

Francis Howell North High School

Band Boosters Association, Inc.

General Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2017

Call to Order

Kelly Bogda, President

Kelly called the meeting to order shortly after 7 pm.

Approval of the Minutes

Lorie Busby, Secretary

The April minutes were reviewed by the group. There was a motion made by Tracy Hansen to accept them, it was seconded by Mark Schneider.

Treasurer's Report

Carolyn Witte, Treasurer

Carolyn reviewed the budget as of April 31, 2017. She noted that Jazz Band has \$1100 for several students that will receive scholarships. Art in Motion proceeds are \$10,032.82, of that about \$5,000 will go to marching band, the other half to Winterguard. Winterguard acct is approximately \$7,000. That is good for Winterguard! A motion was made to accept the budget by Jay Witte, and seconded by Chip Crow.

Vice President's Report

Susan Denno, Vice President

Susan reported the following that statements will be updated in Charms by May 31, and emails will go out around then.

If you have not been receiving emails regarding the FFC statements from Charms, please verify your email addresses in Charms.

Directors' Report

Rob Stegeman

Mr. Stegeman reported that although he can't say the name yet, FHN has hired a new choir director that he is looking forward to working with. He said that he was excited to announce that we have 107 students "locked in" for marching band. The uniform designs are available. He held a full staff meeting the night before and will be rewriting contracts, and that he will be getting approval for that first. The music for the marching band show is about $\frac{3}{4}$ done. The district provides a \$2000 budget, and he has been sending things to be repaired, etc. Gateway Indoor Percussion, a world class, St. Louis based winter percussion ensemble will be using our facilities during their winter season and storing their instruments at FHN. In return we will get to use the instruments in the fall. (marimbas, vibes, sound equip, stadium stands, even mallets, etc.) Their admin director and our AD (Mike Janes) have met and finalized. Also, we will need to up our travel insurance coverage due to the increased value of the instruments that we will be transporting. The summer schedule continues to be updated on the website.

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For our Music in Motion competition we will hire local judges, they will be DCI level. Since they are local we won't need to pay for transportation, lodging, etc. We don't have the need for national level judges at this point. We've added 2 more bands. There are about 9 bands now.

Joe Sparks been working on developing books for communication, uniforms, show shirts, a choreographer. Mark Ishman and Herrie Pullom are working on getting mallets and stadium stands for drums. Katie Meyers, the asst guard director, is also a professional fundraiser. We will be working with her on fundraising outreach and some new ideas for fundraising.

Mr Stegeman has a suggestion that we add an Alumni chair position, for former members and former boosters. Possibly we could have an "alumni game" alumni members could play pep music at the games.

Committee Reports:

Symphonic and Concert Band

Open

No report.

Jazz Band

Guy Argent

The jazz concert was a big success! There were all hands on deck. Tammy and Janet took it on and put those kids to work! The attendance was between 50-160 people. Mr. Stegeman was happy to see FHN principal, Mr. Downs, and FHSD superintendent, Dr. Mary Hendricks-Harris, in attendance. He says that no one would dance, but he plans to try again next year.

Guard

Mindy Chaney

No report.

Pit/Visual/Maintenance

Jay Witte, Chris Weaver

Jay reported that they are still in limbo: still trying to find a good bid to get the truck wrapped, figuring out how to transport the mini-trampolines, weather protection, and personal belonging storage. More equipment (from Gateway) means we'll need more storage. We will have 20 mini-tramps and 1 bigger one. How will we transport all of these? Also, will we need the district impact testing because of the trampolines?

Social/Publicity/ Historian

Donna Alvarez

The banquet was a fun time. The food was delicious and plentiful. Food was offered to the custodians, who were a big help with setting up and throughout the evening. There

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were approximately 150 people in attendance. The awards part was really fun, too. Donna and Tammy did a great job. The kids signed the senior posters, and extra ½ poster was added to make room for all the signatures. This continues to be a nice tradition.

Forms

Colleen Chroma

Colleen is still collecting forms. The purple box on the file cabinet is for forms. The district activities form has still not been published, we are waiting on that still. Physical Forms need to go into the purple box as well. They must be turned in by the FIRST day of *marching* practice.

Band Camp

Misty Bradbury

They will have lanyards, new member bags, not sure yet what will go in them.

Uniforms

Debbie Winkle

Even though most everyone was measured at commitment night, we will now have a new uniform company that will want to get additional measurements. They will come in and measure.

Middle School Communication

Amy Prinster

Ice Breaker had a good turnout, as did Commitment night. We have approximately 30 new incoming freshman. There will be lanyards given out for band camp, with the coordinates for each marcher. They will turn those into their section leader at the end of each practice. Amy's done a great job, she's even been sending a newsletter out to each 8th grade family.

Senior Committee

Lynette and Craig Hoffman

The seniors participated many fun activities throughout the school year, including the go carts at Boschertown for senior night. Posters were made for each senior, and at the end of season they all got together and signed each other's, and then those posters were taken to the banquet for underclassmen to also sign. A question was asked about incoming seniors. There will be 17 students.

Event Support

Judi Rhomberg, Emily Weaver, Wendy Sood

No report.

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Fundraising

Emily Weaver

The H&R Block fundraiser earned \$560.

Family Arena

Scott Kolath

There were only 2 events available at the Family Arena in May and June, both were applied for but we weren't offered the opportunity to work those.

Logos

Kristi Gordon

No Report

Overnight Trip

The trip will be September 30- October 1. Bus drivers and parents will need hotels, kids will sleep at a school in Willard, MO. (Mr. Stegeman also announced that he has offered, but not yet confirmed, an invitation to a band of about 300 kids from Willard to stay at our school for Music in Motion.) We will need some chaperones, at least 11, and those will need background checks. We will need to check with Arlene Kearns to make sure they everyone is current.

Scrip

Mindy Chaney

Mindy announced that it's her last scrip meeting. Matt Temper will be the new Scrip chair person. Scrip is typically available on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month with the 1st Tuesdays at McClay Library, and 3rd Tuesdays at the general booster meeting. However, for June it'll be Wednesdays. Make sure to check the website for the updated scrip calendar.

New Business:

We are seeking a new Webmaster to replace Bob Busby, he is willing to remain in the position to train any one that would like to volunteer.

A mentor program will be established to pair new band families with veteran band families to better enable them to ask questions and make them feel welcome.

There was discussion about marching band uniforms. It'll be black track suit jacket and pants with neon yellow shirts, guard will have blue jackets.

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Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at with a motion made by Tony Bradbury and seconded by Amy Prinster.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday June 20, 2017.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lorie Busby.