

FHN Band Booster Meeting December 15, 2015

Shelley called the meeting to order @ 7:01 pm with a motion from Jeff Kolkmeir and a second from Cassie Rehm. Shelley talked about what a great job the 19 band kids did at All State auditions last weekend. Congratulations to our tuba player, Dominic Schneider, for making 1st chair! Shelley also encouraged all the kids to try out next year, it's a great learning experience.

Secretary:

Shelley talked for Lorie, as Lorie was unable to be at tonight's meeting. Stephanie Slaughter filled in for Lorie as secretary. Shelley asked everyone in attendance to read over the minutes for approval. Jeff Kolkmeir made a motion to accept the minutes, Denny Bauman made a second and the minutes were passed.

Treasurer:

Carolyn reviewed the budget. She is waiting on a few final checks before making the final deposit for Breakfast With Santa. Everything was in for Music in Motion. The event profited \$3048.72 more than expected. This made everyone cheerful. Jay Witte asked if it was possible for the boosters to have their money in an interest bearing account. Carolyn answered it was not possible because the group is a non-profit. It was stated that the boosters should be proud of how far they have come with the amount of money in the bank. Jeff Kolkmeir made a motion to accept the budget, Denny Bauman second the motion. The budget passed.

VP:

Kevin said he didn't have this month's statements out yet but he would get them out this week. There are still a few families that owe money. Please keep trying to pay down those accounts.

Director:

Jeff said the concert last Thursday went well. The bands played to a packed house. He said the symphonic opener was good and the kids had really improved over the last week. Dr. Sloan was in attendance and said she really enjoyed the concert. Several people said they enjoyed the surprise of Christmas carols as an encore. Jeff believes he has about 20 kids interested in marching band next year but could possibly be more. Marching band will lose 19 seniors. He stressed the marching band needs percussion players and guard members so if anyone knows someone interested please let him know. He talked briefly about the upcoming budget cuts for next school year. Not much is known yet. Woodwind Choir and Brass Choir have been going to the middle schools and elementary schools the last few weeks. They play for the kids as they are leaving school, promoting band. They have been well received by everyone. Solo and ensemble music is out. He is stressing solos for all kids this year. It's a great experience and teaches the kids ownership. Ron Carter, one of the best jazz instructors, will at the school January 11th for 2 hours, working

with the jazz band. The jazz band will attend Jazz at Lincoln Center at Webster High on January 13th. Other dates for the upcoming semester was printed on the concert programs from the other night. It was asked if Bob Busby can send out the dates in an email blast for those who were not at the concert.

Symphonic:

Ted House spoke about how wonderful the concert was. There was a round of applause for Jeff and the band kids.

Jazz:

Shelley did not have a lot more to add to what Jeff had already talked about. She did mention that she was trying to get Steffanina's to cater the Jazz Dinner rather than Fazoli's.

Guard:

Sarah could not be at the meeting so Shelley spoke for her. She began by praising Sarah for a wonderful job with Breakfast with Santa. It is believed the final count may be down by 50 people which is not bad. This year it was a little more difficult getting the word out because flyers could not be handed out at the elementary schools. There was some discussion on new ways to promote the event. Kristie Gordon mentioned Becky David has movie nights a few times a year and this may be a good event to attend and promote Breakfast with Santa. Jeff said he would send small ensembles to play at the movie night. Jay was amazing in the kitchen. Not only did he do a great job feeding all those people, he was also able to get almost everything used in the kitchen donated. This was a great cost savings. It was stated by Shelley how much the profit of this event has gone up over the years. The first few years the profit was only a few hundred dollars. It was agreed that Becky-David is a great location for this event.

Middle School:

Kelly was not able to attend the meeting. Shelley spoke about the Barnwell and Hollenbeck concerts. Barnwell had about 20 kids interested in marching band and Hollenbeck had about 6. Kelly spoke at the Barnwell concert, she did a wonderful job talking about marching band, guard, and band classes.

Event:

Diane still has 2 roasters left over from Halloween. It was decided the roasters were donations to the band.

Family arena:

Kevin stated last Thursday he did have enough workers for the Jingle Fest event. Everyone who worked profited \$77.24 towards their FFC account. He stressed the importance of filling slots when they become available in order to stay in good standing with the Family Arena. There will be 6 events in January. Kevin is hoping to get 3 of the dates. They are all Saturday and Sunday dates. His first choice of events is a cheerleading event. It is a great money maker. It is a two day event that last from

9:00 am to 9:00 pm each day. He hopes to get one of the days. If he does he will split the day into two shifts. He hopes to know the January dates around December 27th. He will send out an email as soon as he has the dates. Kevin also asked for someone to take over the Family Arena job for him. He has been in charge of the arena for 3 years. His thought is if he could have someone learn the ropes during the circus dates (March) that would be nice.

Trivia:

Shelley spoke for Steve. There are still 16 tables left for reserve. This is less than last year at this time. Kohls in Bridgeton is partially committed to volunteering that night. They asked if they could get a table to play. If they come and play the boosters will earn \$500. There will be no charge to them for a table. Try to get neighbors and friends to buy a table. It's great when the booster families buy tables but it's even better to get some outside money too. Tonight is the last night to get scrip gift cards to donate to trivia night. We still need more donations. There is a sign-up genius out if anyone would like to work the event rather than play. A nominal amount of volunteers is needed.

Art in Motion:

Art in Motion will be held March 12th. There are 43 groups signed up. This year the event is strictly guard groups, no drumlines. The event will be from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. This is a fundraiser for winter guard and band. We will need everyone's help that day.

New Business:

Chicago trip-it was decided Jeff is swamped right now so after break he will get out more details. So far it was discussed that the kids will need to put down a \$100 deposit to secure their spot. An itinerary will be sent out the 1st part of January. The date for the trip is March 20th-March 24

Jay Witte said it's time to start thinking about if you or someone you know is interested in an executive board position or committee position for next year. The elections will be held in February. An email will be sent out about the available positions.

Mark Lewis talked about the need to form the scholarship committee. Paperwork for the kids interested in the scholarship should go out at the end of January.

Tom Barcroft donated pictures of the kids at Breakfast with Santa. Thank you Tom. Shelley will use them in the slideshow at the banquet then Kristie will use them on the new picture boards she is creating.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:47 pm by Denny Bauman. Diane Harms happily made a second motion. Cookies were enjoyed by all thanks to Mark and Donna Lewis!