

Francis Howell North High School

Band Boosters Association, Inc.

General Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2017

Call to Order

Kelly Bogda, President

Kelly called the meeting to order shortly after 7pm.

Approval of the Minutes

Lorie Busby, Secretary

Lorie thanked Colleen Chruma for taking December minutes in her absence. There was a motion to accept those minutes made by Chip Crow, and seconded by Mindy Chaney. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Carolyn Witte, Treasurer

Carolyn presented the budget and reviewed several of the line items. She noted that the Breakfast with Santa Fundraiser had a profit of \$1,961.60, all of that profit goes to Winterguard. She noted that last year's profit was split between WG and Symphonic band and that each group received \$1,079.40. So less was made overall at this year's Breakfast with Santa.

She noted that there is a balance in the Event Support account, they will use that to stock up on paper goods, etc. The Uniform budget will cover uniforms that still need to be cleaned. The money collected for the dance will go into the Social account, but that money will come right back out to pay for the dance. The Senior Committee account is for plaques, recognitions, etc. at the end of the year banquet. There was a motion to accept the budget made by Debbie Winkle, and seconded by Diane Harms. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report

Susan Denno, Vice President

Susan advised that FFC accounts are current through Jan 17 and that emails would be going out soon. She pointed out that you may use the Charms program to go into your account to check your balance on your own as well.

Directors' Report

Rob Stegeman

Mr. Stegeman talked about the upcoming dance this weekend rescheduled because of the weather. Same time (7-10) and place (Pio's). A big thanks to Pio's for being willing to reschedule!

He talked about recruitment. Hollenbeck has 27 potential 8th graders. He will be working with the Jazz Band there to also recruit 5th and 6th graders. Feb 3rd will be Hollenbeck Basketball night, Hollenbeck students will attend the game and play with our basketball pep band.

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Next, he talked about planning for the upcoming marching band season. Out of concern for saving money, he proposed that instead of booking a hotel for our out of town trip, we look into finding a school at which to stay. This is the way that drum corps operate. The students would sleep in the gym, etc. and use the locker rooms to shower. They would get more social time and it would be a similar experience but would cut the cost. We should have enough money then to possibly hire a chaperone(s) to stay at the school with the students. He said that if we are going to continue to keep traveling we need to cut the cost. He knows a lot of the band directors in the Springfield, Missouri area where our trip will be this fall. Please get back to him with any feedback you may have about this.

He also said that the show would be revealed Saturday night at the dance. As far as staff for marching band, he has talked with both Mark Ishman and Joe Sparks, who are currently teaching at FHHS, and their staff, about working with our students as well. They should be able to split their time 50/50 between our school and FHHS. Graduated seniors may return as volunteers, they will be included as staff and Rob will give them additional instruction on how to teach, etc., they will not be paid staff.

He reported that the Jazz Essentially Ellington event was awesome, there were great clinics and master classes along with fantastic jazz bands.

Students are enrolling for Solo and Ensemble. Our music library is abysmal. Our music money will be used to buy new solos. Students will need to have 2 copies, one for them and one for the judge.

Rob will be attending the MMEA conference Jan 25-28 and there will be a sub with instructions.

Considering the school budget and tax levy, he said we should only be losing \$180, however, that doesn't include potential cuts to the activities budget. We'll need to be vigilant, but we should be ok to keep our budget about the same.

He announced that he and his wife are expecting a new baby, due July 1st! CONGRATS!! 😊

He's working on a tentative schedule for marching band, there will be some minor changes from last year. There will be a 5 day rehearsal week for the entire band. This was requested by the new staff. It will be pretty similar to previous years. One week in the summer will be just for music. Some class time will be used to prepare refreshers, warm up routines, etc. He will try NOT to schedule on Homecoming dance day.

See fhnbands.com for upcoming events and dates and general information.

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Committee Reports:

Symphonic and Concert Band

Open

No report

Jazz Band

Guy Argent

No report

Guard

Mindy Chaney

Guard will not attend the Kansas City show. There will be a preview, look for email and facebook announcements about that. They will be having the first Art in Motion planning meeting on Wed. Jan 18. They will need "all hands on deck" volunteer participation.

Pit/Visual/Maintenance

Jay Witte, Chris Weaver

Chris reported that their goal is to wrap the new truck and to get sponsors to help pay for that. Mr. Stegeman also asked for help to get some vibraphones transported from FHHS. Chip Crow volunteered to help with that.

Social/Publicity/ Historian

Donna Alvarez

Donna Alvarez talked about the semiformal dance at Pio's. They were very accommodating to reschedule for us when the weather was so icy. Tickets were still available for purchase.

Forms/Band Camp

Misty Bradbury

No report

Uniforms

Debbie Winkle

Debbie reported that uniforms need cleaning. We've used American Cleaners in the past because of their low price, but they didn't come back clean. She has an bid from Starcrest cleaners for \$4.25 ea./total: \$637.50. There is one cleaning for each uniform that is within the school budget. Starcrest will pick them up and return them individually wrapped and in numerical order. She has used Starcrest throughout the season for smaller orders and has been happy with their service. When they come back from cleaning help will be needed from the uniform committee and other volunteers.

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Middle School Communication

Amy Prinster

Amy is continuing to work on recruitment

Senior Committee

Lynette and Craig Hoffman

No report

Event Support

Judi Rhomberg, Emily Weaver, Wendy Sood

No report

Fundraising

Emily Weaver

No report

Family Arena

Scott Kolath

Scott Kolath has agreed to chair this committee. The Jan events are filled.

Logos

Kristi Gordon

Kristi announced that the website is open and you can still order.

Scrip

Mindy Chaney

Mindy reminded the group that scrip days are the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

New Business:

There was a discussion about a meeting date change for the Feb. meeting due to two basketball games on Feb. 21. A decision was made to move to Tuesday, Feb. 28.

The March meeting date will also be changed. It will be the 2nd Tuesday (Mar 14) due to spring break.

A huge thanks were given to the nominating committee, there are still a few open spots. Let Kelly know if you are interested. We still need a Vice President! Voting will take place at the Feb. meeting.

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Old Business:

Trivia: It was a good turnout. We sold less tables than last year intentionally so that it wouldn't be as crowded. A good time was had by all, and all donations were greatly appreciated. Kohl's donates \$500/store when they send volunteers to help.

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on Feb 28, 2017.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lorie Busby.