

Francis Howell North High School

Band Boosters Association, Inc.

General Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2017

Call to Order

Emily Weaver, President

Emily called the meeting to order shortly after 7pm.

She introduced Wayne Sanders, owner of 3 Families Restaurant and a former Knightpride Band Parent. Wayne is again hosting a fundraiser for our band at his restaurant on September 14 from 4-9 p.m.

Emily congratulated the band for an excellent weekend performance at Black & Gold Day. She passed around a sign-up sheet for people to fill out if they were interested in receiving group texts on competition days.

Emily shared a message from Char Helmick regarding the emails that are being sent out from Charms. Please be sure to read the entire email and respond to the person indicated in the email. Although Emily & Char are the ones sending the emails, the messages should not be going back to them, but instead to the people indicated in the email.

Approval of the Minutes

Colleen Chruma, on behalf of Char Helmick, Secretary

Colleen asked everyone to review the July minutes, there was a motion to accept them made by Tracey Hansen and seconded by Amy Prinster. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Wayne Prinster, Treasurer

Wayne presented the budget and reviewed several of the line items. Lots of expenses are out right now.

There was a motion to accept the budget made by Dan Moore, and seconded by Karen Basford. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report

Emily Helmick, on behalf of Sherri Brown, Vice President

Emily shared a message from Sherri: Please be sure your FFC account is up-to-date. If you are having any trouble making payments, please contact her to let her know.

Directors' Report

Rob Stegeman

Mr. Stegeman shared that the band is doing very well and is farther along than he expected them to be at this point. They now have 3 movements on the field and are going to stop learning new drill for a while in order to clean what they have learned and also add in visuals.

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School has begun and the band classes are going well. He has 8 more students enrolled in Symphonic Band than last year, 40 more in Concert Band, and Jazz Band is big as well. The jazz band is much larger than a traditional jazz band, but he did not want to turn people away.

Mr. Stegeman is teaching three sections of Beginning Band at Barnwell (Brass, Woodwinds, and Percussion) and is glad to be there, getting kids excited about Francis Howell North band.

The summer staff has been awesome! They are incredibly talented and great with kids. Our kids have responded very well to them. He would like to have the staff more often, but we are sharing them.

Mr. Stegeman shared that an Alumni Facebook page has been created and that it already has over 200 followers. It is "FHN Knightpride Alumni". He is planning to have an alumni night at some point in the future.

There will be a Veteran's Day assembly on Friday, 11/10, planned by Mr. Stegeman and other FHN faculty.

We are out of space in the band room. With the extra kids and the extra equipment from Freedom Percussion, things are very tight.

Mr. Stegeman let us know that plans are still not solidified for the Springfield trip. We plan to have the kids stay at Willard High School, but because that school has a new administrative team, no decisions have been made on their end. He does have other options for schools in the Springfield area that would be willing to host our band.

Open House is tomorrow, 8/16. The band will play as parents arrive. The kids should arrive at normal time and they will play for about 20 minutes then start their regular rehearsal.

Group pictures for marching band will not be done on Thursday because the uniforms are not in. Senior banner pictures will be delayed because of this, too.

Friday at 4 o'clock, Mr. Stegeman and Mr. Crow are going to do a practice pack to see how the pit equipment will fit into the box truck.

Mr. Stegeman is looking for two spaces in the school that can be used as new spaces for our uniforms and guard equipment

Mr Stegeman also shared that a few rooms on the same floor as the band room have tested positive for mold. This should not be a concern for the band because it does not involve any of our rooms.

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Committee Reports:

Symphonic and Concert Band

Stefanie Fairless

Stefanie shared that she is still waiting on a few of the method books to be delivered so that she can start making the audition packets for Metro District 8 Honor Band. Students have been given the website address so that they can begin practicing the scales.

Jazz Band

Guy Argent

No Jazz Report

Guard

Mindy Chaney

No Guard report

Pit/Visual/Maintenance

Chip Crow

Chip shared that he and Mr. Stegeman would be doing a trial run pack on Friday 8/18, making sure that all of the pit equipment fits well on the truck. He also shared that at least 8 people (more would be great) are needed at each performance to help push on the pit. The trampoline will need to be marked with how to correctly take it apart and put it back together.

Social/Publicity/ Historian

Tammy Siem

Tammy was not present for a report, but it she was thanked and it was pointed out that the parent social was a success and a wonderful way for parents to get to know each other.

Forms

Colleen Chroma

Still working on getting the last few forms turned in. Please be sure to turn all forms in if you have not already.

Band Camp

Misty Bradbury and Julie Perry

Misty and Julie were thanked for their work with band camp. They have \$205 left in the band camp fund. They would like to purchase a new deep freezer with this money.

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Uniforms

Kate Statzer

Pants and shoes are all in and bagged. Still waiting on the jackets. Under the jackets the kids will wear a bright yellow t-shirt. This will be added later; for now, the kids will wear their "Jump" t-shirts.

Middle School Communication

Amy Prinster

Amy reported that middle school night will be September 8. A Sign-Up Genius will be coming out for people to sign up to bring things.

Senior Committee

Mark & Janet Schneider

Fun things are planned. Mark inquired if anyone had a small generator. Chip Crow has one he is willing to share. Activities are being planned for Senior Night- the seniors will leave after half time that night to do these activities.

Event Support

Kristi Gordon and Chirsite Kolath

No report

Fundraising

Vicky Balleydier

Thank you to all who help with selling snow cones/cookies at Black & Gold Day. We grossed over \$800 in profit that day and 79 of the new FHN Knightpride cups were sold. The Sign-Up Genius for football game sales is available. Please sign up to help. Vicky also shared the flyer for the Three Families fundraising night. Wayne & Sarah Sanders are big supporters of the band and they are generously hosting this fundraising night for us. Vicky explained the Razoo.com (similar to GoFundMe) fundraiser. We are having a "Battle of the Bands" between the 3 Francis Howell marching bands to fundraise for uniforms. This is live on Facebook now- please promote this by sharing on Facebook- we have more kids than we have uniforms for. The time-frame for the competition between the schools for Howell Preview is a 10 day window, but website can be used for donations after that. Vicky also shared that we will have another TJ's pizza fundraiser beginning on 9/19. This will be a 40% profit for your FCC account.

Family Arena

Scott Kolath

The August event is coming up this Friday and is full. The lottery is working well, with different people being selected for all events since we started it. We do have a chance

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for a new event the same night as Howell Preview if anyone is available. September events should be available in the next couple of weeks.

Logos

Anne Perry

Second shirt order is available now. The cost per shirt is increased by \$1. Can order the blend or a 100% cotton shirt (please indicate on order). Anne needs these orders by 8/30.

Overnight Trip

Tracey Hansen

We have enough volunteers for the trip. Background check information is on the website under forms. Please register for this background check so that you are available for future events.

Scrip

Matt Temper

You can still order Best Western in time for the trip.

New Business:

Music in Motion: Thanks to Kelly Bogda for chairing the Music in Motion competition. We need a Program Chair for this event.

We also need an Alumni Chair.

Contest FAQ: Itineraries will come out a few days before the competition once the exact schedule is set. This can be very last minute based on when Mr. Stegeman receives the information from the host school. Kelly shared that the kids do a "Secret Pal" for competitions- the kids organize this themselves, but you might have to help with shopping. Regarding the change in buses for competitions, it was shared that if the competition is close to FHN, the buses will drop off the kids and then come back later to pick them up. The kids will need a string bag with their name on it that they keep everything in. This bag can stay under their uniform under the uniform cart.

Howell Preview Itinerary will be coming soon.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan Moore and seconded by Tracey Hansen. The motion passed. The next meeting will be held on September 19, 2017.

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Communications: www.fhnbands.com, Twitter FHNBB@fhnbandbooster, Parent Facebook page FHN Knightpride Parents

Important Dates:

Howell Preview at FHC August 24th 7 pm

Football- August 25th, Sept 1st, Sept 8th

Show Shirt re-orders due Wednesday, August 30th.

Middle School Night September 8th

MEMC O'Fallon Contest September 9th

Three Families Restaurant fundraiser- Thursday Sept. 14th 4-9 pm

Music in Motion- October 21st

Minutes respectfully submitted by Collen Chroma on behalf of Char Helmick.