

Francis Howell North High School

Band Boosters Association, Inc.

General Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2019

Call to Order

Kate Statzer, President

Kate called the meeting to order shortly after 7pm. She passed around a thank you card for Arlene Kearns in the Activities Office to thank her for all she does for our program.

Approval of the Minutes

Colleen Chroma, Secretary

Colleen asked for any questions related to the review of electronic April minutes. She noted there were no changes made to the version that was previously emailed. There was no discussion or questions asked. There was a motion to accept them made by Chris Kottmann and seconded by Rachel Anderson. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

James Scott, Treasurer

Kate presented the budget on behalf of Jamie and reviewed several of the line items. She noted the purchase of senior plaques, letters and awards for band banquet, talked about waivers for marching band and pointed out that Mike Davis was paid for a portion of his contract for winter drumline. She shared that the projected profit for Trivia Night was \$3475, close to the amount budgeted, in spite of the reschedule. She also noted that shelving for the guard closet was purchased. There was a motion to accept the budget made by Tammy Siem and seconded by Chip Crow. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report

Rex Anderson, Vice President

Rex shared that deposits or Commitment Night had been entered into the FFC accounts. Charms will switch over to the 2019-2020 season on May 30.

Directors' Report

Rob Stegeman

Mr. Stegeman shared information about Graduation Band. All kids need to be present for this and it is counted as a grade. The schedule for the morning of graduation will go out tomorrow. He needs someone to help load and move equipment to the Arena for graduation.

He asked parents to look at the parent Facebook page for information regarding the changes with staff. This information also went out through Charms. Because of the changes, the visual camps have been moved a week later but days were added here and there. Please look for changes in the schedule. Emme Harms will be taking over the visual portion of the program. Chris Grissom will be taking over the guard. Mr. Grissom will be making recommendations regarding additional staffing.

Mike D. has started on percussion parts for the show.

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Strip tarps will be used for the show this season. These will lace together and will be on spools that will be pulled out at various points of the show. This should speed up clearing the field at the end of the show. Someone is needed to make the spools.

Someone is needed to purchase deer drags from Walmart. A volunteer is also needed to get pricing on battery powered leaf blowers and battery packs.

Our props are being made by Jeff Herr, who makes props for DCI group including the Blue Coats. We are purchasing 3 previously used ramps and reconfiguring them, adding rails. The 9 ft. ramps are made of aluminum and fold up. He suggested that a team is needed to fly out and drive the ramps back here.

Regarding uniforms for the show, we are going with Mr. Miller's suggestion with a slight modification. Band members will wear lightweight hooded long sleeve t-shirts with a lightweight vest over it. Guard uniforms have already been purchased.

We need pageantry carts to be built. These would hold keyboards, soundboard and all of our tech equipment. We would need 2 of them.

Mr. Stegeman discussed the Iowa trip the last weekend in September. We will leave Saturday a.m. and return Sunday afternoon. He is checking with "Music for All" to see if we will be able to stay in a gym for this trip.

We have 6 or 7 bands signed up for Music in Motion. This is the same weekend as BOA St. Louis. We will have an early afternoon time at BOA on Friday, come back to set up for Music in Motion. After our festival, we will clean up and kids will go back to watch finals at the dome.

Mr. Stegeman asked for a volunteer to put the skirts on the tower at the practice field. The Scott family volunteered to do this again this year.

Section leaders will get contact information for their section so that they can reach out regarding scheduling, etc.

A proposal has been made to the district to purchase equipment from Gateway.

Mr. Stegeman pointed out that the Sponsorship Drive needs attention from everyone. This will allow us to make budget and keep our band fees low.

The first rehearsals of the season with guard and drumline are going well and have had good attendance.

Committee Reports:

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Guard

Sheila Murray

Kate presented for Sheila, who was working at the Family Arena. 23 kids made the guard out of 26 total who auditioned. On June 25 there will be a Guard Clinic from 9-5. Welcome emails have been sent to all new guard families and the guard calendar has been updated on-line. Any guard related questions should go to Mr. Stegeman for right now.

Locker decorating for all band and guard members will be done again. If you want to help with this, please contact Sheila.

Middle School Communication

Kristi Gordon

Kate presented for Kristi, who was in San Diego. Kristi did recruitment at Barnwell and Hollenbeck concerts. We have 21 incoming freshmen plus 7 new upperclassmen.

Middle School Night for this year will be for 7th and 8th grade.

Fundraising

Rachel Anderson

Rex presented for Rachel. Giving Bean coffee fundraiser items are available tonight. We will be doing another Saver drive during the week of Band Camp (Chesterfield location of Savers because the St. Charles location closed). More information to come on this. Dine Out Nights will continue and a TJ's Pizza fundraiser will be coming.

Jazz

Stefanie Fairless

Kate presented for Stefanie, who was at the Family Arena. Not sure on profit for the Jazz Dinner this year. It may have just broken even.

Forms

Leslie Scott

Leslie reported that 104 forms have been turned in so far. All forms need to be turned in by band camp.

Uniforms

Susan Moore

Uniforms have been ordered. Shoes have been ordered, including replacement shoes and shoes for freshmen.

Susan also mentioned that concessions needs a new chair and that she and Dan are willing to help the new person figure out how everything works.

Sponsorships

Karen Basford

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Karen was unable to be at the meeting. Information for sponsorships was included in the yellow registration folders and is also on the band website. If you know anyone who runs a large or small business, reach out to see if they would like to sponsor our band.

Old Business:

Important Dates were reviewed. Graduation Band itinerary will go out tomorrow.

All students should be on the new season's Facebook page. Mr. Stegeman is trying to move toward "The Band App" instead of Facebook for the kids.

New Business:

Open Chairs for 2019-2020: Webmaster, MIM Co-chair, AIM Co-chair, and Concessions for Music in Motion are needed.

Impact Testing: All freshmen and juniors will need to be tested. Band only dates are still coming (most likely late June). All-School dates are August 1 from 12-5:30 and August 2 from 10-4.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Christie Kolath and seconded by Chris Kottmann. The motion passed. The next meeting will be held on June 25, 2019

Minutes respectfully submitted by Collen Chroma.