

# Francis Howell North High School

Band Boosters Association, Inc.

## General Meeting Minutes

July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### Call to Order

Kate Statzer, President

Kate called the meeting to order just after 7pm. She introduced Athletic Director, Mike Janes, and let him start the meeting with the mandatory overnight information required for all overnight trips this year.

**Overnight requirements:** Mr. Janes went over information about overnight trips. He acknowledged the importance of the band to the FHN community, helping to bring spirit to our school. He thanked the parents for their involvement and many hours given to the band. He addressed some of the changes in the district including the district taking over the bus transportation.

All parents received the Overnight Field Trip Agreement packet. This needs to be completely filled out and returned ASAP (turn in to purple forms box in band room). Student and parent signatures are required, so parents will need to fill out the packet with their student. For portions of the form that require dates, parents were asked to fill in August 2019- June 2020.

Highlights of his presentation:

- Trips are taken with best guess of weather. There are times that bus departure/arrivals are adjusted due to inclement weather. These are often last-minute decisions and student safety is always the most important consideration.
- All are intended as educational trips. Code of conduct is still in effect. Discipline will occur upon return to school. Parents can be called to come pick up student if situation requires it, even if out of state.
- Black & Gold Day- August 24<sup>th</sup>- great kick off for fall sports

### Approval of the Minutes

Colleen Chroma, Secretary

Colleen introduced her role as secretary. She noted there were no changes made to the version of the minutes that was previously emailed. There was a motion to accept them made by Cynthia Brewer and seconded by Chris Kottman. The motion passed

### Treasurer's Report

James Scott, Treasurer

Jamie introduced his role as treasurer. He explained our monthly budget report and how to read it. He presented the budget and reviewed several of the line items with current activity. He explained that we are using the new insurance company now and are insuring the gator,

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too. We are slightly over budget on props for the year. We have recently received a \$250 sponsorship received. There was a motion to accept the report made by Susan Moore and seconded by Brittany King. The motion passed

### Vice President's Report

Rex Anderson, Vice President

Rex introduced his role as Vice President. Statements were emailed in early July. Reminder that FFC payments can be dropped in locked locker box in the band room. Final FFC payment of \$145 is due August 1<sup>st</sup>. Anyone with financial struggles is encouraged to reach out to the Executive Board as soon as possible.

### Directors' Report

Rob Stegeman

Mr. Stegeman came in from the evening rehearsal to share a few items with us:

The kids are doing well with band camp! Be sure all students have the supplies that were on the list in the yellow folder students received.

Students have started on pep tunes and need lyres and flip folders for this.

We have the ramps and sleds and are beginning to use them. The sleds will be re-worked with handles to make them easier to pull.

The Gateway purchase was approved by the district and we have most it already.

The new schedule is helping to get more staff here more often which is really great!

Evening rehearsals have a 9 pm release, but kids will need to help move things after rehearsal, so it may be a bit later than 9.

With the later morning start for band camp, the hope is that kids will get up, have a good breakfast and 10-15 minutes of music practice prior to coming to school would be great!

### **Committee Reports (introduction of all Committee Chairs):**

#### Logos

Lorna Varvera

Show shirt order form is out. Forms are due Friday 8/2. All students will be given 1 free T-shirt. Parents were encouraged to purchase additional show attire. Sections shirts will be ready for Parent Preview. There is also a form for senior shirts.

#### Wind Ensemble & Concert Band

Anita Karase

No Report

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### Jazz Band/Trivia Night

Stefanie Fairless

Stefanie introduced herself to those in attendance and shared that Trivia Night will be January 11, 2020. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year.

### Guard/In School PR for the Band

Sheila Murray

Sheila will be taking pictures of all of the band kids in order to publicize the band in the school.

### Pit/Visual/Transportation

Jim Karase

Jim introduced his role and explained the need for additional support transporting and loading equipment at each event, driving trucks and pulling trailers. There will be a crew helping get equipment on and off the field at each performance at competitions and football games. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to join. Contact Jim for details.

### Social/Historian (Dance, Banquet, Senior Awards)

OPEN

This is a position that is open. It would involve planning the winter dance and also the band banquet at the end of the year. If you enjoy party planning, this is the position for you. Please see Kate for more details.

### Forms

Leslie Scott

Leslie reminded parents that all band forms are past due. Anyone with outstanding forms, need to get them submitted ASAP. Be sure to turn in the Overnight forms as soon as you can to the purple forms box in the band room.

### Band Camp

Kimberly Kilen

Kimberly thanked the parents for their donations and added that we could use more popsicles, grapes and watermelon because these are the kids' favorites. The End of Camp Pizza Party will be held on July 26. Look for the Sign-Up Genius that will be coming via Charms email so that you may sign up to help serve and/or donate desserts. Pizza will be provided.

### Uniforms

Susan Moore

Susan has been measuring all the kids. We hope to have uniforms by Preview. Just a reminder that kids will need to be careful while they are in their uniform.

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### **Middle School Communication**

**Kristi Gordon**

Kristi introduced her role as MS chair. The 1<sup>st</sup> event will be Middle School night at the football game.

### **Senior Committee**

**Misty Bradbury**

Misty introduced herself to those in attendance.

### **Event Support**

**Cathy Hargrove**

Cathy introduced herself to those in attendance and explained her role. She is responsible for feeding students at band competitions. Anyone with special dietary concerns, please contact Cathy. Also, event support is an area that always needs lots of help on competition day feeding the kids. Just show up to help, it will be appreciated!

### **Fundraising**

**Rachel Anderson**

Rachel explained her role and shared that the Saver's fundraiser is underway. She will be in the parking lot to collect donations each evening this week. Money raised will go into the General Fund. Rachel is planning to have a Dine Out fundraiser each month. Our first Dine Out fundraiser will be August 15<sup>th</sup> at Mod Pizza. Please mention the band when ordering.

### **Family Arena**

**Scott Kolath**

Scott shared that working at the Family Arena is a great opportunity for FFC (Family Financial Commitment) fundraising. Events are sent out as a Sign-up Genius each month. All are welcome to sign up. Must be 16 to work as a runner and 21 to serve.

### **Scrip**

**Sherri Brown**

Sherri reported that she will be at each booster meeting and the McClay library between meetings. She shared that Scrip is another great opportunity for FFC fundraising by doing something super easy- purchasing gift cards for places where you shop or eat. A new list will be coming out because one of our vendors for scrip has changed.

### **Alumni**

**Char Helmick**

Char introduced herself to those in attendance. She shared that Mr. Stegeman will be inviting alumni back to play pep tunes with the band. All alumni are encouraged to join the Alumni Facebook page.

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### **Twitter**

**Colleen Chroma**

Colleen introduced herself to those in attendance. She will keep our social media active on Twitter. If you have pictures of band students that would be of interest to her, please send them to her. Our Twitter account @fhnbandboosters

### **Mentors**

**Kristi Gordon**

Kristi introduced her role as mentor chair. She is continuing to help make a great transition for our new students in the band programs.

### **Music in Motion**

**Karen Basford**

Karen introduced MIM to new parents. Our band will host the competition and perform in exhibition. It is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>. All parents are asked to save the date. Every family is expected to volunteer during the event. This is an "All Hands On Deck" type of event and is our biggest fundraiser for the year. She will begin meeting with her committees soon and more details are to come.

### **Sponsorships**

**Karen Basford**

Karen encouraged parents to continue getting sponsorships for Music in Motion and also Art in Motion (Winter Guard competition that we host in the winter).

### **Overnight Trip**

**Stacey Sickendick**

Stacy reported on our overnight trip which will be Saturday, September 28 for the BOA competition in Cedar Falls, IA. She had a "fast facts" form available for frequently asked questions (form can be found on the website, under forms). Band ratio is 1 chaperone per 8 students. Chaperones are not required to ride the bus but are required to sleep with the students. She encouraged parents to ensure their background checks are current with the district. Students will be staying at a local high school or municipal building.

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## Concessions

**Shannon Turek**

Thank you to Shannon for volunteering for this very important role. She will be assisting with both MIM and AIM concession duties.

## Webmaster

**OPEN**

Kate asked for volunteers for this position.

## Breakfast with Santa

**OPEN**

Shannon Turek also volunteered to fill this role.

### **Important Dates:**

- Impact Testing August 1<sup>st</sup> 12-5 pm; August 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am-4 pm, Rm 35
  - o Required for ALL band members who were not tested last year.
  - o This test is done on the computer, it takes about 45 minutes, and students should not have done any physical activity prior to the testing.
- August 2<sup>nd</sup>- Parent Preview- 7 pm
- August 7<sup>th</sup>- Regular Rehearsal Schedule Begins
- August 24<sup>th</sup>- Black & Gold Day- Showcases all Fall Sports and the Band will perform
- Saves Fundraiser this week 7/15-7/20
- FFC due: Last payment is due August 1<sup>st</sup>

### **New Business:**

- Howell Preview- We will host this year. It is 8/29. More information to come.
- Knightpride Parent Social is being planned for Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> ; please look for more information.
- FHSD Background Check- [www.fhdschools.org](http://www.fhdschools.org)- community-volunteer-volunteer forms- 636-851-4056

### **Adjournment:**

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The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm with a motion made by Tony Bradbury and seconded by Sheila Murray.

The next general meeting will be held on August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Band Room

Minutes respectfully submitted by Colleen Chruma.