

Francis Howell North High School

Band Boosters Association, Inc.

General Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2016

Call to Order

Kelly Bogda, President

Kelly called the meeting to order shortly after 7pm, she reported that last weekend's overnight competition to Iowa went great.

Approval of the Minutes

Lorie Busby, Secretary

Lorie presented the minutes from the August meeting for approval. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Tracy Hansen, and was seconded by Jay Witte.

Treasurer's Report

Carolyn Witte, Treasurer

Carolyn presented the budget as of August 31, and mentioned a few points of interest: The budget reflects tips that were earned at Family Arena of approx. \$100; the Annual Trip went over budget slightly, but this was due to budgeting for fewer students, and with the additional FFC it will all balance out; Band Camp was under budget due to the amount of snack donations; Event Support is doing well at staying within budget; Staff expenses are to pay for staff not covered by district stipends; Black and Gold Day fundraising was almost exactly as budgeted; and the Sno-cone fundraising amount reflects purchased supplies that have not been used yet.

A motion was made to approve the budget by Debbie Winkle and seconded by Diane Harms.

Vice President's Report

Position Open, Vice President

Kelly reported that statements were sent out in September, and October statements will be out soon. Kelly announced that since Stephanie needed to resign her VP position we've been seeking a volunteer to finish out the term. Susan Denno has volunteered for the job. Tracy Hansen made a motion to nominate Susan for the VP position, it was seconded by Mark Schneider. A vote was taken, and Susan was elected unanimously. It was discussed that Susan would be eligible to fulfill the role for another term, if she chooses to do so.

Kelly pointed out that since Susan will need to vacate the Symphonic and Concert Band committee position, we will now need a volunteer for that. It involves working with Mr. Stegeman for school concerts, out of school events such as district and state tryouts, organizing special things for the students that perform at those events, etc.

Directors' Report

Rob Stegeman

Mr. Stegeman said that things are going great. He has been looking at festivals for the bands to attend, he said that the calendar will be filled in within the month, he plans to take the band students to the elementary and middle schools to promote the FHN bands program.

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He reported that he felt that the Iowa trip went off without a hitch, and that it went even better than he expected it would. There are 2 more competitions, then a break, then our Music in Motion competition, and then the Ste. Genevieve completion. We are almost to the half way point. There will be a lot of additions to the show for the Lafayette competition this coming weekend, and extra things will continue to be added to the show. We will start seeing the show come together. He says the kids are excited about the changes, and he is even working with the FHN Publications department for some of the design elements.

Kelly also reported that there is now an itinerary for this weekend's Lafayette competition on the parent facebook page (FHNBB Knightpride Parents/Boosters) and also available on the website (FHNbands.com) The students will report at 8:30am, will get fed lots of times, prelims will be at 1:30pm, there will be a finals performance as early as 5:45, or as late as 8:08 pm. Buses will be back to school around 10:30pm. Students are advised to bring sunscreen and a full jug of water with them.

Committee Reports:

Symphonic and Concert Band

Susan Denno

No report. Since Susan has volunteered for the open VP spot, a volunteer is now needed for this committee chair position.

Jazz Band

Guy Argent

Mr. Stegeman reported that he and Guy have been working to get the jazz band accepted to attend the Essentially Ellington Festival at Webster Groves HS. He sent in a tape and jazz band has been invited to attend. This will take place on Jan 12, 2017.

Guard

Nicole Heine

Mr. Stegeman announced that he has been working to bridge the gap with the middle schools to enhance our guard program. He has been working to try to establish a middle school guard program to feed into ours. There are a lot of details he is trying to iron out.

Pit/Visual/Maintenance

Jay Witte, Chris Weaver

Jay brought up the bus problems. His team is working on getting that fixed, but not sure what that will entail. They are looking into rental rates for an entire year to see if that might be an option for next year. We can probably make it with what we have for this year, considering we have lots of dads volunteering to haul stuff in their own vehicles for now. For next year, though, we may need to look at trading in the bus.

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He encourage parents to help with the pit crew, you don't need to volunteer for every weekend, and can alternate weekends if you prefer. For the upcoming completion at Lafayette HS things are pretty well ready to go. Kelly added that the pit crew did a great job for the Iowa weekend.

Social/Publicity/ Historian

Donna Alvarez

No report

Forms/Band Camp

Misty Bradbury

No report

Uniforms

Debbie Winkle

Debbie reported that things are all good as far as uniforms go.

Middle School Communications

Amy Prinster

Amy gave thanks to all that helped her with the Middle School Band night, even with the crazy weather, we had 22 kids attend, 11 were 8th graders. She gave out 9 show shirts as attendance prizes and that went over very well. Mr. Stegeman talked about the possibility of having shirts made specifically for the middle schoolers. Amy will be contacting those that signed up but did not attend.

November 29 will be Curriculum night at FHN, and there will be a recruiting table there, Amy will need help staffing that and promoting the bands.

Senior Committee

Lynette and Craig Hoffman

They will meet after this general meeting to plan activities for this year's seniors.

Event Support

Judi Rhomberg, Emily Weaver, Wendy Sood

Emily asked for water bottle donations, it is supposed to be hot this weekend. You may send them to the band room. Also, individual bags of chips for snacks and desserts will also be needed. Please remember: NO NUTS!

Fundraising

Emily Weaver

Emily announced a Yankee Candle fundraiser to raise money for individual FFC accounts, and handed out order packets, earn 40% profit of total sales. Orders can be made from the catalog or online. Catalog orders are due back at the next meeting, Oct 18, and will be delivered to the November 15th meeting. However, orders may continue online

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through January 11, 2017. Additional order packets are available in the band room. Details were sent to the general membership via [email](#).

Family Arena

Cassie Rehm-Kent

Cassie reported that she has requested 4 Family Arena events for October. As soon as she knows which we are offered an email will go out with the details.

Logos

Kristi Gordon

Kristi has finished with show shirt orders, and is now investigating options for other types of “spirit wear items”, things such as Knightpride tee shirts, pants, ball caps, etc. Mr. Stegeman has some ideas also. They will research vendors and report back.

Some shirts are still available from previous years: the white polo, and the gold staff shirts. Soon Kristi will be holding a “garage sale” to get rid of those.

Overnight Trip

Tracy Hansen

Tracy reported that the overnight trip accommodations went well. She was able to work well with the hotel staff, they were agreeable to our requests. Everyone agreed that it was a nice arrangement. Tracy is working on a “cheat sheet” for next year’s trip with lessons learned from this year’s planning.

Scrip

Mindy Chaney

Mindy notified the group about new scrip additions: Tom and Chee, Pot Belly Sandwiches, and Good Sense subs. Orders placed at this meeting will be available for pickup in 2 weeks at McClay library.

New Business:

No new business to report.

Old Business:

- a. The Three Families Restaurant fundraiser will be held this Thursday, September 22! Bring the [flyer](#), or just tell your server you are there form Knightpride bands. Orders can even be taken “to go”. We look forward to seeing lots of families there.
- b. Music in Motion 10/15/16: Be watching for a SignUp Genius. We will need all hands on deck for this competition/fundraiser hosted at FHN. Every family is asked to volunteer for 1 or 2 shifts in order for this to be successful. There will be a Friday evening set up

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shift and shifts throughout the day on Saturday. It is the second weekend of fall break. So far we have 6 bands signed up to attend, the first band will probably show up around 9:30 am to perform about 1pm. There will be a break after the performances, bands and attendees will hopefully purchase concessions during this time. All groups will participate in finals. There will be awards and then clean up, etc. Lynette Hoffman brought up the possibility of requesting Kohls workers (Kohls provides volunteers and also a donation to our group), Craig Slaughter said that he will be looking into this.

Be on the lookout for a sign up genius for Music in Motion.

Programs: Craig Slaughter talked about the program ads for Music in Motion. You may sell ads for our program to reduce your FFC. There are forms for that on our website ([2016 Music in Motion Program Ad/Sponsor Sheet](#)). There is now a REVISED due date, since the original date was during fall break. Forms are now due back by September 28th. Also, don't forget about the "prestigious" traveling trophy that Craig will be awarding to the family that raises the most revenue from ad sales. The Hoffman's are the current Trophy holder, who will it be this year?

Kelly brought up an idea that Mr. Stegeman has suggested for our competition this year: A Dinner Bell award. A judge goes from camp to camp to sample the food that each band is serving. There was some conversation about how encouraging bands to provide their own food might affect our concession revenues. Mr. Stegeman suggested that we might provide a "meal plan" through concessions for lunch food and also have the Dinner award. These ideas will be considered.

Mr. Stegeman also discussed ideas for the future: He'd like to cater our Music in Motion contest to smaller bands as a way to differentiate our contest from the others in the area. He talked about employing a director to manage the festival, promote the festival, get groups to sign up, etc. That director would get some sort of stipend to do that. He is working on ideas for the direction he'd like to see our festivals take. We will do this year's festival as planned, and move toward these ideas in the future.

- c. Charms- We need families to get signed on, 40% of families still need to log in to Charms and enter their parent information, and verify correct student information. Some people have had issues logging in, if so please contact Kelly, Lorie or Carolyn.

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Additional Conversation:

- a. Carolyn added that so far we have received 2 checks from the food trucks that attended Howell Preview. Kona Ice: \$132, and Mel's: \$120, for a total of \$232 raised so far.
- b. A question was asked about Homecoming vs. bandcoming. Mr. Stegeman explained that he decided that on the day of the FZN competition, the students that wanted to attend FHN homecoming would be allowed to leave on one of the buses. He's arranged for our band to go first in finals so those that want to attend homecoming are able to, and students will be allowed late entrance to homecoming. Our band will go on at 6 pm and the plan is for the first bus to leave around 6:30. Some parents feel that the kids would still enjoy a bandcoming type event, or something fun that they could all participate in, could be an end of the year party, maybe?
- c. Mark and Donna Lewis (parents of a 2016 graduate) spoke up, they were in attendance so that they could offer to set up a Halloween Movie Night like we have done the past few years. The group agreed that the movie night was a lot of fun and many people offered that they would be able to help Mark and Donna get it all set up. The date would be the Saturday before Halloween, October 29th. There was a motion made by John Meyer that we move forward with planning a Halloween Movie night. It was seconded by Jeff Kolkmeier. The motion carried.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn by Jeff Kolkmeier and it was seconded by Craig Slaughter.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lorie Busby.