

Francis Howell North High School

Band Boosters Association, Inc.

General Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2023

Call to Order

Rex Anderson, President

Rex called the meeting to order shortly after 7 pm.

Approval of the Minutes

Colleen Chroma

Colleen noted that the minutes had been emailed previously. There was a motion to accept the minutes, made by Rachel Anderson and seconded by Jennifer Dettwiler. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Liz Schmidt, Treasurer

Liz presented the financial report and went over budget items including our new trailer purchase. A huge thank you to Aaron Addison and Kurt Ludwig for negotiating this purchase for us. A thank you was also given to Phil Taylor for his \$250 matching donation from Bayer.

Vice President's Report

Christine Murphy

Christine went through outstanding FFC fall payments including- one payment #2, one payment #3, and three payment #4. For Winter Guard, we are missing four payment #2, seven payment #3. Payment #4 is not due yet.

Rex reiterated that if anyone is having trouble with their FFC payments, to please reach out to the board to fill out a hardship waiver or get signed up for fundraising activities.

Director's Report

Dr. Ryan Curtis

Dr. Curtis shared that the District Night of Jazz is coming up on Thursday 2/23. Jazz I will perform, and all are welcome. He also talked about the Brewskee performance for Jazz Band on March 5 from 6-9 pm.

The rescheduled Middle School joint concert will be Monday, March 13 in the FHN gym. There will be rehearsals for this concert as follows: March 7 at 5 pm Concert Band; 7 pm Concert Band

We have a few \$35 tickets to Worlds of Fun available as well as a few hotel rooms. Please contact him if you are interested in attending.

Dr. Curtis then shared the preview video for the upcoming 2023 marching season. Looking forward to a great season!

Visit from our State Farm Rep., Dane Huxel

Rex Anderson

Rex introduced Mr. Huxel to everyone. The band currently has \$40,000 in coverage. Our truck coverage is currently paused because we are not currently using our trucks. Our trailers are not currently covered, but he will be in contact with us about adding that coverage.

He shared information about "Quotes for Good." He will make a donation of \$25 to non-customers who asks for a quote or he will match a donation made by a current customer up to \$25 for fundraising events that we have.

Mr. Huxel is looking forward to being a parent in our booster organization in the near future. His oldest child is a sixth grader. If you would like to contact him, reach out to Liz Schmitt, who has contact info.

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Committee Reports:

Band Dinner/Dance

Sue Cunningham

A huge shout out to Sue for organizing this event for us. The dance was a success! Ramblin' Rounds provided the donuts, which were a big hit.

Guard Report

Erica O'Connor

Erica shared that the Winter Guard is headed to Edwardsville next weekend where they will perform at 5 pm. We made finals in Kansas City! The guard has made so much progress this year, thanks to a great show, great kids, and great coaches.

Pit/Transportation

Aaron Addison

We have a new trailer! We would like to sell one or both of our trucks. If anyone knows of anyone in need of a couple of well used trucks, let them know. We will need to do some build-outs for the new trailer, including a wall with cabinets. We would like to have a decal of our new logo for the trailer, but we will need a copy of the actual file of the artwork so that it does not pixilate when we make it larger. Jared Carey did the artwork for our new logo.

Dr. Curtis and Aaron Addison spent some time going through our mallet instruments and identifying things that need a little TLC (tightened bolts, structural repairs, etc.). We will be scheduling a day this spring to make these kinds of repairs as well as repairing music stands and other items. There will be things to do at all skill levels.

The gator needs to be serviced this winter. We will also need to load whatever is in the old trailer into our new trailer.

Concert Band

Kathy Ludwig

Kathy will be getting Rice Krispy treats, cookies, chips, water, etc. for the treat bags for Solo and Small Ensemble. Cathie Landwehr shared that we probably have some things left over from event support that we can use. If you have any donations, let Kathy know. Solo & Small Ensemble is from 8 am- 5 pm at Fort Zumwalt East on March 4.

Fundraising

Rachel Anderson

Rachel shared that we will be having a Red Robin Dine Out on 3/9. Don't forget that Red Robin is on Raise Right. The Krispy Kreme fund raiser is going on now. Buy your coupon by 3/5. The band will get a donation. Giving Bean is still doing online orders. All of these fundraising opportunities go into the General Fundraising Fund which helps to keep our FFC low. If someone has an idea on corporate sponsorships or if you would like to organize a fundraiser, please let Rachel know. The kickoff for our TJs Pizza fundraiser will be at Commitment Night. This is an individual FFC fundraiser.

Trivia Night

Rachel Anderson

Trivia Night will be on April 29 at the St. Peter Church Hall. We will have the same announcer as last year. We are looking for raffle basket donations and auction items. Shannon Schmidt will be organizing the raffle baskets. Be on the lookout for donations; students can solicit donations. Registration will be starting the beginning of next month.

Middle School

Regina Digar

Ice Breaker will be April 23. Regina will be sending out a Sign-Up Genius for this event.

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Family Arena

Scott Kolath

There is an event this Sunday this is filled. We should be getting March dates soon. There is a \$75 guaranteed minimum for each event you work.

Uniforms

Jennifer Dettwiler

Jennifer shared that the 2022 and 2021 uniforms have been inventoried and put into tubs, so now nothing is in danger of flooding. We will be selling our old-style formal uniforms. She will be needing 4 students to act as models for selling the old uniforms.

She will also need 4 parents to help at Commitment Night with measuring students for uniforms, fitting shoes, etc.

Continuing Business & New Business

Please see the back of the agenda for a list of Open Booster positions for the coming year. The Nominating Committee is reaching out to folks to fill these various positions.

Kurt Ludwig suggested having a Parent Social after Commitment Night and having a flyer for this event at Ice Breaker to help get our new parents involved.

If you are working with the kids, please be sure your background check with district is up to date. FHSD Background Check - www.fhdschools.org →community →volunteer →volunteer forms

Important Dates:

February: Howell Night of Jazz at FHC 2/23

March: Solo & Small Ensemble at FZE 3/4, Jazz Performance with Gateway City Big Band at Brewskeez 3/5, Shared Middle School Concert at FHN 3/13 State Large Ensemble at Wentzville Holt 3/15

April: Jazz Festival at Lindenwood 4/15, Jazz Festival at FZN 4/20, Ice Breaker Sunday, 4/23, 1-3 pm Commitment Night Tuesday, 4/25, State Solo & Small Ensemble in Columbia Friday, 4/28, Trivia Night at St. Peter Hall, 4/29

May: Jazz Dinner at FHN 5/4, Trip to K.C., MO 5/5-5/7, Band Banquet 5/19

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned with a motion made by Kurt Ludwig, seconded by LaWanda Brewer.

The next general meeting will be held on March 14 at 7pm in the band room (this is one week early due to Spring Break).

Minutes respectfully submitted by Colleen Chroma.