

Francis Howell North High School

Band Boosters Association, Inc.

General Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2018

Call to Order

Emily Weaver, President

Emily called the meeting to order just after 7pm.

Thanks: Tammy Siem and her crew of helpers. The Winter Dinner/Dance was a great event for our students.

Approval of the Minutes

Char Helmick, Secretary

Char asked everyone to review the attached January minutes. She noted there were no changes made to the version that was previously emailed. There was a motion to accept them made by Cynthia Brewer and seconded by Chip Crow. The motion passed

Treasurer's Report

Wayne Prinster, Treasurer

Wayne presented the budget and reviewed several of the line items with current activity. He highlighted that Trivia Night earned higher than budgeted and will give additional funds for a 3rd Senior scholarship this year. There are additional trivia funds that will remain in the scholarship fund for next year. Kristi Gordon announced that as a 5 year employee gift, her company will be donating \$500 to the general booster budget. Wayne also identified that 1 hardship application has been accepted and approved. Emily informed the general meeting attendees of the use of the budget line item "winter percussion competition fee". This is a line item that has been used in all years previous, although we don't have a current winter percussion group specifically for FHN. The board clarified that this line item will be used to pay Mark Ischman. He has currently been coming in on Wednesday to assist Rob with percussion, but also symphonic, concert and jazz bands. He will continue to come on Wednesday through the end of the school year. There was discussion until those present were ready to give a verbal vote. A majority vote was taken with "I" statement. There were none that apposed the vote. This line item will be clarified in the future budget. There was a motion to accept the budget by Kristi Gordon and seconded by Kate Statzer.

Vice President's Report

Sherri Brown, Vice President

Sherri reported there are 6 families with remaining a balance for this school year. Those families are encouraged to reach out to make a payment plan. She reminded everyone of the hardship form.

Directors' Report

Rob Stegeman

-Concert band has received their spring concert pieces

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- Symphonic band has Solo/District coming up on March 3rd. Dr Snow worked with the group to prepare them for upcoming contest. He was very impressed with our group of students.
- Jazz band is ready for All Howell performance. Event is Thursday, February 22nd at 7pm at FHC.
- Basketball band is done for the season. There was a change in the schedule and there will not be a game Friday 2/23 as previously scheduled.
- Woodwind/Brass Choirs are going well. There will be additional rehearsals as contest gets closer.
- Percussion Ensemble- Dr B has decided they will not perform at large ensemble contest or district solo/ensemble.
- Recruitment for next year continues. We missed out on Middle School night for basketball band with the final game changes.
- Program classes for next year will break even with current student. Next year we will not get an assist, but Rob will be Full-time at FHN.
- We continue to have strong partnerships with outside groups, building relationships to further our band outreach.
- Rob is looking to purchase some new instruments with district funds.
- Solo/Ensemble March 3- Rob will be meeting with students individually after school to assist in preparation. This is required for Symphonic students. Reminder to pay you accompanist.
- Next season marching band "Wired" revealed at the dinner/dance. Prop design- electric poles> something big enough to climb, suspend and zipline from. Each member will have a belt/rope/wire with the ability to connect to each other. Proposal for the school to purchase 150 new generic black bibbers. They initially said "No", because all district HS bands get uniforms the same year and this is not the year. It is currently being re-considered. We do not have enough uniforms for the number of band members. The music will be very electronic sounding. Synthesizer- new one, bass synthesizer, saxophone/guitar, clarinet synthesizer and several solo opportunities again.
- Staffing for next marching band season- Rob is requesting full-time presence this year and will not agree on any part-time. Rob is currently talking with Joe Sparks and Mark Ischman. If they are unwilling to commit to full-time, there are back up plans in place. This year the contract will be an installment payment plan.

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-Contest schedule for next season- add one overnight. O'fallon Township, Blue Springs (KS), Bentonville (AK), FZN, Music in Motion, BOA- St. Louis. Rob has begun working on high school placement for overnight trips.

-Music in Motion- set up in Midwest Marching for October 20, 2018. We will be looking to increase sponsorship. We did the 1st step well by running a great program last year. Many will be planning to return.

-Celebrations> Winter Guard, Middle School Guard is doing awesome and winning events. Trivia night was a great night. Winter dinner/dance was a huge success.

-Help needed for Art in Motion- everyone is required to help support this event.

-Rob is willing to be transparent with all issues. Please contact him anytime.

Committee Reports:

Symphonic and Concert Band

Stephanie Fairless

Encouragement cards for District Solo/Ensemble due this Thursday. They are planning on snack/treat bags. Email will go out for donations soon.

Jazz Band

Guy Argent

All Howell show Thursday, February 22 @ 7pm, @ FHC. There is no cost to attend this event. Jazz dinner concert has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, May 2nd @ 5pm.

Guard

Jim Karase

Art in Motion, March 24th. There are 51 guards scheduled to participate. Program ads are very low. We need everyone to help find businesses willing to place an ad. Ads earn 33% toward FFC. The deadline for ads is March 14th. Sign-up Genius will be coming soon for event volunteer sign ups. Winter guard upcoming competitions Nashville and Howell. March 5th is a Texas Roadhouse fundraiser. A portion of all sales will be given to Winter guard.

Pit/Visual/Maintenance

Chip Crow

Gator needs to be looked at soon. Lights need to be repaired.

Social/Publicity/ Recognition/Banquet

Tammy Siem

THANK YOU to the crew who assisted with the dinner/dance. It was a great night. Some students felt it was the best band party ever.

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Forms

Colleen Chroma

No Report

Band Camp

Misty Bradbury, Julie Perry

No Report

Uniforms

Kate Statzer

11 uniforms still need passed out to students. She has started talking to Rob about fall uniform plans.

Middle School Communication

Amy Prinster

Report given for Amy. Ice Breaker April 22nd. We will need middle school guard recruitment.

Senior Committee

Mark & Janet Schneider

No Report

Event Support

Christie Kolath, Kristi Gordon

No Report

Fundraising

Vicky Balleydier

Cards calendar money should be in FFC now. Benefit Mobile is up and running. If you haven't started using the app, there is more info on the band website with details.

Family Arena

Scott Kolath

1 event in February. There are 3 events in March requested. There is some conflict with AIM weekend. Should find out soon which events we were granted. Thank you Stephanie for the new tip donation boxes.

Logos

Anne Perry

No Report

Overnight Trip

Tracy Hansen

No Report

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Scrip

Matt Temper

No Report

Important Dates:

Thursday, February 22nd- All Howell Jazz at FHC 7pm

Saturday, March 3rd- District Solo & Small Ensemble at FZE

Tuesday, March 13th- 2018/2019 FHNBB Budget meeting 6pm

Saturday, March 24th- Art in Motion at FHN

Sunday, April 22nd- Ice Breaker

New Business:

Art in Motion- Ads & Sponsorships due March 14th > forms can be found on the website

Senior Scholarships- Application due March 12th in the Band Booster drop box > We will be offering 3 scholarships to band/guard students. Scholarships are based on participation points and written essay. It is not based on GPA

Prop Learn https://www.fhdschools.org/district/proposition_learn > The board agreed to a \$250 donation to assist advance awareness of this proposition.

2018/2019 Elections> paper ballots were passed out and votes were casted for next year's Booster Executive Board. With a unanimous vote, all nominees were accepted for next year. President- Emily Weaver, Vice-President- Rex Anderson, Treasurer- Wayne Prinster, Secretary- Char Helmick. There were 30 ballots turned in. Committee Chair persons were also identified on the ballot and approved.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned just after 8pm with a motion made by Rachel Anderson and seconded by Tammy Siem

The next meeting will be held on March 20, 2018

Minutes respectfully submitted by Char Helmick.