since. She taught for 8 years at Centreville Elementary, many of those years with a wonderful and esteemed colleague, and fresh young face, the amazing MISHA CHERNOV. In 2000 Ruth transferred over to Bull Run Elementary and worked for the final 18 years of her career with the incomparable KELLY BUTLER-NOEL.

Ruth has served as your Choral Festival CD chair for the last 20 years. She is happy to bequeath those duties on to the ever patient, best person for the job, Mrs. Lauren Hentz! Have mercy on her folks!! ☺ Ruth is a recent cancer survivor and retired last January. She is getting married in 2 weeks and will live and enjoy her retirement in the Shenandoah Valley with her soon-to-be husband, Bill Everhart. Ruth would like to extend her best wishes to all of the hard working, elementary music teachers in Fairfax County. Congratulations on a great festival this year. Keep up the good work and fight the good fight! P.S. And no, I'm not subbing! ☺

General Body meeting: Mary Frances thanked FA office, FGMEA, Committee leads, survey