

Francis Howell North High School

Band Boosters Association, Inc.

General Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2022

Call to Order

Rex Anderson, President

Rex called the meeting to order just after 7pm.

Approval of the Minutes

Colleen Chroma

Colleen shared that the minutes had been emailed previously. There was a motion to accept the minutes made by Erica O'Connor and seconded by Sarah Kearney. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Liz Schmidt, Treasurer

Liz gave the financial report and read through the budget items, including \$500 going into our New Vehicle Account and \$1937 for Guard sabres. We raised \$49.74 with our Freddy's dine out and \$660.68 from our Saver "Fund" Drive. There was a motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Amy Prinster and seconded by Regina Digar. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report

Tracy Bland, Vice President

Tracy shared that most parent are up to date with their FFC payments, but twenty-two families need to make their August 1 payment. All Family Arena earnings have been added to FFC accounts. Please let us know if you are not receiving your Charms emails. Also, if you need any help paying off your FFC, please let Tracy or another member of the board know.

Directors' Report

Dr. Ryan Curtis

Dr. Curtis shared that Parent Preview will be at Henderson. We will perform at Black and Gold Day at 4:30 pm. It will be a Stand and Play on the parking lot. Howell Preview is coming up on 8/31 at 7 pm at Francis Howell. We have our first football game on September 1st at FHC. September 9th will be 8th Grade Night. The 8th graders will play the Star-Spangled Banner with our kids. The football game originally scheduled for 9/22 has been moved to 9/24 at 12 noon. This is the same day as the competition at Lafayette. Our band will play in the morning at Lafayette, go to FHC for the game, play half time at the football game then go back to Lafayette for finals. We will be having a combined concert with Barnwell and Hollenbeck on January 19.

We will be having bus transportation to all football games and competitions this year. We have a limited number of name tags for football games. These will be for paid band staff and official pit crew (Aaron & Kurt) only.

Dr. Curtis discussed the trip to Universal in January. Putting together an out of state trip was a little trickier than he thought, but he would still like to make it a reality for our kids. The plan is that we would live on January 12 in the evening. This is a half day. We would be there 1/13-1/15 and fly home on 1/16. We would be back in school on Tuesday. Estimated cost is \$1259 per person. The cost might change depending on the cost of the Southwest flight. When the trip is approved, a link will be on the

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website for a \$100 deposit that will reserve your spot. There will be a \$500 payment and then a second payment of \$659 depending on cost of flight. The trip will be fully refundable 90 days before the trip. Universal requires 40 performing members, so we will need to have that many students to make the trip happen. The price of the trip includes 3 days at Universal including parks, breakfast, dinner, airfare, and bus. The performance would be a parade on Saturday. Trip insurance will be available to parents as an extra cost. Dr. Curtis would like to take a trip like this with the group on a regular basis. This should help with recruitment and retention.

Dr. Curtis then answered some questions from the parents. He shared that Band Camp has been going very well and the kids have been very flexible with the changes in where we are rehearsing. Dr. Curtis thanked the parents for getting their kids to and from practice. There will be a bus for Howell Preview. He will be putting out an itinerary for Black and Gold Day. The kids will need to be there around 3:30 or 4 and the performance will be at 4:30. He also shared that Art in Motion is not happening this year.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising

Colleen Chroma for Rachel Anderson

The Saver's Fundraiser earned \$660 this year. Thank you to the Taylor and Schmidt families for helping load/unload the truck. We do have a referral link. If we refer another nonprofit group and they do a fundraiser with Saver, we will earn a bonus. Let Rachel know if you'd like to send the link to another group. Narwhal's Dine-Out is coming up on 8/17. Invite everyone you know- we earn 20% of all sales. Use code FHNBAND when ordering for Narwhal's AND Loaded Nachos. Join us for Parent Social from 6-8 pm. There will be door prizes! We earned \$49.74 from our Freddy's fundraiser in July. We have several other upcoming fundraisers in the works – Crooked Feathers 9/15, Panda Express on 10/6, Texas Roadhouse TBD, Giving Bean FFC October/November, Cardinals Calendars FFC November. If you have ideas for general fundraising or FFC opportunities, please contact Rachel Anderson fundraising @fhnbands.com

Forms

Colleen Chroma

All band forms are in, but we have several students who still need to complete their online registration through the Activities Office. Everyone who has completed their registration will be seeing that their registration is currently pending. Mrs. Kearns will finalize registrations soon.

Color Guard

Erica O'Connor

Guard is going well.

Snow Cones

Melissa Clark

We will be selling snow cones at Black and Gold Day from 4- 7 pm for \$3 each. She will be putting out a Sign-Up Genius to sign up to help.

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Logos

Lisa VanDyne

Lisa shared that the students will wear their section shirts for both Parent Preview and Black & Gold Day. Show shirt orders are due today. They should be ready for our first football game. She is working on senior shirts.

Pit/Visual

Aaron Addison

Aaron explained everything that needs to be moved for every performance. We need lots of volunteers to make it work! We need people to drive trucks and trailers and also to push pit equipment at each performance. Talk to Aaron, Kurt, or Rex to help. Please help whenever you can!

Band Camp

Patti Kehoe

Patti told us that about Band Camp. The kids had snack each day and there were goody bags for new members. The Pizza Party went well, too.

Seniors

Cathie Landwehr

Cathie shared that we had the Senior Dinner. It went well! Senior Chairs are in- thanks to Sarah Kearney for her help in getting the chairs. We have been having Senior Snack Shack and will continue have this on Wednesdays after rehearsal during the school year.

Family Arena

Kristi Kolath & Liz Schmidt for Scott Kolath

We are trying to get dates, but it gets tough with competitions in the fall. 9/16 and 9/29 are our next dates. A parent and child can sign up- the child would be a runner. You do not need any training to do this. It is usually 4-5 hours for an event and you are guaranteed \$75 into your FFC.

Important Dates, Continuing Business & New Business:

Narwhal's Parent Social/Dine Out 8/17, Parent Preview 8/18, Black and Gold Day 8/20, First day of School 8/22 (Normal daily rehearsals start; see calendar for groups & times), Howell Preview 8/31, Home Football game 9/1, Home Football Game 9/9, Crooked Feathers Dine out night 9/15, Francis Howell Competition 9/17, Music In Motion 10/15

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 Anita Dupree and seconded by Erica O'Connor.

The next general meeting will be held on September 20 at 7pm in the band room

Minutes respectfully submitted by Colleen Chroma.