

**Francis Howell North High School**  
Band Boosters Association, Inc.

**General Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, July 19, 2016**

**Call to order: Kelly Bogda, President:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. It was held in the FHN auditorium.

**1. Officer Reports:**

**President's Report-Kelly Bogda:** Kelly welcomed the group, especially all of the new families. She gave a brief overview of the things we would be discussing at the meeting. Mr. Mike Janes was in attendance to discuss his role as FHN Activities Director and how that pertains to our extra curricular band activities.

**Secretary-Lorie Busby:** Lorie asked everyone to look over the June minutes. There was a motion made to accept the minutes by Cindy Crump seconded by Tracy Hansen. The motion carried.

Lorie encouraged anyone that has not done so to visit our website at [FHNbands.com](http://FHNbands.com), click on the "News" tab, and then click on "Click Here to subscribe" to sign up for our email list. The emails come out fairly regularly, especially during the marching band season, with important information that you will want to know to keep current on what is going on. There is also a Facebook page specifically for parents to communicate with each other. It is "FHNBB Knightpride Parents/Boosters". All parents are invited to participate there, it is a faster way to get information out to everyone, as well as an easy way just to ask a question. If you have any questions about how to sign up for those things please contact Lorie at [secretary@fhnbands.com](mailto:secretary@fhnbands.com).

**Treasurer-Carolyn Witte:** Carolyn explained that the new budget just started on June 1, so most expenses that are "budgeted" have not occurred as "actual" expense yet. That will change throughout the year. So far we have paid insurance for the "OATS" bus, we have paid for music, and there have been some staff expenses not covered by district stipends. There was a motion to accept the budget made by Cassie Rehm-Kent and seconded by Jeff Kolkmeier. The motion carried.

**Vice President-Stephanie Slaughter:** Stephanie has sent out 3 emails so far. Statements have been emailed. She also sent out a welcome email in June to the new families. If you have not received those emails yet please contact her at [vicepresident@fhnbands.com](mailto:vicepresident@fhnbands.com).

Stephanie also reported that checks have been received from Family Arena. If you worked on June 6th, you will receive \$46.23/person and if you worked June 18th, you will receive \$48.19.

Parents are encouraged to let us know if they need to make alternate arrangements for payments. We can be flexible about the payment schedule, we just need to be aware of when to expect the money.

**2. Guest Speaker, Mr Mike Janes, FHN Activities Director:** First, Mr. Janes gave a facilities update for FHN. There is now going to be a new attendance sign-in area at the front doors to the school. This will help with possible security issues. There is also a new gym floor, the old

one was water damaged over the Winter Break, insurance paid to have it repaired. The band practice field is ready to be used, however it does have more weeds than it should and so after marching band season it will be reseeded. Also, the tower on that field may get painted.

Mr. Janes primarily wanted to talk to the group about the Knightpride out of town field trip, and any other band or Winterguard field trips. Students should be reminded that while on these trips all of the same rules apply as when they are at school, the same disciplines will also be applied. Students represent the FHSD. Parents may be asked to come and pick up their student out of town if there are disciplinary problems. Mr. Janes needs all parents to complete an out of town field trip form. These were handed out at the meeting, and must be returned by July 29th. (The forms are also available on the website [FHNBANDS.com](http://FHNBANDS.com))

Mr. Janes explained that the Activities Director closely monitors any field trips that are taken. He keeps an eye on the weather, especially in the winter, and will sometimes make the call to change the itinerary in order to keep the kids safe. He also monitors any transportation issues that there might be during the trip. He will be available to monitor unforeseen circumstances and to come up with a contingency plan, if needed.

Finally, Mr. Janes discussed the hiring of the new band director. He said he did not take this responsibility lightly. He said the band director is a "high profile" hire, and he looked at it as an opportunity for the band. They narrowed down the candidates from several hundred to a few, over the course of a few days. He is very excited that Mr. Rob Stegeman was chosen to be the new Director of Bands at FHN. He feels that Mr. Stegeman has great ideas, and will have a good relationship with the kids. He stated that our band has a great tradition of supportive parents and past band directors, and he expects great things to come.

### **3. Director Reports:**

**Guard Director-John Miller:** John announced that we were awarded the date for the Art in Motion WinterGuard competition, it will be March 11, 2017. He says that this competition is a fantastic fundraising opportunity for us as well as a great chance to host the guard community.

**Director-Mr. Stegeman:** Band camp has started in full force. Freshman camp went extremely well. He was impressed that so many upperclassmen showed up to help out with Freshman camp, the majority of the band was there.

He discussed Tuesday's early release because of hot weather. He said he felt the students were not acclimating well to the extreme heat index of 108 degrees. He made the call to give them an earlier lunch and to dismiss an hour early. He gave them advice about going home and hydrating, and making healthy food choices. Generally, he won't resort to that, and will have the students come in to the building and practice music, if needed, during the hottest part of the day. He wanted the group to know that within the last 6 days he already feels like this is "his band and his kids". He was surprised at how quickly he felt that way. He has been coming up with some ideas to make the band bigger and more public in ways that he feels will be good for the kids.

On August 3rd the FHSD has a District Kick Off for staff and administration. The district high schools are asked to participate in this on a rotating schedule, this year it is our turn. The students will play some music before the kick off and then will play the Star Spangled Banner. They have already been practicing for this. There is an itinerary for this day on the

[FHNbands.com](http://FHNbands.com) website. Mr. Stegeman would like a full fledged band to be in attendance, and would like to make a great impression!

He thanked parents for all of the support he has been offered and for the support of music education in general. He said that he really believes that band is the best thing that kids can be offered in school. He says that he already feels like he is at home and that this school is the right fit for him.

#### **4. Committee Reports:**

- a. **Symphonic Band-Susan Denno:** no report
- b. **Jazz-Guy Argent:** no report
- c. **Guard-Nichole Heine:** Breakfast with Santa fundraiser will be held at Becky-David Elementary school on Sat. December 3rd. It will be a band and Winterguard fundraiser.
- d. **Pit/Visual/Maintenance-Jay Witte:** Everything is up and running and ready to go. Volunteers will be needed.
- e. **Social/Publicity/R/Banquet:** open position- We are still looking for someone for this position. We need a Party Planner!
- f. **Forms- Colleen Chruma:** Some forms are still missing. Colleen has sent out emails trying to get those turned in. There are 6 separate forms to be filled out and should be turned in to her asap (there is a purple box in the band room that students can place them in) and also the Field Trip Form that needs to be turned in by July 29th. For the dates on the Field Trip Form just use Aug 2016- May 2017 and write in "any trip".
- g. **Band Camp- Misty Bradbury:** If you would like to, you may send in snack donations, peanut free, please! We have enough Goldfish for now. We could use some more freeze pops and grapes. See Misty if you have any questions about that.
- h. **Uniforms- Debbie Winkler:** Uniform fitting started on Monday, they will continue to do that on the evenings that the students have practice. Help will be needed on any day that there is a performance, before, during and after, helping the students in and out of the uniforms. If you are at all crafty your help will be appreciated when the time comes that we need to construct decorations for the shakos(hats). It'll probably be cutting, placing brads, etc.
- i. **Middle School Communications-Amy Prinster:** The middle schools have been invited to the Howell Preview on August 25. Middle School Band night is Sept 16 at the 2nd home football game. Middle Schoolers and their families are invited to join us.
- j. **Senior Committee- Lynnette and Craig Hoffman:** A meeting was held following the general meeting.
- k. **Event Support- Emily Weaver:** FFC money goes to pay for meals for the students. They are good hot meals with lots of variety offered. Help will be needed to set up and to serve the meals, as well as with break down and clean up. Occasionally, there will be requests made for dessert donations, this is optional.
- l. **Fundraising- Emily Weaver:** There are 2 basic kinds of fundraising: 1.General fund, like the competitions, etc, goes to the overall cost and helps to lower costs for all. All are encourage to participate 2.Personal FFC fundraising is to lower your family's own fees. (purchasing scrip gift cards, working at Family Arena, pizza sales,etc.) You have the choice of whether you would like to participate in these or not.
- m. **Family Arena- Cassie Rehm-Kent:** The event, Culture Club, that was scheduled for July 20 has been cancelled. There will be 2 offered in August. We hope to get at least one. Family Arena is a great way to fund your family account.
- n. **Logos- Kristi Gordon:** Show Shirts will be available for families to purchase at the meeting, on Wed. evening and next Mon. evening (July 25). The order form is available on the

website, contact Kristi for details. The shirts should be available for Black and Gold Day. Senior shirts will be available for order soon. Kristi hopes to also have more general band apparel that families and students can order, that will be a bit later in the season.

- o. **Overnight Trip-Tracy Hansen:** There are decisions that still need to be made about the hotels for the overnight trip on September. There are 2 competitions on that day, afternoon will be in Ft. Madison and evening will be in Mt. Pleasant. There are not a lot of hotels available in that area. Tracy is still trying to figure out the best of our options as soon as she can. When that information is confirmed Tracy will let everyone know.
- p. **Scrip- Mindy Chaney:** Scrip gift cards are a great way to contribute to your FFC account. You purchase the gift cards at face value to places where you frequently shop (grocery stores, department stores, restaurants, etc). A portion of the value of every card goes into your FFC account. Scrip order/pickup days are 2 times per month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7 pm. The first Tuesday of the month pickup will be at McClay Library (at a table near the front), and on the 3rd Tuesday takes place during the band meeting in the FHN Band Room.

### **Old Business:**

Kelly announced that the parent social time has been moved back to 7pm, in order for new Freshman parents to attend a meeting at FHN and still be able to make it. It will be held on July 28th at Garden Cafe ALa Fleur at 524 Main Street in St. Charles. This is an opportunity to relax and get to know each other while having a great meal! The dinner buffet (pulled pork and several side dishes) will be \$11.95 per person and includes tea or soda. Beer and wine is available for an additional charge. RSVP by July 21st to Kelly Bogda --- [ksbogda@gmail.com](mailto:ksbogda@gmail.com)

Kelly talked about our new Charms software. We are trying to get it up and running. Each student needs a parent to go in and set up their parent contact information. You will need a code to log in. Please contact any of the board members for your temporary password and we will email it to you.

### **New Business:**

Kelly discussed the upcoming Music in Motion competition that we will host at FHN on October 15, 2016. It will be at the end of fall break. It is a fundraiser for our general fund (helps to keep our costs down). We will need "all hands on deck" in order for it to be successful. In order to lighten the load of planning and organizing there will be a team of 3 "zone leaders", and a creative person to do the program. Volunteers are being sought for these positions, please let Kelly know if you have an interest or any questions about helping with this MAJOR fundraiser. Families will be able to sell ads for the program to directly contribute to their personal FFC account. Lynnette and Craig Hoffman will be handling concessions, but since this is their last year with the boosters they are looking for someone to shadow them in order to take over next year.

There was a motion to adjourn made by Dan Moore, it was seconded by Tracy Hansen, and the motion carried.

Next Meeting August 16, 2016

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lorie Busby.