

# Francis Howell North High School

Band Boosters Association, Inc.

## General Meeting Minutes- Virtual

**June 16, 2020**

### Call to Order

**Kate Statzer, President**

Kate called the virtual meeting to order just after 7pm.

### Approval of the Minutes

**Colleen Chroma, Secretary**

Colleen noted there were no changes made to the version of the May minutes that were emailed. There was a motion to accept them made by Christie Kolath and seconded by Chris Kottman. The motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report

**James Scott, Treasurer**

Jamie presented the treasurer's report and reviewed several of the line items with current activity. He thanked everyone who donated their Trivia Night Registration fees back to the program. Jamie also explained that the Treasurer's Report now shows the account number next to each category. There was a motion to accept the report made by Christie Kolath and seconded by Rachel Anderson. The motion passed.

### Vice President's Report

**Anita Karase, Vice President**

Anita is figuring out Charms and has been putting in all of the Commitment Night deposits. Most of these came through PayPal. When Anita sends out statements via Charms, please let her know if you see any issues with you statement.

### Directors' Report

**Rob Stegeman**

Mr. Stegeman gave a huge thank you to Kristi Gordon for all of her help with recruitment. We are thinking that final numbers for the season should be around 114-115 members. We may be holding the "Criminal" show until next season. He does have a back-up show ready if needed.

We need recruitment ideas to recruit more parents to be involved. We do the parent social every year, but we need to do more. We need to reach out personally to get more parents involved. Mr. Stegeman asked for everyone to come up with fun ideas for us to do together.

Props building will be needed this year so we will need people to help with this. We need someone to price and purchase the metal. Then a group will be needed to build the props. This would be a fun get-together!

Mr. Stegeman asked everyone to remind their kids to keep reaching out to the seniors.

Band Banquet will be on June 25 at 7 pm. It will be virtual and the kids' certificates will be handed out at the end of a practice with seniors invited back for that evening.

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Ms. Nogle has been at school organizing the music and it should be ready to go out soon.

Mr. Stegeman shared that we will be making a capital purchase to upgrade our microphone system. We have also purchased valve oil, slide oil, sanispray, reeds, etc. so that kids don't share equipment. We are also looking at purchasing a new soprano saxophone and 4 marching euphoniums (these are slightly bigger than a baritone).

He reminded parents to work on getting their kids ready for band camp by getting them used to being outside again.

Some kids are getting together on their own and practicing in a non-sanctioned sectionals. If students do this on their own, Mr. Stegeman expects them to use good hygiene and social distancing. These are not required because they were not scheduled by the program.

All warm-ups (except percussion) are available on the website. Kids need to be practicing those. A handbook will be coming for percussionists. The wind book for the show is done and they are trying to figure out how to get this to kids in a password protected format.

Hopefully everything will be a go for our camps in July. BOA Music for All is allowing bands to change events or withdraw from events and apply the money to next year. Everything for BOA competitions is a big question mark right now. We are not sure about local competitions either and we are not sure if we will be allowed to travel out of the area. One of the big questions right now is bussing. Some schools are planning on ordering double busses for transportation. Francis Howell district probably won't agree to that. We might need to provide private transportation for our students.

Kids will need masks every time they are in the building and will need to keep all of their equipment with them, not use the band room as a hub. Inside rehearsals will be in the gym or only brass in the band room, only woodwinds in the choir room, etc. Kids need to be careful to maintain good social distancing. The closest the kids will be to each other will be during the actual show.

### Committee Reports:

#### Trivia Night

**Christie Kolath**

Deposits were returned to some FFC accounts. Many folks donated their deposit back to the band. Thank you for that! We might do an online raffle for the baskets or have them raffled at Black & Gold Day. We can save the bigger items that don't expire for next year's trivia night. The Pezold Center has been very helpful working with us with all

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of the changes from snow to quarantine. April 16 is the date for next year's Trivia Night at the Pezold Center.

### **Fundraising**

**Rachel Anderson**

Rachel explained that the band does 2 kinds of fundraising. General fundraising goes to the band program as a whole. Individual fundraising goes towards individual FFC (Family Financial Commitment) accounts.

We will be doing a Savers fundraising drive again this year with drop off dates of July 1 and July 6 from 7-9 pm. There will also be a drop off date during the first week of band camp at the end of July. This is a fundraiser for the full band.

We are selling TJ's Pizza and Giving Bean coffee again this year. This is a fundraiser for individual FFC accounts. Contact Rachel to get a form or you can pick one up at the Saver's drop off on 7/1. Orders are due by 7/6 and items will be picked up on 7/22.

### **Colorguard**

**Kate Statzer for Sheila Murray**

We need uniform measurements from everyone ASAP (band and guard).

Guard tryouts and placement will be 7/1 at 5:30 pm. We currently have 21 in the guard.

### **Uniforms**

**Kate Statzer for Debbie Winkle**

Be sure to get measurements done and turned in! We will need a group of parents to help with uniforms at every performance. Also will need help with washing uniforms.

### **Mentors**

**Kristi Gordon**

Kate again thanked Kristi for all of her work with recruiting as she introduced Kristi to talk about Mentors. Kristi shared that we have 30 incoming freshman. She will be reaching out to parents to be mentors for the season. We will also be reaching out to the new families to ask them to help with the Booster organization.

### **Forms**

**Leslie Scott**

Leslie reminded everyone that all forms are due on your child's first day of practice. Please double check all of the forms to be sure that you have all of the signatures. Some of the forms require parent signatures, some student, some require both. Please turn EVERYTHING in to Leslie. She will take care of turning in activities office forms. Forms can be placed in the purple box in the band room (just inside the outside door).

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### Sponsorship

Kate Statzer

If you know of a company that would like to donate to our band, please let us know. The link is on the band website. All sponsorships that come in between now and 9/1 can help to lower the last FFC payment for everyone. We were able to do this last year.

### Props

Kate Statzer

Mr. Stegeman has a great idea for props. If any of you have experience with welding and/or have supplies for welding or know someone who does, they can train other how to do this. Liz Schmidt suggested maybe using some student from trade schools like Rankin to help with this. We also need someone to find the aluminum. Please email Kate if you have any ideas about any of this.

### **Important Dates:**

- Virtual Awards Night is June 25 at 7 pm online. See Facebook for log-on information. Kids will receive their physical awards at an evening rehearsal.
- Marching Band Practice schedule starting July 1. See website calendar (fhnbands.com) for all practice times.
- Graduation is July 11
- 2<sup>nd</sup> FFC Payment for Marching Band is due July 1- \$170

### **Continuing Business and New Business:**

- Thank you to Rex Anderson for heading up the Senior Committee for this year.
- FHNBB 2020/2021 Chairperson Vacancy – We need someone to be Sponsorship Chair.
- Uniforms- Debbie will need lots of uniform helpers to help with sewing, washing, checking in/out uniforms, etc. If you can help with one of these areas (or more), please let Debbie or Kate know.
- FHSD Background Check- [www.fhdschools.org](http://www.fhdschools.org) Background Check Information was supposed to change for the 2020-2021 School Year. Everyone will need to be fingerprinted. But we are not sure if the requirement will be changed this year or not.
- Remind (Text Alerts): text @fhnbb to 81010 - will be used during Marching Band season for text updates.

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned with a motion made by Christie Kolath and seconded by Rex Anderson.

The next general meeting will be held on July 21 at 7pm (location to be determined)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Colleen Chroma.