

# Francis Howell North High School

Band Boosters Association, Inc.

## General Meeting Minutes- Virtual

January 19, 2021

### 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 December minutes that were emailed. There was a motion to accept the minutes made by Chris Kottmann and seconded by Amy Prinster. The motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report

James Scott, Treasurer

Jamie gave the financial report. He read through several budget items, including \$160 in deposits from the band group photo and \$79.65 from our December Freddy's dine-out. Some senior expenses still need to be paid. 1099 forms for the staff will be going out and we will be paying for those to be prepared. There was a motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Rachel Anderson and seconded by Chris Kottmann. The motion passed.

### Vice President's Report

Anita Karase, Vice President

Anita shared that we still have 15 families that owe a portion of their fall marching season payments. Some of these are very small payments and she following up with all of these families. Please contact Anita or any member of the board if you have question regarding making payments to your FFC.

### Directors' Report

Rob Stegeman

Mr. Stegeman shared that there will be basketball games for pep band on both Friday and Saturday.

The first staff meeting for next season will be on Saturday.

We are finishing up the semester and he is working on putting the Metro 8 auditions online.

Large Ensemble will be in mid-April.

Solo and Small Ensemble signups are up, but not many kid have signed up yet because they have been focusing on Metro 8. He said that kids most likely will not need an accompanist.

There were question regarding what Music in Motion would look like without a stadium next year. He said that we will be renting another stadium for our Music in Motion competition which will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October.

Mr. Stegeman also shared that 8-10 kids are coming back from virtual learning and 4 kids are transitioning to virtual learning. As far as recruiting for next year, he is looking into bringing back some former band students and also the possibility of having a beginning band at North. He has been actively

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recruiting at our middle schools. There are around 12 8<sup>th</sup> graders in person at Barnwell with around 5 more who are virtual. Hollenbeck has 30+ in person and an additional 10 that are virtual.

A question was asked regarding the budget cuts and the staff reduction at the high schools. He does not think that the staff reductions will affect our band program.

Additional questions were asked about construction. Mr. Stegeman shared that the band field won't be touched, but will need lighting. It was asked if the school would help with the additional expenses that the band will incur due to construction (transportation, etc.) because it just doesn't seem right that the band would have to cover those expenses. Mr. Stegeman also shared that he is making sure that we will have adequate storage for uniforms and gear in the construction design.

### Committee Reports:

#### Fundraising

Rachel Anderson

Rachel shared that the Cardinal calendar sale wrapped up with 33 calendars sold and \$231 going to individuals' FFC accounts. Benefit Mobile earned \$196.76 for December for individual FFC accounts. Mod Pizza was last week and we are not sure what the profit is yet. A Freddy's Night is being planned for February, but we don't have a date. We might look into a Savers drive for spring, but it was pointed out that we would need to turn the insurance back on if we need to use the truck to transport the donations.

#### Colorguard

Kate Statzer & Rachel Anderson for Sheila Murray

Guard is going well. The kids submitted designs for logo wear and Sheila is moving forward with this. WGI is planning to move forward with virtual competitions- the first will be in February. Middle school guard is underway and doing well, too.

### Continuing Business and New Business:

- Kate thanked our Nominating Committee-Kathy Ludwig, Amy Prinster, and Ed Cuneo for all of their work so far. They have reached out to several folks to fill positions and will continue to do so.
- Tomorrow is the last day to order band photos.
- FHSD Background Check- [www.fhdschools.org](http://www.fhdschools.org) Be sure to get this done for next year. The district was pretty lax with this during the current school year.

### Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned with a motion made by Amy Prinster & seconded by Rachel Anderson.

The next general meeting will be held on February 16 at 7pm and will be virtual.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Colleen Chroma.