

Francis Howell North High School

Band Boosters Association, Inc.

General Meeting Minutes

April 18, 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 Kurt Ludwig 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 a memorial donation for Ed Cuneo's daughter, payment for next year's marching show, Jazz festival registration fee payments, and Winter Guard Springfield trip expense payments as well as deposits of KC trip Paypal payments and \$644 in tips from Ambush games at the Family Arena. Liz also pointed out that the PayPal "Family & Friends" status is no longer available. Please use the PayPal Fee calculator to determine the fee that will be charged by PayPal when you make a payment. The calculator is available on our website.

Vice President's Report

Christine Murphy

Christine went through outstanding FFC accounts. We have one family that still owes for fall and two families that still owe for Winter Guard.

Director's Report

Dr. Ryan Curtis

Dr. Curtis shared that he is working on the show for next year.

For State Solo and Small Ensemble on 4/28, the students will be leaving around 5 pm. Dr. Curtis also talked about our upcoming Concert Band/Wind Ensemble concerts 5/16, Jazz Dinner 5/4 and Band Banquet on 5/19.

We have 53 students signed up to go to Kansas City and we currently have 41 signed up for our Florida trip in the fall, but that doesn't include our incoming freshmen.

Dr. Curtis pointed out that all chaperones for these trips will need to be signed up through the district background check process.

Committee Reports:

Guard Report

Erica O'Connor

Erica shared that Winter Guard competed in Dayton at World's over the weekend. They made it to the Semi-Finals!! It was so great for our guard members to be able to experience World's and see so many amazing guards!

Pit/Transportation

Aaron Addison

We are getting ready for fall. Aaron shared that he has created Sign-Up Genius sign-ups for football games and competitions. We will need to pull three trailers for each competition. The trucks need to be sold and old props, too. We are going to have a Spring Workday to fix up pit equipment, music stands, trailers, etc. Look for a Sign-Up Genius coming out soon to sign up to help. You don't have to have experience with repairs- there will be plenty of jobs for everyone, regardless of ability level.

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Concert Band

Kathy Ludwig

Kathy had nothing to report.

Fundraising

Rachel Anderson

TJ's Pizza Fundraiser is running now with turn in on May 4th. The pizzas will be delivered at our next band booster meeting on May 17.

There is information about our annual Savers fundraiser on the back of our TJ's form. This event will happen during the week of band camp. Begin cleaning out your closets and gathering your items now. We especially want soft goods (clothes, bedding, towels, etc.), which bring the biggest profit.

Rachel will be getting information from Rebecca Pillsbury about Raise Right. Rachel will be taking on this position next year in addition to her Fundraiser duties. Thank you, Rachel!

Trivia Night

Rachel Anderson

Trivia Night will be on April 29 at the St. Peter Church Hall. We have 13 tables reserved now, but we are hoping for more. We will be sharing the flyer at Icebreaker. If you have any baskets, please contact Shannon Schmitt.

Middle School

Regina Digar

Icebreaker will be on April 23. Regina thanked everyone who signed up to bring items and help with Icebreaker. She has purchased all beef hotdogs and buns. All committee chairs are requested to be there. We will begin setting up at 12 noon and the event will run from 1-3 pm.

Family Arena

Scott Kolath

There are no events scheduled for April. We will have three events in May. Be looking for the Signup Genius for these events.

Jazz Dinner

Kathy Ludwig

The date for jazz dinner is 5/4. Ticket price will be \$20. Please register and pay by 5/1.

Band Banquet

No chair at the moment

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.

Forms

Colleen Chroma

All forms will be updated and ready for Icebreaker. Dr. Curtis will give them to current members ahead of time. We will be collecting forms at Commitment Night on 4/25.

Uniforms

Jennifer Dettwiler

Jennifer created a database for our bibbers that is organized by length. She has also been going through shoes because we have many extra pairs available. Jennifer will need one or two more helpers for Commitment Night to assist with fitting students for uniforms. We will not be fitting guard members at Commitment Night.

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Continuing Business & New Business

Rex asked that everyone helping with Commitment Night on 4/25 arrive at 5 pm for set up. We will be scheduling a Makeup Commitment Night for anyone who is unable to attend the first one.

Our Jazz Band will be performing at 9 am at Fort Zumwalt North on Thursday.

Rex pointed out that we changed our May booster meeting to Wednesday, 5/17 because of the conflict with our Concert Band/Wind Ensemble concert on 5/16.

Our proposed budget for 2023-2024 was presented for approval. Erica O'Connor made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Christie Kolath seconded the motion, and the budget was approved unanimously by the booster membership.

Rex pointed out that we need fundraising ideas for next year for our budget to work.

Rex welcomed our new committee chairs and Lisa VanDyne as our new secretary. The May meeting will be a shared meeting with old and new committee chairs coming to the pre-meeting. The current committee chairs need to meet with their replacements this month to get them ready to take over the position.

If you are working with the kids (including being a chaperone on trips), please be sure your background check with district is up to date.

FHSD Background Check - www.fhdschools.org →community →volunteer →volunteer forms

Important Dates:

April: 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 and seconded by Christie Kolath.

The next general meeting will be held on May 17 at 7pm in the band room.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Colleen Chroma.