

Francis Howell North High School

Band Boosters Association, Inc.

General Meeting Minutes

March 14, 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 Erica O'Connor 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 band dance expenditures & income, locks & licensing for our new trailer, boxes for uniform storage, Family Arena tips from the Ambush game, and the transfer of funds from the Vehicle Fund Account for our new trailer purchase. Liz also pointed out that folks need to be sure to use the "Family & Friends" discount when using PayPal. She has a document explaining this if you would like more information.

Vice President's Report

Christine Murphy

Christine went through outstanding FFC fall payments including one payment #2, one payment #3, and two payment #4. For Winter Guard, we are missing one payment #2, one payment #3, and six payment #4.

Director's Report

Dr. Ryan Curtis

Dr. Curtis shared information about our Wind Ensemble's Large Ensemble State performance at Wentzville Holt on 3/15. The performance will be at 2:40 and parents are welcome to attend. The busses will be delayed in picking the kids up till 5:15-5:30 so pizza will be ordered and delivered at 4 pm. We need someone to help with this.

He shared the 2023-2024 Marching Band schedule. Copies were made available to all parents at the meeting and extra copies are available in the band room. The rehearsal schedule for drumline and guard may be changed.

The location for Band Camp this summer will be at FHN in the parking lot and band room. Henderson will be closed all summer.

Dr. Curtis shared that if we host Music in Motion this year, we could have it on October 28 at Howell Central. However, we may not be able to have enough bands on that date to make hosting the festival worthwhile (we would need at least 12 bands). A discussion regarding MIM was held. The consensus was that we would wait to host MIM again until we have our own space and can accurately post the date a year in advance.

State Solo & Small Ensemble is coming up on Friday, 4/28. Students will stay Thursday night in Columbia, MO.

Payment for our Kansas City, MO trip is due tomorrow.

The Middle School combined concert was a big success! This is a great recruitment event!!

Another Brewskees gig for Jazz 1 with the Gateway City Big Band is tentatively scheduled on May 21st.

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Committee Reports:

Guard Report

Erica O'Connor

Erica shared that the last local competition is coming up in O'Fallon, IL. Our guard will perform at 5:03 p.m. Winter Guard will be headed to Springfield and Dayton after that. We are currently ranked 24th in the country! The guard has been doing very well, placing 1st in Edwardsville and 5th out of 33 guards in Tulsa.

Pit/Transportation

Kurt Ludwig for Aaron Addison

Regarding wrapping the trailer, Lisa VanDyne sent information to Aaron about this. We are also looking into getting a tracker for our trailers. We are still planning a workday for some time this spring, to repair mallet instruments, music stands and other items.

Concert Band

Kathy Ludwig

A huge thank you to Kathy Ludwig and Cathie Landwehr for the goody bags for our students participating in District Solo & Small Ensemble!

Fundraising

Rachel Anderson

No Dine Outs are planned for April.

Trivia Night

Rachel Anderson

Trivia Night will be on April 29 at the St. Peter Church Hall. The flyer was handed out at the meeting and was also shared on Facebook and Charms. It is \$200 for a table of 8. We are looking for sponsorships for rounds. Rachel will be inviting students to be runners and help with the rounds (they might be auctioned off to help). For donations, Shannon Schmitt shared that we have 7 baskets so far. She can put more baskets together or she will take already completed baskets, too.

Middle School

Regina Digar

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

Family Arena

Scott Kolath

There are 2 events remaining in March. For the Ambush game on 3/19 we need 2 additional cashiers and 1 runner. For the Circus on 3/23 we need 1 cashier and 1 runner. There is a \$75 guaranteed minimum for each event you work.

Jazz Dinner

Kathy Ludwig

The date for jazz dinner is 5/4. Ticket price will be \$20. Be on the lookout for Facebook posts and Charms emails about this event. A question was asked about jazz scholarships from this event.

Band Banquet

Sue Cunningham, Rex Anderson, and Cathie Landwehr

The date for our Band Banquet is Friday, 5/19. This event is for all band and guard members. Be on the lookout for Facebook posts and Charms emails about this event.

Continuing Business & New Business

Lisa VanDyne was unanimously voted in as our Secretary for the 2023-2024

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Rex shared that the due date for our Band Scholarship is March 30. He will put out another reminder to our senior band members to apply for this scholarship.

Rex went over the open positions for our Executive Committee for next year including Jazz Band and Social (Band dance & Banquet) chairs. Please contact a member of the Executive Board if you would like to fill one of these positions.

A question was asked about money in FFC accounts being used for the Orlando trip. Dr. Curtis will check on this with the tour company and post the information on the Band app.

It was also brought up that FFC funds remaining in outgoing senior accounts can go to scholarships or specific individual accounts. Parents should reach out to the Booster executive board to let them know what you would like to do with these funds.

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:

March: 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 Jennifer Dettwiler and seconded by Kurt Ludwig.

The next general meeting will be held on April 18 at 7pm in the band room.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Colleen Chroma.