



Band Booster General Meeting (April 1, 2025 at 7:15 PM)

Attendees: Kenneth Carrico, Rodney Brown, Andrew Smith, Tom Nielander, Kristy Nielander, April Young, Barbara Pyle, Ben Green, JJ Green, Jeanne Ann Hartzog, Patrick Kiser, Becky Kiser, Naomi Brown, Kristin Ricciuto.

Meeting called to order by Tom Nielander at 7:15 pm.

Secretary

- Minutes from previous meetings can be found on the Farragut band website. [Meeting Minutes - Farragut High School Band](#)
- All minutes taken by the Recording Secretary are posted on the website after they have been approved by vote no later than one month plus one week after the recorded meeting.

Treasurer & Assistant Treasurers

- Budget updates & Financial statements as of 1 April 2025:
 - No changes to approved 24-25 budget line items
 - School account booster funds = \$0.00
 - Bank Balance = Checking: \$35,733.83 & Savings: \$21,556.15

VP Fundraising

- Fundraiser Recaps:
 - Giveback Nights:
 - 03/25-Red Robin in Turkey Creek - \$124.08

Upcoming confirmed fundraiser(s):

- 04/24-Mellow Mushroom in Farragut (15% of sales, excluding tax and gratuity-must show flyer)
- Have requested a Giveback Night at Panera on North Peters Rd for Saturday, 05/03 (prom; may reschedule)
 - This is an experiment (weekend day and slightly outside of Farragut), but we get back 20% and the fundraiser supposedly runs all day.
 - Electronic or hard copy of flyer must be shown, and we must have minimum sales of \$150.

- In Process Fundraising:
 - Ham 'N Goodys
 - 3/30/25 start and 4/7/25 (Monday at Noon) due date (QR code on Givebacks)
 - 04/07/25 3 pm Orders due to Ham 'N Goodys
 - 04/16/25 or 04/17/25 Pick up date to be distributed before Good Friday/Easter weekend
 - Cookies are sold by the dozen for \$20 each (flavors are lemon, strawberry, chocolate chip, sugar, snickerdoodle, peanut butter, gluten friendly chocolate chip and gluten friendly lemon).
 - Vouchers available too
 - We keep \$10 from each box sold
 - Students/parents can collect cash or check (made out to Farragut Band Boosters) and collect customer information on hard copy order forms, but push purchase through Givebacks (paying via credit card).
 - No money to keep track of and deciphering of handwriting or missing details!
- Fundraising Plans
 - Would Band Directors consider CAR WASH toward end of one day of July band camp?
 - Band students can run/help more because they are there anyway.
 - Could try to get sponges/soap donated so pure profit.
 - Consider asking for donations vs. a set fee to bring in more money (have done this in past at other schools)
 - Dr. Bartlett has told me a water source will not be an issue and we can do this on school grounds.
 - In the upcoming two months, I will figure out details to roll out a SNAP! RAISE fundraiser.
 - If we raise enough money through the car wash and Snap! Raise, these would replace Nothing Bundt Cakes and Ham 'N Goody's.
 - I would also like to briefly have the floor at the spring concert to make an announcement about another fall YARD SALE.
 - I want parents to be setting aside items during spring cleaning and to go ahead and get the word out.
- Sponsor Program
 - Reached out on Monday 31Mar25 to current sponsors to determine who will be returning.
 - Have 4 sponsors confirmed returning.
 - Added in another level / banner size and will be on the south (large) side above current signs. Size is ~1ft x 5ft and limited in number.
 - Website has been updated, but working final details and looking not to accept payments until the band FY starts to align budgets.

VP Outreach

- Signup status *(Next to create?)*
 - None or state what and when
- Buzz / Social Media Notices:
 - Working to issue weekly - send topics/notices before Sat each week
 - Fall Uniform Fittings
 - April 2nd & 3rd 2-6pm
 - Band banquet notice to be issued via FB / Buzz / IG / Parent Square
 - Have created ticket sales on Givebacks \$25 for band students and family 13 and over. \$10 for children 6 to 12 years old
- Other:
 - Uniform damage
 - Upon determining extent and repair costs, will reach out to the individual owners of the uniform
 - Will offer uniform education/care to incoming band students

President and VP Operations

- Friday night snack
 - N/A for this time of year
- Concessions
 - No current activities
- Positions that remain open:
 - Current Committee Chair Nominations *(Vote not required, but positions need to be filled)*
 - Operations *(Vote not required, but positions need to be filled);*
 - Concessions - Mitchell's (operations) and Hartzog (inventory) to co-chair potentially
 - Pit Crew
- By-Law items *(agenda item, will keep even if there's nothing to show)*
 - No updates proposed.
- Vote(s) *(agenda item, will keep even if there's nothing to show)*
 - Positions for 2025 - 2026
 - Current Board Nominations
 - President - Patrick Kiser
 - Treasurer - April Young
 - Assistant Treasurer(1) - Barbara Pyle
 - Vice President, Outreach - Naomi Brown
 - Vice President, Fundraising - Kara Doyle
 - Vice President, Operations - Tom Nielander
 - Recording Secretary - Kristin Ricciuto
 - 16 present to vote in addition to some emailed votes - all vote yay (quorum; new board passes)
 - 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.
 - **Quorum (General Membership):** Business of the organization, *including voting*, may be conducted with a minimum number of eight (8) members (*general and/or Board*) present. Each active member of this organization shall, at every meeting of the membership, be entitled to one vote. A quorum shall be required to conduct all business of the General Membership except that a fewer number shall adjourn any meeting.
- Budget
 - Board met in person at FHS and discussed FY 25-26 budget in place of the standard Board meeting on March 11, 2025.
 - FY 2025-2026 budget vote will still be held at the spring concert and issued under Booster Buzz in April before general vote in May.
 - Two sections have been added to the website in the Booster section to close the discussion around access to the yearly budget.

Booster Budget & SSO Approval by KCS

Missed the yearly Booster Buzz with the Farragut Band Booster fiscal year budget? Reach out to the President or Operations Board member and a copy will be provided to current General Boosters or KCS Administration. If the budget requires an update after approval or a cost is outside the budget the by-laws requires votes at specified levels, so there is a check and balance in place.

SSO Financial Information / SSO Tax Return / SSO Bylaws / SSO Information have been Reviewed and Approved by KCS

Our commitment to openness and transparency:

- Membership is open to all parents and guardians of students in the Farragut High School band program.
- All roles in the Band Boosters are filled by volunteers.
- No officer, chairperson, or volunteer is compensated for their time by any method.
- 100% of all donations received and funds raised go directly to fund band programs and events.
- Financial reports are provided by the Treasurer at each meeting and all details are available upon request.
- Our By-laws can be seen [here](#).
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- Next Booster Meetings -
 - Booster General Meeting -
 - **Tue. 06May2024 @ 7:00PM**

- Out brief at concert
 - Introduce next Booster board
 - Vote on FY25-26 booster budget
- *Activities & Dates: (See Directors Calendar for most up to date information and other activities)* <https://www.farragutband.com/calendar>
 - 04Apr25 - Jazz Cats to ETSU
 - 10-13Apr25 - All State
 - 05May25 - Jazz Concert@ 7pm (6pm report)
 - 06May25 - Spring Concert@ 7pm (6 pm report)
 - 13May25 - Band Banquet @ 5:30-9PM (The Venue at Lenoir City)

Director's Notes

- General Items:
 - Looking for dates beyond noted in minutes, view directors calendar and newsletter.
 - Hello from Andrew Smith, new band director.

Meeting adjourned by Tom Nielander at 7:34 PM.