

Francis Howell North High School

Band Boosters Association, Inc.

General Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2017

Call to Order

Emily Weaver, President

Emily called the meeting to order shortly after 7 pm. This meeting was the mandatory marching band meeting and was held in the FHN auditorium. Emily welcomed all of the new and returning families. She then introduced FHN Activities Director, Mr. Mike Janes.

Activities Department Discussion:

Mike Janes was in attendance to discuss the role of the Activities Department for marching band, as well as band class trips, etc. He let everyone know how happy he is to see that student participation has increased this year, and that he appreciates the band and would like us to stay visible.

He had a few points he wanted to stress. First, FHSD school rules apply for all activities. He asked that families have a quick conversation before each band trip to remind students of this and to ask them to remember to make smart choices. Second, he discussed his relationship with our group. He will be in communication with Mr. Stegeman whenever the band is on a trip. That means if there are ever any weather or transportation issues they will work together to resolve them and to see that the kids get back safely. There have been times in the past when groups have needed to stay an extra night, or come home earlier than planned. Decisions will be made for the safety of the students. Third, he had some informational handouts that parents need to read. The school district has just recently approved the requirement of an activity fee paid to the district, for all activities that have additional stipend paid staff, like marching band. It was just approved, the details haven't been worked out yet. He doesn't know how the fees will be collected at this time, or how it will apply to marching band. Those discussions are ongoing, more communication to follow. Also, in order to reduce expenses, this year transportation availability will change. Busses may not stay at activities all day long. Some trips will have a drop off, and a return pick up. However, if the weather is bad and the kids need the bus for shelter they will reconsider this new policy on a case by case basis. A question was asked about where kids would keep their belongings, it was announced that there is a plan for this, but Mike also said that he is trying to come up with some ideas for this situation, maybe a shared trailer for the activities department to use.

Approval of the Minutes

Char Helmick, Secretary

The May minutes were reviewed by the group. There was a motion made by Tony Bradbury to accept them, the motion was seconded by Christie Kolath.

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Treasurer's Report

Wayne Prinster, Treasurer

Wayne asked everyone to review the budget as he discussed some of the recent expenses. Colorguard purchased equipment, trampolines were purchased for props in Pit/Visual/Maintenance, and uniforms were purchased. Rob explained that there will be overages in places due to the fact that the budget was an estimate based on what we knew at the time. We now have additional students, and also need the flexibility to make decisions.

A motion was made to accept the budget by Kate Statzer, and seconded by Kelly Bogda.

Vice President's Report

Sherri Brown, Vice President

Sherri reported that the final payment of \$130 is due August 1st. Let her know if you have not received your statement by email. If you have a hardship, please just see Sherri with your plan to pay.

Directors' Report

Rob Stegeman

Rob says he is not stressed about all of the heat, the kids are doing great! He feels that the extra summer practice sessions have really helped. He is still working through some of the start of camp issues, shared staff, trampolines, etc. but things are going better than expected. He says that the kids are really taking to the staff, and to changes, and working really hard. There was much accomplished at freshman camp, and he says that we are in a great place this year. The kids are very receptive, and we have a great team working with the kids this year. He thanked the parents and families that have helped over the summer with straightening the band closet, the snack parents. He encouraged the families to continue to come to the booster meetings. He said just like there is a kid band family, there is a parent band family. He appreciates all that the boosters do!

Committee Reports:

Symphonic and Concert Band

Stephanie Fairless

Stephanie has volunteered to chair this position. She has started making the music packets for the band contests.

Jazz Band

Guy Argent

Guy reported that Jazz band continues to grow as well, and he hopes to help keep it growing.

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Guard

Debbie Winkle

Impact testing is needed for guard. Kids that need it still can have it done during practice time. Parents will need to send in the form but don't need to be in attendance.

Pit/Visual/Maintenance

Chip Crow

Chip has some concerns about the trampolines. They put the big one together on Tuesday morning and it is big! We are going to need to figure out how to transport it. We are going to need LOTS of help getting props and instruments on and off the field for competitions, as well as loading/unloading of the trucks. Please see Chip if you can offer any ideas or help in the area.

Social/Publicity/ Historian

Tammy Seim

Tammy is planning a parent social at Bradden's on Main St. in St. Charles. Please RSVP to her if you'd like to come. She will also need to know menu choices. This information can be found on the website (fhnbands.org) and on facebook (FHNBB Knightpride Parents/Boosters).

Forms

Colleen Chroma

All forms need to be turned in by now, this includes all forms from Commitment Night PLUS the new district activities form. Mr. Janes did bring an additional form to the meeting for overnight trips, this one should be completed and returned asap. The dates on that form can be left open, or you can write in from the first day of school to the last day of school, in the spot where it asks the location you can write "anywhere". Insurance forms can be copied and stapled to the forms, if you would like.

Band Camp

Misty Bradbury and Julie Perry

Band Camp Snacks are going well. The kid's faves so far are frozen grapes, Cheezits and watermelon. Donations of those things are welcome! Misty and Julie thanked the group for the awesome donations!

Uniforms

Kate Statzer

Kate said she welcomes any assistance during the season. Kids will have uniform bags, uniforms will stay at school during the season. Hopefully we will be able to plan on washing them more often during the season. There will be a fitting for shoes, they will

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also stay at school. There was a question about socks. Kids will need to bring/wear their own black socks.

Middle School Communication

Amy Prinster

Middle School Night will be September 8, Amy will need volunteers to help with this when the time comes.

Senior Committee

Mark and Janet Schneider

There will be special fun things for the seniors and at each contest and at Senior Night at the final football game.

Event Support

Kristi Gordon and Christie Kolath

They will be asking for volunteer donations for water bottles and desserts to feed the kids at the competitions.

Fundraising

Vicky Balleydier

No report

Family Arena

Scott Kolath

Christie Kolath reported for Scott. A lottery system was used for the last event. There was a bit of a problem with the link, they are working on resolving. Three spots didn't answer, but they were filled within 60 mins. To sign up for the "lottery" there is a sign up genius link on Facebook to get in. There are currently 46 people signed up, family members can use each other's spots.

Logos

Anne Perry

Show shirts, section shirts, and senior shirts are paid for in the fees for the students. Parents, families and fans can order extra shirts from Anne. All shirts will be in time for Black and Gold Day. They are very useful for finding each other at the competitions. Other Knightpride logoed items are also available to purchase through our website, fhnbands.com. A suggestion was made that you may want to order an extra show shirt for your student, and that a long sleeve one would be good for cooler weather.

Overnight Trip

Tracy Hansen

The kids will stay at a high school, and we will need chaperones to stay there also. All other adults that would like to attend may stay at the "Best Western Plus Coach" for \$72 per room rate. For every 10 rooms we use, we will get a comped room which we

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can use for the bus drivers. An email will go out with details as the time gets nearer. Details will also be on the facebook page. We will need chaperones with background checks to stay with the kids.

Scrip

Matt Temper

There are a lot of new vendors, and over 20 have special back to school deals.

Trivia Night

Cynthia Brewer

Cynthia Brewer has volunteered to lead this committee.

New Business:

Emily asked that everyone be prompt on the FFC payments, we are going to need to start using the money soon.

The parent social should be fun and she encouraged everyone to try to attend, it is on a night that the kids have night practice and we should be done in time for you to pick them up.

Parent Preview is Friday, August 4. Knightpride will perform, for an audience, the show that has been finished up to this point, it probably won't be complete yet, though. It will start at approximately 7 pm. Black and Gold Day is on Aug 12, it's basically an activities fair for all of the school's fall groups.

There are some important chair positions that are still open. We need a Music in Motion chairperson. There will also be 3 zone captains that will help with that. Please see Emily if you are interested in more details. We also need a Programs Chair to help make the programs for competitions. We are also looking for an Alumni Chairperson for alumni students that have graduated.

We have switched over to sending most of our email communications to the group using the Charms software, however we would still like to be able to send communications to others outside of the group as well. Please go to the website to subscribe to this email list. You can also encourage family members and other fans to subscribe to this list as well. We will use it to update our group's plans and accomplishments.

Also, keep in mind that you can use our website to keep up with all of the emails that are sent out. It is easier to find an email there, they are all saved there in date order. Also, on our website you will find contact information for all of our committee chairs, everyone that talked at this meeting has an email address there, feel free to let them know if you have any questions!

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Please consider having a background check done or updated. Go to fhdschools.org for more information.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 8 pm with a motion from Dan Moore that was seconded by Amy Prinster.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 15.

Communication: www.fhnbands.com, Twitter FHNBB @fhnbandbooster, Parent Facebook page-FHNBB Knightpride Parents/Boosters

Important Dates:

FFC due date: August 2nd \$130

Impact Testing for Guard July 20 10am-12, July 25 3-5pm

Show Shirt orders due Friday July 21st

Parent Social August 3rd 6-8:30 at Bradden's in St. Charles

Parent Preview August 4th

Black & Gold Day August 12th

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lorie Busby on behalf of Char Helmick.