

# Francis Howell North High School

Band Boosters Association, Inc.

## **General Meeting Minutes**

**February 16, 2016**

### **Call to Order**

**Shelley Willott, President**

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 with a motion from Denny Bauman, seconded by Jay Witte.

Shelley congratulated Winterguard for their performance over the weekend, they placed first in their division at the WGI Kansas City Regional. She talked to the group about the Charms software purchase that was approved at the January meeting. She wanted to clarify a few things about the purchase. There is an annual subscription price of \$365, which can also be paid as a 3 yr. subscription of \$995. Some features of the program were discussed, such as: the ability to communicate with families, account balances available online, payments online, can set up accounts w/in accounts, uniform inventory, music library, overall benefits to the band director, and security of the program. The current board will work with the incoming board in order to ensure a smooth transition prior to the marching season. Shelley says that the bands in Rockwood School District are using it, and they've offered to work with her if we come across any questions. Francis Howell Central band also uses Charms. Booster members are encouraged to learn more about Charms at [charmsoffice.com](http://charmsoffice.com).

Shelley thanked the nominating committee for their hard work and for coming up with such a great selection of nominees for next school year's board and committees. The ballots had been distributed amongst the group and everyone was asked to place their vote.

There was also an announcement that our next meeting date will need to be changed due to FHN parent teacher meetings on the third Tuesday of March. The rescheduled meeting date will be the second Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. As usual, it will be held at 7 pm in the band room.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

**Lorie Busby, Secretary**

The January minutes were presented and a motion was made to accept them by Jeff Kolkmeier and Ashley Rehm.

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Carolyn Witte, Treasurer**

Carolyn presented the budget as of Jan 31, 2016. A motion was made to accept it by Jeff Kolkmeier, and seconded by Denny Bauman.

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

**Kevin Harms, Vice President**

Kevin said that statements were sent out on Monday evening, if you didn't get one or have any questions, please let him know. He reported that there is an outstanding balance for fall 2015

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of \$4,794.56. Emails were sent out to those families that have a balance for the fall asking for a plan for paying. (Shelley reminded the group that marching privileges can be withheld for future years if prior balances are not paid or a payment plan isn't approved. Please let Kevin know if you are still working on fundraising, waiting for a tax refund, etc.) All in all, about 90% of the fees from last fall have been collected, so that's pretty good. Winterguard balances are not included in that total, they have about \$4000 in uncollected fees.

### Directors' Report

**Jeff Moorman**

There is a Jazz concert on Thursday night, Feb 18 at FHC. It's free, and FHN Jazz will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> band performing.

Next Tues, Feb 23, will be the Ensemble concert. It'll start early, at 6pm, so that all groups can perform. It'll start in the auditorium with the large ensemble, and then the groups will disburse to different rooms. Kids will also have the chance to perform their solos in a room for Mr. Nenaber. This is all in preparation for the Solo and Ensemble Festivals in March. The first will be at FZE on Saturday, March 5, this will be solos and small ensembles. It's a fun day for the kids. Families are welcome to attend. It's a loud, musical day. Performance times will be available sometime next week. Performers should dress nicely, no jeans.

The Large Ensemble festival will be on Wed, March 16, at Holt High School. Symphonic Band will perform. Parents are invited and welcome to attend, even though it is in the middle of a work day. Times for that will be available about 2 weeks prior to the day.

Jeff also talked about 2016 fall break, FHN break will be the second full week of October, so we have moved our competition, Music in Motion, to the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of October. The competition days have all moved around. There are many competitions around the state on Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, but now UCM has moved theirs to the weekend of the 15<sup>th</sup>. He had planned on that being our overnight weekend, so now we will need to still figure that out.

He'd like to have food trucks for the FHHS preview night instead of the usual concessions. (Ashley Rehm spoke up and volunteered to help him find trucks for that night)

There is a big mud pit in the "cove" area near the band room. All of the gravel has been removed, and the area has been graded and left muddy. Jeff says that he talked with Mr. Mike Janes about it and found out that they were going to be grading that and seeding it. Jeff Kolkmeier spoke up and said that he had also talked with Mr. Janes about this. In addition to removing the gravel, the school may be putting up pylons to prevent anyone from driving back there. There was a group consensus that this was not going to work well for us. Previously, when it had been a "grassy" area, there was little grass. It was either dirt or mud. We have used that area to load and unload the instrument trucks, trailers, and carts. It's going to make

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things extra difficult if we aren't able to access this area or if it's muddy. The group discussed that we might want to reach out to Mr. Janes, on behalf of the band boosters, and let him know how we feel it will affect our work in helping the band students in and out of the building.

(Update: The exec board will also be sending a letter to send to Mr. Janes)

Mr. Moorman also reminded us that he'd like a parent to volunteer to help him with the Jazz Band dinner on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. He'd like someone to call businesses to ask for donations to the silent auction that will be held that evening.

He also announced that he needs a count on who is going to the Cardinals game. Seniors will get a free ticket, let him know by Feb 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Committee Reports:

#### Symphonic and Concert Band

**Ted House**

Ted detailed some of the events coming up for the band class students. He reminded about the concert on Tuesday, Feb 23 for all of the participants in the Solo and Ensemble Festival. The students will have the chance to preview their performances for an audience. This will be held at FHN.

The District Solo and Ensemble Music Festival will be Sat, Mar 5<sup>th</sup>. The FHN Band Boosters will be providing a goody bag to all participants. Ted will be assembling these. Parents are encouraged to handwrite a letter or card of encouragement to their student to be included in the goody bag. Letters can be given to Mr. Moorman or you can drop off at Ted's front porch prior to the date. Ted's address can be found in the buzz book. Also, if you'd like to donate some items to be included in the bag, please contact Ted about that. Please keep in mind that we have nut allergies, so no treats containing nuts. There will be about 29 soloists performing from FHN, and including all of the students in the ensembles there will be about 80 total participants. Please remember to send some money with your student to purchase lunch/snacks. There will be concessions available, and sometimes kids walk down the street to Imo's. (There was a question about if we would need any transportation for bigger percussion instruments, Mr. Moorman said he thought we could borrow those from FZE, but he would check to be sure)

Symphonic Band will be performing on Wed, March 16<sup>th</sup> at District Large Ensemble will at Wentzville Holt. If you can attend, or help chaperone, please let Mr. Moorman know.

#### Jazz Band

**Open**

No report. Mr. Moorman emphasized that he'd like to work with a parent for the Jazz concert.

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## Guard

**Sarah Smith/Nicole Heine**

Sarah reported that Winterguard took 1<sup>st</sup> place at their first regional, and they were happy with their scores. Their next regional will be in Indy. The sign-up sheet for Art in Motion is out for family volunteers, the kids will sign up about a week before, so they don't forget. It's a major fundraiser. There will be about 50 units. It's an all-day event. We'll need to reserve Henderson for parking. Please fill up the sign in sheet!

## Pit/Visual/Maintenance

**Jay Witte**

Jay said that the flatbed trailer is missing, it was parked in the cove area. When the district started the work there is disappeared. Has anyone seen it?

## Social/Publicity/ Historian

**Open**

Shelley talked a bit about the banquet. It's May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kids can start arriving around 5 pm for appetizers, dinner will be around 6 or 6:15. There will be dueling pianos. There will be no fee to attend for anyone this year. It'll be held in the FHN commons and since there were funds left over from bandcoming and event support, we will use that to purchase fried chicken. Families will be asked to bring in a dish to share. There will be a sign up. Seniors will receive a plaque, just as in previous years.

## Forms/Band Camp

**Stephanie Slaughter**

No report

## Uniforms

**Debbie Winkle**

Debbie will be getting uniforms ready on Thursday, Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, from 6-9. Donna Lewis will help, they would like help from others as well. Uniforms just need to be taken out of the bags, separated, and boxed up. Gauntlets will be cleaned this time, too, the district should pay for that. One uniform needs to be repaired. DeMoulin uniform company will need to be contacted to perform the repair and check warrantee status.

## Middle School Communication

**Kelly Bogda**

Kelly will discuss Ice Breaker at the next general meeting. It'll be April 16 from 1-3pm.

## Senior Committee

**Open**

No report.

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### Event Support

Diane Harms

No report.

### Fundraising

Nicole Heine

No report.

### Family Arena

Cassie Rehm

Cassie requested Saturday circus dates, but since we didn't have enough volunteers for Sunday, we may not get Saturday. She should know March dates soon.

### Logos

Heather Weber

No report.

### Scrip

Mindy Cheney

Mindy alerted everyone that even with the change in meeting dates Scrip pickup/order dates will remain on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays as usual (1<sup>st</sup> at McClay library, 3<sup>rd</sup> at FHN band room). Also, to be aware that there are 5 Tuesdays in March, so plan accordingly.

### **New Business:**

Mark Lewis spoke about scholarships for seniors. He'd like someone to work with him to collect the essay and paperwork. He asked for a non-senior parent. Tom Barcroft and Mrs. Steep have agreed to evaluate the submissions. Carolyn Witte offered to help with that. The cutoff date will be March 15<sup>th</sup>. Mark will be sending out an email to the senior families.

Stephanie reported that Craig is still working on ads for the Art in Motion program. This is a fundraiser for your individual account. If you sell an ad, one third of the money will be credited to your FFC account. A half page ad is \$45, a full page ad is \$75. There are also sponsorship levels, an email was sent out about this. The forms for this are on our website, fhnbands.com under Competitions->Art in Motion. Please make sure that the ad money is given to Craig, or in the drop box with a note about what it's for. There will be a section in the program for Guard seniors.

### **Old Business:**

The meeting ended at approximately 8:30 pm. A motion was made to adjourn by Denny BAUMAN and it was seconded by Jeff Kolkmeier.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lorie Busby.