

Francis Howell North High School

Band Boosters Association, Inc.

General Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2015

Call to Order

Shelley Willott, President

The meeting was called to order at 7pm with a motion made by Denny Bauman, and seconded by Craig Slaughter. Shelley talked about what a great weekend we had at the Belleville/O'Fallon competitions, thanked everyone for their hard work and offered congrats to the band. She talked about the upcoming out of town trip, explained how we were going to have to be open about the times for everything because so much was up in the air about finals, etc.

Approval of the Minutes

Lorie Busby, Secretary

Lorie asked everyone to look over the minutes from the last meeting, and after a short while there was a motion to accept the minutes from Ashely Rehm-Kent, seconded by Denny. She also reminded everyone that they can get information about the marching band activities at the website, FHNBBands.com, or on the Facebook page set up for boosters: FHNBB Knightpride Parents/Boosters.

Treasurer's Report

Carolyn Witte, Treasurer

Carolyn discussed the budget dated Aug 31, 2015. Line items discussed were: MS Communications, expenses will increase because of band night; Event Support, the gift cards leftover from last year are still covering most things so far; Pit-Visual-Maintenance will be renting box trucks for the BOA trip from Penske. That's an unexpected, but necessary, expense because our trucks have been acting unreliable. The money for this expense will come from the general fund. (Janet Schneider made us aware that she works for Enterprise, we may want to consult with her for any future truck rentals) ; Logos increased amount is expected because of more students than estimated; Band Camp did a good job sticking to budget, thanks in part to donations from families; Uniforms will have an expense next month for shoes, gloves, etc.; Fundraising purchases are for snow-cone syrup and cookies, the money made from Black and Gold Day is a little less than expected; Trivia Night expense is a \$300 deposit for facility.

A motion to accept the budget was made by Jeff Kolkmeier and seconded by Jay Witte.

Vice President's Report

Kevin Harms, Vice President

Kevin will be answering all emails that he has received from band families this week, we should expect statements by the end of the month. Please see Kevin if you need to catch up on payments, or if you have any questions about the amount of FFC that is due.

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Directors' Report

Jeff Moorman

Mr. Moorman had itinerary handouts for the BOA competition with a map of the campus on back. He also had 15 complimentary tickets for finals for the competition available to committee chairs. FHN will be in class 3A for this competition.

He advised the group that if they have a student in symphonic band those students have homework that is an open notes test over vocab words, and they should see him before or after school if they needed to finish that.

He announced that the Thursday, Sept 17th practice would be from 5:45-9 and reminded that there was no school on Friday. On Friday, Sept 18th the kids would practice 4:15-5:30 at stadium, and perform about 6:30. Parents can walk in at this time with the band. Kids should wear all black shirt under uniform for "Black Out" game, can bring luggage on Friday night, and will hopefully play only until 3rd quarter then leave early.

BOA: Due to earlier than expected performance time, the departure time will be 3:50 am Saturday, Sept. 19th. Luggage to be loaded at 3:30am. Students can bring pillow and/or blanket for the bus ride. Parents with clearance can ride a bus.

Mr. Moorman also had handouts with the time schedule for the Lafayette competition on Sept 26. The prelims performance will be 1:58.

He also advised that the performance time for the Oct 3 competition at Fort Zumwalt North should be about 11 am.

There was a question about the tarp usage, and what could be done to make them work out better. (The glare is making them difficult to see, and they are causing some kids to trip). Weights and taping were discussed. Mr. Moorman said that we'd see how they work out at BOA and then may rework some things.

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 reminded everyone to keep their schedule open for Breakfast with Santa, which is a fundraiser held at Becky-David on December 5th, 2015.

Pit/Visual/Maintenance

Jay Witte

Jay thanked everyone for their help at Belleville and O' Fallon, IL competitions. Let Jay know if you are available to help with the equipment for any of the competitions.

Social/Publicity/ Historian

Open

No report. We still need a chair for this committee!

Forms/Band Camp

Stephanie Slaughter

No report

Uniforms

Debbie Winkle

Debbie reminded all that kids should be wearing all black socks, and that they should be bringing them home to be washed.

Middle School Communication

Kelly Bogda

Kelly thanked everyone that helped with Middle School Night. There were about 20 middle schoolers in attendance, with about 40 family members. The amount of food donated was fabulous and didn't go to waste, as it was all shared again with the band kids during the band break.

Senior Committee

Open

Senior parents will meet after the general meeting to plan activities for seniors.

Event Support

Diane Harms

Diane discussed the details for feeding the kids over the weekend. Breakfast before bus, prepackaged for bus ride. Picnic lunch around 11:30 Snack box to be available at hotel for later. Dinner would be "on the fly", each student will get \$10 to purchase a dinner meal. Sunday am breakfast will be avail and provided by the hotel. Diane could still use donations for little water bottles.

Diane reminded everyone that we do have a student with a peanut allergy, and to please be aware of this when the students are putting together their secret pal gifts. No peanut products for anyone in the band, please.

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Fundraising

Nicole Heine

Collin Heine talked about the popcorn fundraiser, he handed out flyers at the meeting. There are 8 types of popcorn. Checks should be made out to FHNBB. Orders will be delivered to FHN. There will be a 2 week ordering window and will end on Tuesday, Sept 29. Orders can also be placed online, but there is an extra delivery charge if you want the order shipped directly.

Family Arena

Kevin Harms

We will have October Family Arena date list soon. Kevin's trying to get us good dates, opposite of our competition weekends. There will be an e-blast email with dates soon, they are "first come-first serve".

Logos

Heather Weber

Heather said that she still has show shirts for 6 families that haven't picked them up yet. "Staff" shirts are available to purchase: M-XL \$9, XXL \$10.50, XXXL \$12. Let Heather know if you are interested. These are for boosters only, we like to wear them when we volunteer at our competitions or at other events. However, it's not required to have one in order to volunteer!

Scrip

Mindy Cheney

Mindy has written a description of how scrip works that explains it all in great detail, she had copies at the meeting, and it is also available on the website under the "Fundraising" subtitle on the "Forms" page.

New Business/Old Business:

Shelley talked about Music in Motion. It will be held on Oct 10th, planning for that will start after BOA is over, it should be easy to plan. Seven bands will be hosted here. We will organize the planning by zones: field, concession, and building. We will need volunteers for two different 5 hour shifts. We will use sign up genius for this. Craig Slaughter is working on programs for this event. Selling ads for those is a way for families to earn money for individual FFC accounts, one third of the money will go to FFC. Ad selling points are that everyone with a ticket will get a program, company names will be announced between performances on the PA system.

We will have Halloween Night on Oct 17th, and even though that's over fall break it is hoped that the students and their families that are in town can make it. We will use a projector from library, show a movie on side of truck, maybe in the alcove by the band room, since the practice

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field is still under construction. Tents will be set up for food, etc. Mark Lewis will need help with set up. He has plans to set up a haunted theater. More details on this later.

Steve Willott notified that he has “hard copies” of the Buzz Book for each family, see him if you didn’t get one. Also, an electronic copy is available – contact webmaster@fhnbands.com to get a link to the document.

Steve also talked about Trivia Night. Attached to the paperwork handed out at this meeting is a letter and flyer for trivia night. If you have donor contacts, please let him know. There will be a link to a google doc so that we can compile information and so that no one duplicates efforts. Using the google doc, information of all kinds can be entered, for example if your insurance agent will donate pencils, etc. The cost to sponsor rounds is \$50. We will put sponsor info on the overhead that is used that night, and give thanks at beginning and end, we can put out their business cards on the tables. We will need good logos for all sponsors.

Adjournment:

The meeting ended at approximately 8:02 pm. A motion was made to adjourn by Mark Lewis and seconded by Stephanie Slaughter.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lorie Busby.