

# Francis Howell North High School

Band Boosters Association, Inc.

## General Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2022

### Call to Order

Rex Anderson, President

Rex called the meeting to order shortly 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 Jennifer Dettwiler and seconded by Kim Curtis. The motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report

Liz Schmidt, Treasurer

Liz gave the financial report and read through several budget items, including payment for having our taxes done and submitted to the IRS, transportation/maintenance expenses, the new Knight Pride logo design, event support for food for competitions, and final staff payments. There was a refund/discount on our tarp purchase for the Color Guard/Winter Guard. Liz also reported that the net earnings from MIM will be approximately \$3000.

### Vice President's Report

Tracy Bland, Vice President

Tracy shared that she was a bit behind in updating, but the October statements went out. Raise Right and Family Arena payments will be added in as we receive them. If families are still behind with their payments and having trouble making payments, please let Tracy or another member of the board know. Rex also pointed out that if payments are not up to date, it can affect students' ability to purchase tickets for prom, etc., so it is important for these to get paid off as soon as possible. He also reminded everyone to not forget about fundraising opportunities to help pay off your FFC.

### Director's Report

Dr. Ryan Curtis

Dr. Curtis shared that there will be a shared concert with Barnwell and Hollenbeck on January 19. February 23 will be the All-Howell Jazz Concert at Howell Central. November 30 will be a Band Preview at Barnwell that he will have some of our students help with. Basketball Pep Band will also be sharing a performance at a basketball game with the Middle School Band kids at one of the games.

Dr. Curtis also let us know that our FHN Athletic Director, Mike Janes, purchased a nice drum major podium for our band after noticing the quality of our drum major stand compared to those at FH and FHC. Thank you to Mr. Janes!

Dr. Curtis said that we probably need to replace our U-Haul truck with something more reliable. We might sell the U-Haul and get another trailer. He would like to keep one truck and have two trailers. If you know of anyone or have any connections who might be willing to sponsor this for the band, please let Dr. Curtis know.

Dr. Curtis shared that the season went very well overall. He was very happy with how everything went with having so much new in our program this year.

Dr. Curtis is still trying to plan a trip for the band for this year. Maybe Worlds of Fun in April. He's looking at a cost of \$150 plus food, but that amount is still tentative. For next year, he is looking at the possibility of a Fall Break trip to Universal. A Worlds of Fun trip would be run through Band Boosters, but a Universal trip would be run through a trip management group that would handle payments, etc.

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Rex added that if anyone had fundraising ideas for these things, to please reach out to a member of the board or our Fundraising Chair. Rex pointed out that he thought we missed an opportunity to sell either Cardinals Calendars, Giving Bean Coffee, or something else at the FHN Craft Fair. This needs to be looked into for next year.

### **Guard Director's Report**

**Brady Eaton**

Mr. Eaton shared that we are bringing back Breakfast with Santa. The event will be held on Saturday, 12/10 from 8-11 a.m. at Beck David. The set-up will be Friday evening from 6-9 p.m. Anyone who signs up to help needs to be there at 7 am and should plan to be finished at 12 noon. They will have photos with Santa, a pancake breakfast, crafts, hot cocoa bar, etc. Be on the lookout for a Sign-Up Genius to work and also for food/supply donations. The event will go out on Peach Jar, but be sure to share it on social media, bulletin boards, etc. A discussion was had regarding the cost of the event. Some thought that the \$20 fee might be too high, but it was pointed out that the fee includes everything, including the photo. Tom Barcroft will be doing the photos for us at no cost to us. A question was asked about the possibility of putting the photos on an online gallery instead of printing them.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Scrip**

**Ben Pillsbury for Rebecca Pillsbury**

Ben was here for his mom, Rebecca Pillsbury to collect the forms for the physical scrip card sale. If you don't have your form ready tonight but still want to order, please contact Rebecca via [scrip@fhnbands.com](mailto:scrip@fhnbands.com)

#### **Fundraising**

**Rachel Anderson**

Cardinals Calendars and Giving Bean fundraiser orders are due tonight. Panda Express Dine Out is tomorrow, 11/16 and then again on 12/21. Trivia Night will be at the end of April. Be thinking about items for raffle baskets.

#### **Music in Motion**

**Kim Curtis**

Kim shared that Music in Motion was a very successful day! Thank you to everyone who helped and donated items for the day. She is still looking for feedback from those who oversaw the different areas so that we can continue to improve this event in the future. We made somewhere in the \$2500-\$3000 range, which is pretty good considering how late things were organized this year. The important thing is that we saved the date of our event and we can continue to have this very important fundraiser each year. We need to look into raising our entry fee in the future.

#### **Winter Guard**

**Erica O'Connor**

We have 14 Winter Guard members (11 from the fall plus 3 new members). We will be going back to Dayton for the first time in a while. They have started staging the show and planning props/flags. Everything is evolving.

#### **Logos**

**Lisa VanDyne**

Lisa shared that the second order for jackets is going in. She needs at least 5 orders to place the order. Orders are due by next Monday.

#### **Middle School**

**Regina Digar**

We were not able to do any recruitment at the Hollenbeck concert in October. But we will be promoting our FHN Band at the Barnwell concert on 12/8. The shared concert in January will also be a great opportunity for recruitment.

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### Family Arena

Scott Kolath

We have Casting Crowns this Friday and an Ambush game the following Friday.

### Important Dates, Continuing Business & New Business:

Rex went through the important dates listed on the agenda: Panda Express Dine Out 11/16, Metro 8 Rehearsals 11/17 & 11/19, Metro 8 Concert 11/20 at Chaminade, Basketball Pep Band First Rehearsal 11/21 (additional rehearsals as needed with 1 week notice), Thanksgiving Break 11/23-11/27, Basketball Pep Band First Game 11/29 (additional games on Dr. Curtis' schedule), All State Band auditions in Columbia 12/3, Winter Band Concert 12/7, 10/14, Music in Motion at Francis Howell High School 10/15, Powderpuff Football Game at FHC at 6:30 10/18, Metro 8 Registration Deadline 10/18, Home Football Game/Senior Night at FHC 10/20, Ste. Genevieve Competition 10/22, FHN Fall Break is 10/24-10/28, Winter Guard Auditions 10/31, and Metro 8 Auditions at SLUH 11/1, Metro Rehearsals 11/7, 11/17, 11/19 and Concert 11/20 at Chaminade, Winter Band Concert 12/7 at 7 pm, Breakfast with Santa 12/10, Panda Express Dine Out 12/21.

A question was posed about having some marching band spirit wear in addition to our show shirts. Dr. Curtis shared that there are companies that do that for groups. It was mentioned that this might be a good idea for volunteer events like the Family Arena, Music in Motion, etc.

FHSD Background Check - [www.fhdschools.org](http://www.fhdschools.org) →community →volunteer →volunteer forms

### Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned with a motion made by Anita Dupree, seconded by Kathy Ludwig. The next general meeting will be held on December 20 at 7pm in the band room

Minutes respectfully submitted by Colleen Chroma.