

# Francis Howell North High School

Band Boosters Association, Inc.

## **General Meeting Minutes**

**January 26, 2016**

Due to inclement weather on our regular meeting date, Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, the district cancelled evening activities and our meeting was postponed until the following week.

### **Call to Order**

**Shelley Willott, President**

Shelley called the meeting to order at 7:04. A motion was made by Denny Bauman and seconded by Jeff Kolkmeier to start the meeting. Shelley said that she had several topics that she wanted to cover. First, a nominating committee was appointed and met before this meeting. They will be contacting the nominees, although voting will have to wait until March due to snow days, etc. Second, Shelley reminded everyone about our Art in Motion fundraiser on March 12. We have 46 units signed up. They will start at 10 am, and finish by 6, we should be done with clean up around 8pm. We will need lots of parents and kids to volunteer on that day and on Friday, March 11 for set up. She said that we'd try to get Kohl's workers for this day. (She noted that 4 Kohl's groups attended our Trivia Night, and in addition to their volunteering their time, Kohl's will be donating \$2,000 to our group!) Next, she mentioned that Solo and Ensemble will be March 5 at Fort Zumwalt East High School. Finally, she reminded everyone that the annual banquet will be May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

**Lorie Busby, Secretary**

Lorie thanked Stephanie Slaughter for filling in for her in December and those minutes were presented for review. Thanks Stephanie! After a few minutes a motion was made to approve the December minutes by Tony Bradbury, seconded by Denny Bauman.

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Carolyn Witte, Treasurer**

Carolyn asked everyone to review the treasurer's report from December. She noted that there was a tentative profit from Trivia Night of \$5,818. This will be divided as follows: \$3500 will go to general account, \$500 will go to Winterguard account, \$500 will go to Symphonic Band account, and remaining will go to scholarship fund. A motion to accept the budget was made by Jeff Kolkmeier, seconded by Denny Bauman.

### **Vice President's Report**

**Kevin Harms, Vice President**

Kevin reported that statements went out to all on Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, please contact him if you didn't get one or have any questions. We have approximately \$9,000 in fees that have not been collected from marching band. He will be contacting those families to set up a payment plan. Jeff Moorman added that he has spots that he wants to start filling for next fall and those families will need to get paid up so that they can continue. Kevin said that he would be reaching out with an email.

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### Directors' Report

Jeff Moorman

Mr. Moorman pointed out the calendar dates on the smart board. He announced that there would be no trip to Chicago. We will use some of the money that we have earned for that for the banquet on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. He has arranged for dueling piano players to be at our banquet. These are professional players that he knows and have agreed to come to our banquet. Another thing that he will do is to invite the band students and families to come to a Cardinals baseball game where his wife's school will also be performing. Seniors can get a free ticket, all other tickets will be around \$15-\$18. It will be early in the season this spring, so he will need RSVPs on that fairly soon. He will send out an email with more information about that. He has some other ideas that he is considering, one is a Jazz Day, and another is a symphony day where all band kids could go.

Also, Jeff talked about next fall's marching band schedule. Fall break will be Oct 10<sup>th</sup>. The weekend that we would normally have our competition would be Oct 8<sup>th</sup>. He feels that there are many other competitions that weekend and that he may not be available. He'd like to move our competition to Oct 15<sup>th</sup>. That is the end of fall break, but there is not a football game the night before. Oct 1<sup>st</sup> will be Fort Zumwalt's competition. He has not firmed up the staff for next fall yet. He received a lot of questions from the group about next year's schedule. He reported that that all should be firmed up soon. He reported that section leaders for next year have been notified and given forms for BOA with a Jan 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. It is an MFA camp in Muncie Indiana. See [musicforall.org](http://musicforall.org) for more information. There are lots of different camps available. The dates are June 25-July 2, with June 25-26 the leadership camp days. Drum Corps performs at the end of camp. Music has been chosen for fall, the concept is close, he says.

In addition, he continues to ask for someone to help him run the Jazz Dinner concert on May 6<sup>th</sup>. If you can volunteer some time to do this please contact him.

This year's Ice Breaker will be held later in the day than in the past so as not to conflict with the Girl Scout's April Showers community service program. The date will be April 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Special Recognition

Special recognition was given at the meeting to senior band student, Tristan Chenoweth. Tristan's Boy Scout Eagle Project was a new drum major stand for our practice field. He had money left over that he didn't use, and he presented that in a check to the group as well. We all agreed that it was a worthy project, and had turned out very nicely, we thanked Tristan with a round of applause. Thanks, Tristan!

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### Committee Reports:

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**Symphonic and Concert Band** **Ted House**

No report

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**Jazz Band** **Open**

No report

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**Guard** **Sarah Smith/Nicole Heine**

The guard earned a score of 64.9 at Park Hill. They were happy with that score. Their parent preview will be Thursday, Jan 28. Afterwards they will have fundraiser where they will use duct tape to tape Duane to the wall. Their show is called "Together Alone".

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**Pit/Visual/Maintenance** **Jay Witte**

No report

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**Social/Publicity/ Historian** **Open**

No report

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**Forms/Band Camp** **Stephanie Slaughter**

No report

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**Uniforms** **Debbie Winkle**

The uniforms need to be cleaned. Parent volunteers will be needed to help. Donna Lewis will help to oversee this project. Shelley will talk with Debbie and an email will be sent out to make arrangements for this.

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**Middle School Communication** **Kelly Bogda**

Kelly would like everyone to know that Ice Breaker will be April 16 from 1-3pm. She will be sending out an email with more information about this in March.

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**Senior Committee** **Open**

No report

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**Event Support** **Diane Harms**

No report

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### Fundraising

Nicole Heine

No report

### Family Arena

Cassie Rehm-Kent

Cassie is the new chair for this committee. We haven't been given any Feb events.

### Logos

Heather Weber

No report

### Scrip

Mindy Cheney

Because of the weather cancellation, Scrip pick up dates were also changed. Next month dates will return to normal, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, in February.

### **New Business:**

There was discussion about purchasing a software program to assist in organizing the marching band. It has many features which our executive board believes could be helpful. It helps to track finances, trip accounts, individual family accounts, individuals can see their account balances at any time. It organizes forms and paperwork of all kinds, it can even assist with uniform management as well as instrument inventory. It has a mass text and email feature as well. It can be used by the booster group and by the director. There will be leg work to start and information will need to be entered. The program is about \$650/3 years after that an annual fee of \$300. Tony Bradbury made a motion to vote, there was a second by Susan Denno. A vote was taken and it was unanimous to go forward with the purchase. It was decided that the fee should come from the technology budget. There could be training for families to learn how to use the features.

Craig Hoffman asked about the band practice field: will we be using it this fall? If so, it's going to need some work, he says. Jeff said that the plan is for it to be reseeded this spring, he is hoping not to use it much until August. Craig said it's going to need more attention than they are giving it. There was a suggestion to contact Mike Janes (activities director) at [MikeJanes@FHSDschools.org](mailto:MikeJanes@FHSDschools.org) to keep it from being forgotten or overlooked.

The Hoffman's, Craig and Lynette, will continue to do concessions for our events for one final year, however they will need a "shadow" in order to be able to train someone this details of this very important volunteer position. Anyone interested please talk to Craig or Lynette, or a board member.

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### Old Business:

Mr. Moorman reported that the band had received a Thank You card from Becky David Elementary for times that an ensemble played at their dismissals. The small ensembles played Christmas music as the students were dismissed to their busses. There have also been ensembles playing at Harvest Ridge and Henderson.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:01 pm. A motion was made to adjourn by Denny, it was seconded by Jay Witte.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lorie Busby.