

Francis Howell North High School

Band Boosters Association, Inc.

General Meeting Minutes

August, 25, 2015

Call to Order

Shelley Willott, President

Shelley called to order at 7 pm, a motion was made to start the meeting by Denny Bauman, and was seconded by Diane Harms.

Approval of the Minutes

Lorie Busby, Secretary

Lorie asked for everyone to review the July meeting minutes. Motion to accept made by Donna Lewis, seconded by Denny Bauman.

Treasurer's Report

Carolyn Witte, Treasurer

Carolyn presented a budget dated July 31, 2015. She explained the following budget items: Technology: over budget because the expense is for the next 3 years, the budgeted amount was for this year only, it will pay for itself over time; Colorguard: has and will need to purchase show and practice flags, rifles and misc. equipment; Pit/Visual/Maintenance is at zero only because there have been no receipts submitted for July yet; Logos: will be somewhat over budget only because we have more members than budgeted for, it will be a wash in the end; New Member Camp: included healthy snacks, and pizza dinner, etc.; Event Support: not started yet. Motion to accept the budget made by Denny Bauman, seconded by Jay Witte.

Vice President's Report

Kevin Harms, Vice President

Kevin reported that he will be working on statements over the weekend and all statements will go out by Monday. He was asked about and reported that most likely the last payment will remain at \$120, and will not be decreased as was considered. Mr. Moorman reported that the money will probably be needed, and that any overage could go to the Symphonic Trip.

Directors' Report

Jeff Moorman

Mr. Moorman talked about the itinerary for Howell Preview. The students will wear uniforms for the first time this season, they will learn how to, and will be responsible for, taking care of their own uniform and instrument. Call time for Howell Preview is 5 pm, kids should start arriving to school around 4:30-4:45. They should wear a solid white shirt and shorts that are thin and not too baggy which will be worn under their uniform. Students should bring a snack for the bus ride to FHHS. They will change into uniform once they are there.

There will be new songs this year for pep songs, and for the first time in recent history the band will sit next to the student section at the football games. The Friday, August 28th game will be a Black and Gold theme.

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Band group pictures will be taken after school on Thursday September 3rd. There was a picture order form that was passed around at the meeting, extra copies are in the band room. Students need to have this on Thursday, filled out, with payment included.

Tom Barcroft, a photographer and former band parent, will again be taking pictures this year, he plans to take a group shot of the marching band on one of the competition days and will use that to design a poster that will be available for purchase at a very reasonable price, with the proceeds to go to our general fund.

Committee Reports:

Symphonic and Concert Band	Ted House
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No report.

Jazz Band	Open
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No report. We still need a volunteer for this position!

Guard	Sarah Smith/Nichole Heine
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No report

Pit/Visual/Maintenance	Jay Witte
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Jay reported that he has been working on getting new tires, alignments, a new brake line. Denny will help with tires on the trailer. Volunteers are needed! There is a need for someone to drive the box truck, and at least 11 parents to help move equip on and off the field. It was discussed that if a crew of 18-20 people would sign up for this, that the jobs could be rotated among the competitions. Jay would like to have a sign up genius for this.

Social/Publicity/ Historian	Open
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No report. We still need a volunteer for this position!

Forms/Band Camp	Stephanie Slaughter
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Craig Slaughter read the following report from Stephanie in her absence:

“Band Camp 2015 was a huge success. A big thank you to all the parents who helped Denny and me this year. Whether you helped serve snacks, sno-cones, pizza, sent in donations, filled new member bags or had a kind word of encouragement we sincerely appreciate it. Just to give you an idea of what your kids were eating this year: 44 lbs of frozen grapes, 25 lbs of oranges, 11 lbs of apples, 5 big boxes from Costco of Cheese-Itz and Goldfish, roughly 800 Popsicles, animal

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crackers, strawberries, chips, salad, pizza. These are just some of the snacks we served. Also, Kelly Bogda and I put together 40 new member bags! Yay! Again thank you for your support, we could not have done it without you. I look forward to next year although I will miss my Band Camp BFF Denny :)”

Craig discussed the “Music In Motion” program. There will be ads in the program. Selling ads for the program is a fundraiser, 1/3 of the amount raised will be applied to a families FFC account. You may sell as many ads as you’d like. Ads are available in ½ page for \$45, and full page for \$75. Checks written for ads can go to Craig or to Carolyn Witte. “Sponsorships” are also available which include an ad, an announcement made over the loudspeaker, tickets for the event, etc. He passed around a hand out that explained this in more detail. This will also go out as an eblast (email) sometime soon. Be on the lookout for that!

Uniforms

Debbie Winkle

Donna Lewis passed along thanks from Debbie for all of the help getting the kids fitted for uniforms. The last 2 students were completed on Wed, Aug 26. All bags and boxes are labeled and ready to go. Racks still need to be labeled with names. She included that Duane told them that guard will be responsible for their own uniforms. Please consider volunteering to help with uniforms! They will need help to get kids in the uniforms, and help with gauntlets, etc. Please encourage kids to bring socks and shirts home for washing and not leave them in their uniform bag!

Middle School Communication

Kelly Bogda

Kelly reported that our annual Middle School night is soon! Sept 4th. She has been talking with Mr. Moorman about how to incorporate “vertical learning”, working with the middle schools, and hopefully even the grade schools. For Middle School night she has sent a flyer for the middle school families to PeachJar, she has created a signup genius for our booster group to offer help that she needs for this night. She sent around a clip board as well. Volunteers can sign up to bring food, help with set up, and meet with the prospective families. Unfortunately, this football game is over Labor Day weekend, but hopefully we will still have a good turn out! One new idea is that name badges will be color coded per section, so that fellow section members will be easy to spot.

Also, there will be a recruiting poster; any pics that you’d like to contribute would be welcomed! Kelly also hopes to reach out to the parochial schools as well as the dance teams at the middle schools.

Senior Committee

Open

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No report

Event Support

Diane Harms

Diane will send out an eblast to ask for volunteer donations when the time comes. She can always use water bottles. She is also looking for volunteers to help with feeding the kids. Please contact her if you are able to help.

Fundraising

Nichole Heine

Collin Heine (co-chair) reported that there were \$439 worth of sno-cones and cookies sold on Black and Gold Day. He needs volunteers at all football games to help man the booth, show up at 6-6:15 to help with set up. (There will be a sign-up genius set up for this)

There will be a popcorn fundraiser coming on Sept 15th. All of the proceeds from this will be applied directly to your FFC account, it will be 40% of the sale of each \$8 item. Orders will also be able to be placed online. Orders and money will be due on Sept. 29th, checks are to be made out to FHNBB, please put the student's name on the check.

While we were on the subject of fundraising, Dr. Tim Knuutilla asked about what the group thought we could do differently next year to better take advantage of his offer to raise money by providing sports physicals for any student that needed one for fall sports. All proceeds were to go to marching band, however, not many people attended. It seemed like all thought it was a great idea for a fundraiser, but it was suggested that it be advertised much earlier next year. It could be advertised at the Ice Breaker, a flyer could be part of the forms packet, we should think of other ideas to get it advertised to the rest of the student athletes.

Also, Tom Barcroft brought up the possibility of working security at the Rams Games. He had a contact last year, and thought it was a good money maker.

Family Arena

Kevin Harms

Kevin stated that both events were staffed for August. There will be no September events. For October we will get at least one, and he has been promised that it will "be a good one". Look for an eblast about that around Sept 10th.

Logos

Heather Weber

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Heather will be placing a 2nd and final order for more show shirts. Friday, Aug 27th is the deadline to let her know. They may be in by Labor Day weekend. The "STAFF" shirt that is worn when we are working at band events can be ordered, they will be \$9. These are completely optional!

Scrip

Mindy Cheney

Mindy announced that sometime soon Costco Scrip will be available in \$100 increments! The discount amount will probably be 1.5%. She will be at McClay library again next Tues, Sept 1st, to get back on track, since we had a change in our regular meeting date.

New Business:

Chaperones: You must have a district approval only if you want to accompany the group AND ride the bus. Otherwise, it is not absolutely necessary. It would be nice if there were a few parents to help on the bus for the overnight trip. Go to fhdsharpschools.net for more information on how to apply for the background check, approval is generally within a few days.

For the overnight trip, the band will play sometime between 11-1. The busses will leave the school at 5 am!

The parent social dinner was successful, thanks were given to Sarah Smith and her family for hosting it at their restaurant, Garden Café ala Fleur.

Trivia Night date will be January 9th, 2016. It will be held at the Firefighters Hall on McMenemy Road, in St. Peters (same place as last year). We need to start soliciting businesses for donations now. Last year it was discovered that many businesses need a long lead time (sometimes as long as 8 weeks) in order to approve and send donations, tickets to events, etc. We will need a volunteer to send out donation letters, etc. Amy Prinster suggested trying to get Disney tickets donated. Steve Willott suggested that we use a google doc to share information (who has contacted which businesses so we don't duplicate efforts, organizing donations, etc.). It can be edited by all using it. It has been decided that for this year, the proceeds from Trivia Night will be divided as follows: The first \$3,600 will go to the general fund, the next \$1000 will be split evenly between Winter Guard and Symphonic Band, and any amount above that will go to the scholarship fund.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:26 pm. A motion was made to adjourn by Jay Witte, seconded by Ashley Rehm-Kent. Minutes respectfully submitted by Lorie Busby.