

Francis Howell North High School

Band Boosters Association, Inc.

General Meeting Minutes- Virtual

December 15, 2020

Call to Order

Kate Statzer, President

Kate called the virtual meeting to order a little after 7 pm.

Approval of the Minutes

Colleen Chroma

Colleen noted there were no changes made to the version of the November minutes that were emailed. There was a motion to accept the minutes made by Kathy Ludwig and seconded by Amy Prinster. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

James Scott, Treasurer

Jamie gave the financial report, sharing that it was a light month. He read through the budget items, including a payment from Amazon Smile and a donation from Chris & Emily Weaver as well as an expense for truck maintenance. There was a motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Sherri Brown and seconded by Ed Cuneo. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report

Anita Karase, Vice President

Anita shared that we still have 17 families that owe a portion of their fall marching season payments with a few owing full payments. She has contacted all families to set up payments. Please contact Anita or any member of the board if you have question regarding your FFC or need help making payments.

Directors' Report

Rob Stegeman

Mr. Stegeman shared that the concert went really well although he missed having Wind Ensemble there. Missing students made things difficult, but it ended up going very well.

He shared that 2 basketball games this week were dropped, but the ones on Thursday and Friday are still happening with 5:15 call times. Be sure to wear pride attire.

For Metro 8, kids will receive the cuts on 1/7, submissions are due on 1/21, and the results will be available on 1/28. The Metro 8 recording will be used as a test grade. Students will be able to record with Mr. Stegeman using his set up. If you choose to record on your own, he has recommendations for the students to follow.

Large Ensemble festival might be virtual this year, but he has not heard for certain.

Solo and Small Ensemble will be virtual, but there are still a lot of questions about how it will work.

Woodwind Choir and Brass Choir will meet on Mondays. They will probably perform on the spring concert. Again, this is still unknown.

He is not sure about Jazz contests. MO State has already canceled their contest.

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Mr. Stegeman shared that he has money to spend. He is planning to use some of this for improving the sound system for marching band; looking at a wireless system and microphone. He is also looking at a portable sound system for jazz band, various auxiliary percussion instruments for concert band, etc. Our drumline needs to be replaced, too.

Mr. Stegeman discussed show design for next marching season which will be happening in house this year. Not sure when the show will be revealed, because we won't be having our winter dinner/dance this year. He also discussed recruitment, including recruiting at the high school level in addition to the middle school. He is working to find students who were previously in band and is also looking into having a beginning band class at the high school.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising

Rachel Anderson

Rachel reminded everyone that Benefit Mobile and scrip go directly into your own FFC account. She also shared information about the Cardinals Calendars (\$16 with \$7 going to FFC) and Giving Bean Coffee (25% toward FFC). There is a Dine Out night tomorrow at Freddy's (both Cave Springs and Jungermann locations). Be sure to mention FHN Knightpride Band.

Colorguard

Sheila Murray

Sheila shared that the guard is currently quarantined, but they are having a virtual team building activity tonight. They will return to practice on Saturday hopefully. There was an impromptu parent meeting to address the exposure and how practice are handled. The staff is very careful, just as the band staff has been very careful. A Google Doc has been created that guard members need to complete prior to every practice. It is very important for guard members to not come to any practices if they have symptoms.

March 26 and 27 might be a very small CSPA guard event at our school. It was asked if that would affect our opportunity to host MCCGA events. Answer: No. It was asked if we would lose money by hosting this event. Answer: No.

Scrip

Sherri Brown

Sherri shared that there will be a physical card event for November and December. We only have about 6 families participating, but those families did very well with raising money for their FFC. "Raise Right" is an app that you can use for scrip card purchases.

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Continuing Business and New Business:

- Nominating Committee is Kathy Ludwig, Amy Prinster, and Ed Cuneo.
- They will be working to nominate members for next year for the following open positions: President, Treasurer, Secretary, Guard, Pit (Ed Cuneo), Band Camp, Uniforms, Middle School/Mentors, Seniors (Cathy Hargrove), Event Support, Fundraising, Snow Cone Booth, Logos/Band Jackets, Scrip, Sponsorship, Art in Motion, Concessions, Breakfast with Santa and videographer.
- Basketball Band- Practice Tuesday/Thursday; refer to calendar, it is constantly changing. The most up to source is the Activities Calendar at FHNKnights.org. If you would like to watch the basketball band, contact the activities office. They will put you on the list so that you can attend the game.
- FHSD Background Check- www.fhdschools.org
- Remind (Text Alerts): text @fhnbb to 81010 - will be used for text updates.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned with a motion made by Christie Kolath & seconded by Amy Prinster.

The next general meeting will be held on January 19 at 7pm and will again be virtual.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Colleen Chroma.