

Francis Howell North High School

Band Boosters Association, Inc.

General Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2015

Call to Order

Shelley Willott, President

Shelley asked for a motion to call the meeting to order. A motion was made by Mark Lewis and seconded by Tony Bradbury. Shelley reported that Knightpride will be using props this year in the marching band show. There will need to be \$1500 added to the budget to cover the cost. Also, additional volunteers will be needed to help get the props on/off the field and where they need to be. The tarp will be preprinted and there will probably be no painting needed. Shelley also announced that Dr. Knuuttila, the father of one of our students, is a chiropractor and he has offered to do sports physicals for the marching band students that need them. The cost will be \$30. He will be available on July 15th at FHN starting at 3pm to do physicals. Music rehearsal is this day at 5pm, so a student would be able to do a sports physical before practice. (Sign up using Sign up Genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CA4AD2AA5F58-marching>)

Approval of the Minutes

Lorie Busby, Secretary

Lorie asked for everyone to look over the minutes from the May 19, 2015 meeting. No corrections were noted. Heather Weber made a motion to accept, seconded by Donna Lewis.

Treasurer's Report

Carolyn Witte, Treasurer

Carolyn presented a budget as of May 31, 2015 and asked everyone to look it over. She noted the following items: Next month there will be the increase in the marching band budget of \$1500 for props. Also, because there is an expected band membership of 82 students, and the budget was based on approximately 60, there will need to be an increase to the budget needed for event support. The exact amount has not been decided but will probably be around a \$600 increase. This amount will be offset by FFC funds from the additional students. Overall, she reported, there are not too many changes. Bob Busby made a motion to approve the budget, it was seconded by Debbie Winkler.

Vice President's Report

Kevin Harms, Vice President

Kevin reported that statements will be out next Monday. He has the complete roster and should be able to get them out via email. Be on the lookout for his email.

Directors' Report

Jeff Moorman

Jeff made an announcement that, although it is not completely official yet, Paul Ahlemeyer, (Mr. A.) will be leaving us, as he has accepted a position as the head band director at Fort

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Zumwalt South High School. Therefore, there will be a position that needs to be filled for fall marching band and he will be interviewing people for that. Also, he said that there is a pit tech “hole” that still needs to be filled.

He then announced that the show concept is being changed. The show will now be named “The Good Wife’s Guide” and it will be a 50’s style concept. There will be 50’s style dresses for the guard, a lot of black and white, and different ideas based on the rooms of a home, dining room, kitchen, etc. The tarp and field will be set up like a 50’s style house.

He also talked about a website called Nimbitmusic.com. You can go to this website and search for FHN Bands. He will be able to store recordings here for all music performances (marching, concert/symphonic, percussion, etc.). People can then download them for free, or they can offer a donation of \$1.28 for the “hi-def” version. There will also be a way to donate any amount and all profits will go to the band programs. You can like and share so that you will get updates when new material is available. He would like there to be a link on the website for this as well.

He confirmed that marching band is expecting 82 members, and he says that this should make the FFC come down a bit. He also stated that percussion music is being wrapped up and that those students should hopefully have the music by Monday of next week (June 22).

Committee Reports:

Symphonic and Concert Band

Ted House

Ted indicated that he had nothing new to report.

Jazz Band

Open

No report. A volunteer is needed to head this committee.

Guard

Sarah Smith/Nicole Heine

Nicole reported that weekly practice has started for color guard. She also notified the group that one of the band students, Lauren Arata, has been performing this summer with the Colts Drum Corps. They are to perform on June 23rd and it’d be nice to give her some support.

Also it was reported that they were working on some fundraisers, the most recent one is to be held at Los Cabos on Wed. June 17th from 6-9pm. Flyers are available and must be presented at the restaurant. Also, new guard members will be getting “warm ups”. We have 11 total students as part of the marching band color guard this year, 3 seniors, 3 juniors, 1 sophomore, and 4 freshman.

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Pit/Visual/Maintenance

Jay Witte

Carolyn Witte reported for Jay. She said that Jay and Denny will meet to talk about maintenance that is needed.

Social/Publicity/ Historian

Open

No report. A volunteer is still needed for this committee.

Forms/Band Camp

Stephanie Slaughter

Craig Slaughter reported for Stephanie. He urged everyone to complete the forms, they can be found on the website and must be turned in before marching. The locker that the boosters use for paperwork is temporarily in the hallway, forms can be turned in there.

Stephanie asks for help at band camp during the day when snacks are served to the kids, around 10 am. Mon and Wed help, especially, is needed. It's a good time, fun to see what the kids are up to, and it's only for about an hour. Please consider helping out for one day or more if you can.

Also, for band camp, it is important that you make Stephanie aware of any food allergy, or special food needs that a student may have, so that it can be taken into consideration at snack time. (It is also important to make Diane Harms (Event Support) aware as well.)

Uniforms

Debbie Winkle

Debbie reported that uniforms are here. During all of the remodeling a rack has been misplaced and they are continuing to search for it. There are still a few students that need to be measured, but only about 8.

Middle School Communication

Kelly Bogda

No report. Jeff asked about the middle school night. We will host the middle school students on that night. It will be the second home football game, September 4, 2015.

Senior Committee

Open

The senior committee this year will be a team effort. Parents can start planning together, silly fun things that don't have to cost a lot of money. The seniors will be

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asked what things are important to them. Senior parents please stay tuned for more information.

Event Support

Diane Harms

Diane is working on coming up with a few new foods and things for this year. Supplies will need to be purchased this year that had been already available last year, so that will be a cost that we didn't have last year. Last year she spent about \$700-\$900 per event, but that number is dependent on amount of people, so it'll probably be higher this year. The budget for this year was based on about 70.

Fundraising

Nicole Heine

Nicole stated that there was not much to report at this time.

Family Arena

Kevin Harms

Kevin informed the group that the June event at the Family Arena had been cancelled. Some new weekend dates are coming for July. Those interested in this fundraiser please be looking for his email about upcoming dates.

Logos

Heather Weber

Heather said that a letter was sent to all section leaders telling them that they needed to have a design figured out for their section shirts by July 8th. If you have a section leader student, please remind them. For the show shirts, now that we have firmed up the show concept, the t-shirt company can start working on ideas for the design and hopefully will have it ready by beginning of band camp. Parents are able to order show shirts, and hoodies, too, for a small fee.

Scrip

Mindy Chaney

Mindy wants everyone to know that scrip is a great way to raise funds for your FFC acct.

New Business:

Jeff announced that in addition to new paint and new carpet, the band room is getting new sound panels. They will be a reddish color. They should be installed next week sometime. The district should help get the lockers back into the room, but help will be needed to get the room organized and situated, between June 29-July 2nd would be a good time to work on this. NHS members should be able to get service hours for helping to set up the band room, he is trying to get the NHS points approved.

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Jeff also asked everyone to be aware of the property tax levy, Prop Y. The election is on August 4, 2015. He says that FHSD is asking for a 90 cent operating levy. It is only the 2nd time in 25 years that the school board has asked for an increase. The district has been good to support the band program, including instruments, etc. and he feels that it would be good for the band program to support the district.

Jeff was asked about the trip to Washington D.C., he stated that the dates for that trip include the date that was given to our group for the Art in Motion competition, Mar 19th. It is a big fundraiser and can't be eliminated, he said. In addition, we need volunteers in town to work that fundraiser. So, we are going to need to come up with another shorter trip as an alternative. Maybe Chicago or Nashville. There will be more information about this at the August meeting. The trip will be for anyone that participates in any performing ensemble.

Also, we need to start recruiting volunteers for Music in Motion. There will be several committees working together as a team. Mark Lewis has volunteered to be on the team, and Jay and Denny will head the parking committee. Two other co-chairs are needed. Mark Lewis has taken the initiative to notify Henderson Elementary school to save the date for our group, and to try not to plan any other events for that day.

Old Business:

The meeting ended at approximately 7:50. A motion was made to adjourn by Debbie Winkle, and it was seconded by Diane Harms.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lorie Busby.