

FMA Board Meeting Oct. 8, 2009

Call to Order: President Mike Cannon called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Old Business

None.

Music Department Reports:

Orchestra—Matt Moore reported for Marla Caballero. The Collage Concert on Oct. 1 went well. The caramel apple sale, which is over, was successful. It was coordinated by Doris Glazer. The district orchestra festival will be Oct. 24 at Palatine High School. The first FHS orchestra concert will be in December.

Choir—Bonnie Spurling, substituting for Robert Green, reported. The Collage Concert was a success, she said, because the students are exceptionally talented. Mr. Green was able to direct. Twenty Fremd students participated in the IMEA auditions, and 14 were successful. The planned trip to Canada has been cancelled due to Mr. Green's health and the fact that only 17 students had signed up.

Band—Matt Moore said the Viking Marching Band had a fun season with a successful show. The Marching Band participated in the Wheeling Festival and received the highest score in six seasons of competition. They will participate in the Lincolnway Festival on Oct. 10 and the Marching Illini Festival Oct. 17. Senior Night for VMB will be Oct. 23. The Fall Showcase Concert is set for Nov. 9. Auditions for the two jazz bands are set for the last week of October. Students are being polled regarding a possible trip to California (Disneyland and San Diego). Matt said he is now officially head sponsor for Tri-M. There are 25 new Tri-M members this year for a total of 62. The first meeting will be next week and continue every two weeks. Four social evenings at outside concerts are being planned. Matt said the custodial staff had asked him to remind the FMA board that two or three days notice is required for setting up chairs, tables, etc. Please e-mail requests to Dave Lang. Also, if possible, when items are being delivered, it would be helpful to have additional parent volunteers to help with distribution. Lori Quinn said she had written an outline of expectations for volunteers working on fundraisers, and she will add this information. Matt said the new Music Department copier has been placed into service, but it is for smaller numbers of copies. Any mass quantity copying needs to be done on the school's big copier. The Elmhurst College Wind Ensemble, which includes four FHS alumni, will present a free performance here on Oct. 20. He requested that lunch for the performers be provided. Jill Halco responded that that cost would need to come from the dollars allotted to the band. Also, Arts Fest, scheduled the week of Nov. 16-20, will have guest artists on Nov. 19 and 20.

Budget—Jill Halco presented a budget showing income and expenses to date. She noted that money from fundraising activities does not show in this budget, as those monies go directly to student accounts.

Fundraising—Lori Quinn presented a breakdown of fundraising options for student accounts. She reported that 144 students participated in the cookie dough sale, selling \$21,760 for a profit of \$7,240. Citrus sales run Oct. 9-26, with an order deadline of Oct. 31 for the earliest delivery (the week of Nov. 16). Poinsettia sales run Nov. 23-30, with pick-up at the Dec. 10 and Dec. 15 concerts. The candy sale is set for Feb. 1-12 with delivery Feb. 22. Lori explained the CheckAwards program. The book, which will feature 29 vendors, offers a 50% profit margin. The cost per book (to FMA) is \$14.10. The minimum sale was reduced from 500 books to 300, but another option is piggybacking with the Fremd cheerleaders, who ordered 500 books to sell in May. Lori recommended a joint project with the cheerleaders. Jill Halco moved that FMA commit to selling 250 books from the cheerleaders' allocation of 500, with money from last year's seniors'

student accounts to be held in reserve to cover the cost of books not sold. Laura Shrout seconded the motion, which passed. Pam Loden, co-chair of the Floral Design Showcase, is speaking with floral designers and Joyce Grattoni, who was MC for the event last year. This year's theme is "Rhapsody in Bloom."

Newsletter—It was reported that the FMA September newsletter was not e-mailed to the choir and orchestra parents. That will be addressed for the next newsletter.

Membership—Greg Koehlinger said membership stands at 128 so far this year, bringing in a total of \$10,935. That is \$1,000 less than at the same time last year, but the budget is \$1,000 less this year.

New Business

The issue of whether Fremd should charge for admission to music events was raised. In general, that idea was opposed, but asking for free will donations was discussed. Tri-M representatives could stay with a donations jar at concert entrances. The music directors will discuss this.

In-Need Scholarships—Laura Shrout reported that FMA has received six applications with one possibly still coming in. From the budget of \$1,300 for 2009-10, that would be approximately \$188 per student. Matt Moore reported that five students are changing instruments: 2 to euphonium, 2 to French horn and 1 to tuba. FMA will pay for two lessons for these students.

Minutes of Previous Meeting—Jill Halco moved the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion, seconded by Laura Shrout, was approved.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next Meetings (7 p.m. in Band Room):

- No December meeting
- January 14