

Francis Howell North High School

Band Boosters Association, Inc.

General Meeting Minutes

July, 21, 2015

Call to Order

Shelley Willott, President

Shelley called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to start the meeting. A motion was made by Teresa Schlogl, seconded by Mardi House, the motion carried.

Shelley introduced Mike Janes, FHN activities director. Mr. Janes thanked the group for the opportunity to speak. He talked about facilities at FHN that had been recently updated: The auditorium has new paint, new curtains, and new sound boards, it should also be getting new carpet over the coming fall break. The band field (upper field) is currently under renovation. The field will be made level, and sprinklers will be installed. Due to the very wet weather during the month of June, it is somewhat behind schedule. The field is on schedule to be seeded this fall. Also, a new sidewalk/driveway is being constructed for getting instruments up to the field, it will be located outside of the student parking area. This will be happening soon, within the week, if the weather cooperates. For this marching band season, due to field reconstruction, when the band is not practicing in the stadium they will use the field behind the stadium bleachers. Mr. Janes says this is not ideal, but it will be worth it! Also, over the summer there were major changes to the band room: new carpet, new paint, new sound panels, as well as the same updates made to the practice rooms, and choir rooms.

Mr. Janes also talked about MSHSAA (Missouri State High School Activities Association), of which marching band is a part. The MSHSAA requirements to participate in extracurricular activities are that students must have passing grades in 3 credit hours in the previous semester, which means that out of 7 classes per semester, a student must pass at least 6 classes. Freshman are exempt from this rule for their first semester. He passed out information sheets about overnight field trips which covered the rules that parents must be aware of pertaining to those trips. Students must stay current on all school work, they must get a field trip form from Mr. Moorman and have it signed by all teachers, and they must follow the FHSD code of conduct (infractions may be dealt with by dismissal from the trip, the student's safe return the responsibility of the parent). Field trips are considered school sponsored events and the activities department provides transportation for marching band, solo/ensemble, jazz band, etc. Mr. Janes' department also has the final say about weather related cancellations.

Mr. Janes also talked briefly about Prop Y, the August 4 tax level increase proposal for the FHSD, and explained some of the reasons why he feels that its passage is important for FHN and for our program.

Shelley noted that there are now 3 ways that parents can communicate with each other and to stay informed. We have an updated website at the same address, FHNbands.com, to subscribe

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to the e-news you should go to this website and click on the “News” tab, and then click on the sentence that says “Subscribe to the FHNBB email newsletter”. We also have a new Facebook page especially for parents: “FHNBB Knightpride Parents/Boosters”, please look for this and click on “Join this Group”. There will be reminders posted there, and it’ll be a good way to ask questions of the other parents. Finally, we also have a new twitter account, it can be found at “FHNBB @fhnboosters”, click on “Follow” to follow information posted there. (You can also then go to settings and chose to receive mobile notifications when the account is updated)

Approval of the Minutes

Lorie Busby, Secretary

Lorie presented the June minutes for approval. Teresa Schlogl moved to approve, Stephanie Slaughter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report

Carolyn Witte, Treasurer

Carolyn presented the budget dated June 30, 2105. She noted the following: as discussed at the June meeting, the budget now includes an additional \$1500 in Pit/Visual for props. At June’s meeting it was also discussed that we’d need more money for Event Support due to more student participation than expected, but it has not been increased as discussed (see Event Support report). Also, the technology expense is higher than expected because the payment is for a 3 year subscription for the website, and not just 1 year. This was so that we could take advantage of a 30% discount for doing so. The extra money in the account for the Senior Committee is thanks to a donation made by Verizon on behalf of the Hinman family. A motion was made to accept the budget as is by Jeff Kolkmeier, and seconded by Jay Witte. The motion carried.

Vice President’s Report

Kevin Harms, Vice President

Kevin will be sending out the FFC statements and he explained that FFC stands for “Family Financial Commitment” and is the amount the families are expected to contribute for marching band. He has been working on the statements and they should be out very soon, hopefully this week. He needs to get a few email addresses still, but should have those as soon as all forms are in. He explained that the total amount is \$495, but can be paid in installments over the months of May, June, July, and August. Freshman families will be given some leeway on this. If you have any questions about payments please contact Kevin.

Directors’ Report

Jeff Moorman

Mr. Moorman talked about Freshman/Rookie camp. This year we have rookies that are freshmen, four sophomores, and even one junior. They have been practicing “on the turf” in the stadium and should be there until school starts. It is going well. He says that the kids will be

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sore as he has them doing push-ups to build endurance. He is also still working on organizing the band room, putting away and throwing away things. He will be coming in on weekends and asked for anyone that would like to help him with that to let him know! He also talked about Prop Y and his fear that if it doesn't pass our after-school marching band staff may be some of the first staff to be cut. He told about a phone bank that would be set up on Thursday to make calls, and said to let him know if anyone would like to help make calls.

Mr. Moorman also talked some more about marching band camp in general: Parent Preview (a time for students to show parents what they've worked on during band camp) will be held on Friday August 7th at 7:30pm. They will be done early that night. He also mentioned these things to keep in mind: It is nice to have sunglasses and/or a hat. Sunscreen is needed. At 10 am snacks are provided. The students are given a water break at least every 30 minutes. They need to wear good shoes for marching, no high tops or army boots. We have 21 new marchers and 83 total band members as of Tuesday July 21. He reminded everyone that it is important to have the medical aid forms turned in and for them to be accurate. He says it will be a fun show and that they plan on having the opener done by Friday night. FHSD "Howell Preview" will be on August 27th at 7 pm.

He also talked a little bit about the upcoming fundraiser competition held at FHN, Music in Motion. There will be a "sign-up genius" set up for that asking for volunteers for that event. We really need family members to volunteer for all major fundraisers. Trivia Night is another fundraiser that we hold usually in January. Art in Motion is another fundraiser held in the spring, it will be March 12th, 2016 at FHN. Kids can also volunteer and those that take a band class will get extra credit for doing so.

Jill Jansen also spoke to let everyone know that Dr. Knuutilla will be doing more physicals at FHN on Monday and Tuesday evening for \$30, which he will be donating to Winter Guard. They are good for any sport for this entire school year. There will be a sign up genius set up for this.

Committee Reports:

Symphonic and Concert Band

Ted House

No report

Jazz Band

Open

No report

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Guard

Sarah Smith/Nicole Heine

Sarah spoke and asked everyone to put the "Breakfast with Santa" fundraiser on their schedule. It will be held at Becky David again this year on Sat. Dec. 5th. They have one volunteer Santa, but really need another one to share the duties. It is the morning only.

Pit/Visual/Maintenance

Jay Witte

Jay let everyone know that "the field is the best place to see the show!" and that those that volunteer to make sure that everything gets on the field will get that view! He needs volunteers to help push instruments, etc. onto the field.

Social/Publicity/ Historian

Open

No report

Forms/Band Camp

Stephanie Slaughter

Stephanie asked for all forms to be turned in as soon as possible. Students can bring to band camp or can put into the Booster box (locker in the band room). She also asked for help serving snacks during band camp at 10 am. She appreciates the help from Denny and Paulette, but could use some other volunteers to come around 9:45. You can email her at cubs1011@hotmail.com. She would especially like help on Mondays and Wednesdays. She indicated that snack donations are much appreciated! We would like them to be nut free. People can send any amount they'd like, students are offered a variety to choose from.

Uniforms

Debbie Winkle

Debbie said she is still learning from Donna. They are working to get the students fitted. Most seniors will be done this week, then they have the rest to go. Anyone that can volunteer in the evenings is welcome to come to an evening practice and help out with fitting.

Middle School Communication

Kelly Bogda

Kelly and Stephanie worked together to make the goody bags for the "rookies". She reported that the September 4th, football game will be Middle School night. There will be a sign-up genius set up to help out with that.

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Senior Committee

Open

A meeting was held immediately after the general meeting for parents of seniors.

Event Support

Diane Harms

Diane will be surveying the kids to see what new kinds of food they might like. She will be trying to add some fun new things. She will be asking for donations of water bottles for competition days. She explained that there is a closet in the band room that the boosters use to store things. There is an area of that closet that remains locked that we call "the cage". Food, water, first aid materials, etc. are stored in there. We also store paper products, etc.

Diane also explained that there was a surplus of gift cards (\$1700) left over from the Art in Motion 2015 competition that had to be cancelled early because of snow. She can use these cards for event support and won't need to ask for an increase in the budget because of more students than budgeted for.

Fundraising

Nicole Heine

Nicole reported that information will be available soon for an August fundraiser for individual FFC accounts. There will also be sno-cones and cookies sold at the games. (We own a sno-cone machine and a small oven to bake the cookies in and sell those items at the football games for a general fundraiser).

Family Arena

Kevin Harms

Kevin reported that the Family Arena has given us 2 events for August. August 14th will be a Cuiivre River meeting, and Sunday, Aug 16th is White Snake. He will send out an email about these. There were questions about this fundraiser: where does the money go: directly into a family FFC account (as points). If you want to work for a different reason (ie: Winter Guard account, another family, etc.) you need to designate that prior to working. Kevin went over the rules for working at Family Arena: Nice Jeans (no holes), show shirt (or band, FHN, or solid color t-shirt), baseball cap. Students can work as runners if they are 16 or older. Cashiers must be 18 (or 21 if alcohol will be served). The amount earned is about \$41 and up, it can go higher depending on what type of event. This amount is then deducted from the FFC that you owe. Families can work as many as they want and save up for later band events or even next year.

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Logos

Heather Weber

Heather said section shirts for the kids should be ready for parent preview. Show shirt orders for parents are being taken now, orders must be turned in by July 31st, and there may not be a 2nd order. She is also working on getting senior shirts for seniors and families. Those orders are also due by July 31st.

Scrip

Mindy Cheney

Mindy's daughter Leah was manning the scrip table. Shelley explained a bit about how scrip works. There is a form for scrip on the website and there's a national form, too, that has different items as well.

New Business:

For Black and Gold Day we will be selling sno-cones for a general fundraiser. Volunteers will be needed. More information to follow.

Our 2nd annual parent social will be Thursday, August 13 at 6:30 at Garden Café ala Fleur, 524 S. Main Street, St Charles, Mo 63301. A buffet dinner will include soda or tea for \$11.95. Alcohol can be purchased separately. This restaurant is owned by Sarah Smith and her husband, if the weather is nice we will be able to sit outside.

We are still looking for an overnight trip chair person. The hotel is "mostly locked down" so it shouldn't be too much work. If anyone needs to get a background check to directly chaperone the students for the trip there is a link on the FHSD website.

Old Business:

We still need committee co-chairs to work with Mark Lewis on the Music in Motion competition on October 10th. Co-Chairs will only be responsible for a specific area, either field/concession, inside the building, or parking. All other families will be asked to volunteer to help this day as well.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:45 pm. A motion was made to adjourn by Sarah Smith and it was seconded by Diane Harms. The motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lorie Busby.