



Band Booster Board Meeting Minutes (February 13, 2024 at 6:30pm)

Attendees: Andrea King, Andrea Byrd, Barbara Pyle, Jeanette Wilson, Mary Cook, Patrick Kiser, Rodney Brown, Tom Nielander Kara Doyle Patrick Kiser Kenneth Carrico

Meeting called to order by Tom Nielander at 6:31 p.m.

Secretary

- Minutes from the previous meeting can be found on the Farragut band website.
<https://farragutband.org/meetingminutes>
- All minutes taken by the Recording Secretary shall be posted on the website after they have been approved by vote. This shall take place by at least one month plus one week after the recorded Board meeting.

Treasurer & Assistant Treasurer

- Budget updates & Financial statements
 - Total Bank Balance \$49,811
 - Total Funds held in school account - \$1,985
 - All East was under budget approx. \$4,600 (planning to use data from past two years to be more precise with budgeted amount for All East next year since we were so far over in our estimate this year)
 - We were also under budget because each All East student paid \$25 more for their portion.
 - Expo food/drinks break even - \$1,985 (Thank you KSC for making us whole)
- Venmo Account requires phone number (mob) - Tom Nielander working Google issues
- Shut down Constant Contact due to costs and will use GiveBacks site tool that is free

VP Fundraising

- Fundraiser Recaps
 - Giveback Nights
 - Ice Bears
 - Tickets sold: 22 bringing in \$528. Funds raised (@ \$5/ticket): \$154 (This is more than the \$5 for 22 tickets so...)
 - We will plan to send a thank you note for the fundraising opportunity and they were generous in what they returned to us.
 - Will plan to do again-easy to set up, fun event.
 - Nothing Bundt Cakes

- Earned \$444.00 from this fundraiser. Participation was low.
 - Top Sellers
 1. Elijah Brown
 2. Christian Jones
 3. TIE Sara Beth Kiser and Niki Pippen
 - This would be good to do again also-buy in is low, but we need to do at a different time to maximize participation. The sooner we can identify our next date, the better given they fill up fast.
 - Fruit Sale prizes will be Amazon gift cards - 1st = \$75, 2nd = \$50 and 3rd = \$25
 - Plan to distribute gift cards to winners next week with the directors consent on Monday, February 19, 2024, during band classes.
 - **Team Winners**
 1. Team 10 Kara Doyle (Driver), Maggie Doyle, Grace Doyle, Kate Kaufman, Anna Kaufman, Emily Haynes
 2. Team 16 Ana Silvestri (Driver), Adriana Silvestri, Abby Doyle, Jake Hogue, Brixan Schlomer
 3. Team 19 Naomi Brown (Driver), Elijah Brown, Kori Faulkner, Jackson Smith, Albert Liu
 - **Individual Winners**
 1. Elijah Brown
 2. Mikhia Wright
- Discussion on next Fundraising Opportunities:
 - I need suggestions for March dates for the Panda Express giveback night. I know that Spring Break runs Monday, March 11, through Friday, March 15, but are there other events happening in March I need to avoid?
 - Will target week after Spring Break, maybe after a rehearsal.
 - We will skip trying to set up a date in April given scheduled banquet and activities.
 - Fruit Blitz date decision for 2024 given that Exhibition will be 10/22
 - 02Nov24(Sat - UT/MS)-earlier date is safer with regards to weather. If we choose earlier date, in theory we can continue selling into the next week.
 - WE ARE GOING TO GO WITH NOVEMBER 2ND!
 - 09Nov24(Sat - UT/UK)
 - Discuss if we should set up tables to sell for those going to the game.
- Confirmed fundraiser(s) (Upcoming)
 - Whits-Andrea is trying to get more information regarding how much we will get back, how often, how the arrangement would work if we continue to sell during the game and/or a giveback night.
 - Blaze Pizza
 - Submitted for approval on givebacks awaiting downtown's signature. Do not want to advertise until I have downtown's signoff, but that could be erroneous thinking.

- Work with Tom & Patrick on any updated wording as would like to have directors issue to 8th grade upcoming band parents too.
- Parent Square requests:
 - Notice to 8th grade parents for self nomination for board position of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer and Secretary (use language from Buzz with slight modification) and add in looking for someone to fill the concessions chair position

President and VP Operations

- Concessions
 - Lead chairperson is stepping down. Thank you to Marie Morrison for her years of service in this role!
 - Issuing notices to identify new chairperson
- Band Banquet
 - When: Thursday, April 25, 2024 from 5:30 to 9:00 pm
 - Location: The Venue at Lenoir City
 - Caterer: Take Out Thyme
 - Meal:
 - Grilled Chicken Breast w/ Marsala Sauce
 - Vegetarian Option: Vegetable Lasagna
 - Redskin Mashed Potato Casserole
 - Homemade Macaroni & Cheese
 - Southern Style Green Beans
 - Yeast Rolls
 - Tea / Lemonade / Water
 - Assorted Sheet Cakes (Pre Plated)
 - Awards plaques
 - Patrick working with directors to finalize and set up purchase this month
 - Senior gifts
 - Same gifts as last year (good size, price), will set up purchase this month
 - Staff gifts (gift cards)
 - Need directors to provide names/qty, set up purchase this month
- Positions opening next year: *(nominations closed in March and vote held in April)*
 - Issued official notice under two separate Buzz notices and Parent Square
 - Current Board Nominations - *All positions still open for nominations*
 - President - Tom Nielander
 - Treasurer - **need nomination**
 - Assistant Treasurer(1) - Jeanette Wilson
 - Assistant Treasurer(2) - **need nomination**
 - Vice President, Outreach - Barbra Pyle
 - Vice President, Fundraising - Kara Doyle
 - Vice President, Operations - Patrick Kiser

- Recording Secretary - [need nomination](#)
 - Current Committee Chair Nominations *(Vote not required, but positions need to be filled)*
 - Fundraising
 - Sponsorship Program Chair - Marshanda Pinchok
 - Merchandise - [need volunteer](#)
 - Operations
 - Concessions - [need volunteer](#)
 - Chaperones - Barbara Pyle
 - Uniforms - [need volunteer to shadow Barbara for a year](#)
 - First Aid - [need volunteer](#)
 - Friday Night Snack - Lee Thomasson
 - Pit Crew - [need volunteer](#)
 - By Laws on voting: (just for ease of access)
 - Yearly elections shall be conducted to elect the officer positions for the Board of Directors. Nominations for these positions shall be opened in January, closed in March and elections shall be held in April. Anyone from the general membership is allowed to make nominations to the current Board of Directors in writing. A member(s) from the standing Board of Directors shall communicate with each individual who has been nominated making sure that the individual understands the expectations of the position. Once the nominee understands these expectations, confirmation of the nominee's acceptance or denial shall be made in writing. The Board of Directors will compile the entire list of nominees, the list of nominees will be presented to the general membership with a minimum of 48 hours notice prior to the vote, and the elections will be held by a vote of the general membership. The results of the elections will be published/announced to the general membership at the close of the vote.
- To Directors
 - Purchase Plan *(agenda item, will keep even if there's nothing to show) (Make all Boosters aware that we raise money to purchase and maintain instruments needed by our kids.)*
 - Document is now fully updated and in the directors' folder.
 - KCS Exhibition - When will we know if FHS will have again for 2024?
 - Unknown at this time
 - Angie Messer and Kara Doyle will discuss with Dr. Bartlett
 - The exhibition date has been set even with the location not defined for 22Oct24 (Tuesday) due to UTK's schedule.
- By-Law items *(agenda item, will keep even if there's nothing to show)*
 - Proposed additional updates: None
- Vote(s) *(agenda item, will keep even if there's nothing to show)*
 - Sousaphone Purchase

- The directors are working to transition from contra tubas to sousaphones. FHS will be trading with West HS FHS's current inventory of the contra tubas for West's inventory of sousaphones, six for six, but that still leaves two short.
 - There are top of the line King Sousaphones that were used one week in preparation for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. They are brand new and have all of the parts with them, including cases. The cost is \$6495 per instrument, and that is roughly 60% of the MSRP.
 - For an understanding the sousaphone is most often played in marching bands and helps project the sound and as they wrap around the body they are more comfortable when standing.
 - The cost to purchase two of these plus shipping is \$13,500.
 - Results of vote: Unanimous yes by Board
- Next Booster Meetings
 - Booster Board - **05Mar2024 @ 7PM**
 - Need final members known for board position votes in April
 - Booster Board & General - **03Apr2024 @ 6:30PM & 7:15PM**
 - Voting in General meeting for board positions
 - Booster General - **02May2024 @ 7PM** (*during Spring concert - report out*)

Director's Notes

- Fall Schedule
 - 23Aug24 - Away game (Dobyns Bennett HS)
 - 30Aug24 - Away game (Powell HS)
 - 06Sep24 - **Home** game (West)
 - 13Sep24 - Away game (Cleveland)
 - 14Sep24 - **Band Camp (8-5pm)**
 - 21Sep24 - Competition (Clinton)
 - 27Sep24 - **Home** game (Beardon)(8th Grade Night)
 - 28Sep24 - Competition (Karnes)
 - 04Oct24 - Away game (Bradley Central HS)
 - 18Oct24 - Away game (Jefferson Co. HS)
 - 19Oct24 - Competition (Western Carolina)
 - 22Oct24 - Knox Co. Exhibition (Location TBA)
 - 25Oct24 - **Home** game (HVA)(Homecoming)
 - 26Oct24 - Competition (Seymour)
 - 31Oct24 - **Home** game (Maryville)(Sr. Night)
- Updates on March Registration Documentation and Meetings
 - 04Mar24 - Option 1 Parent/Guardian/Student Band Registration Meeting (In Person and Google Meets) @ 5:45-7:30 pm
 - 07Mar24 - Option 2 Parent/Guardian/Student Band Registration Meeting (In Person and Google Meets) @ 5:45-7:30 pm

- We were accepted for Western Carolina (competition) and our performance will be early afternoon.
- We will probably take a charter bus to Doby's Bennett because timing makes using school buses difficult.
- 8th grade night will probably be Bearden home game (we do not have many options).

Meeting adjourned by Tom Nielander at 7:13 p.m.