



Band Booster Board Meeting (July 16, 2024 at 7:00 PM)

Attendees: Kenneth Carrico, Rodney Brown, Barbara Pyle, April Young, Jeanne Hartzog, Kara Doyle, Patrick Kiser, Lee Thomasson, Tom Nielander, Kristin Ricciuto, Jaydon Headrick

Meeting called to order by Tom Nielander at 7:06 p.m.

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 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 meeting.

Treasurer & Assistant Treasurers

- Budget updates & Financial statements
 - School account booster funds \$
 - Status of Bacon & Co. deposits of \$315 that Mary Cook was working is unknown at this time; will update.
 - Bank Balance = \$22,980.02 (Checking \$4,898.27 & Savings \$18,081.75)
- Working annual compliance submissions:
 - Financial Information
 - SSO Tax Return
 - SSO Bylaws
 - SSO Information

VP Fundraising

- Fundraiser Recaps
 - Giveback Nights
 - Whit's Frozen Custard - \$113.35 earned
 - Ham & Goody's - \$477.70 earned
 - Graduation Drink sale - \$316.63 earned
- Upcoming confirmed fundraiser(s):
 - Salsaritas
 - Date 18Jul24 (11-9 and we earn 15% back from sales; must show flyer).

- Kara will encourage band kids to visit with flyers during lunch break. Admins doing watermelon on Thursday.
 - Will post on social media channels.
 - Blaze Pizza
 - Date 23Jul24 (4-9 and we earn 20% back from sales; must show flyer)
 - Whit's Frozen Custard
 - Date 31Jul24
 - McAllister's Deli
 - Date 13Aug24 (5-9 and we earn 10% from ALL SALES DURING TIME PERIOD and can promote anywhere and everywhere).
 - Will allow us to stand outside and advertise; promote heavily.
 - Dine to Donate Nights set for most of school year and will be on flyer and will add to band calendar.
 - Yard sale
 - Date 10Aug24 8-12 in FHS Commons; Set up will be 4-9 9Aug24-ALL HANDS ON DECK IF AVAILABLE.
 - People can drop off at FHS during business hours.
 - Would like to offer 3 time blocks for pick up (12-4 Sunday 7/28; 12-4 Sunday 8/4 and 5-8 Wednesday 8/7). Who else can help? Would like another band parent - one day before and one day of.
 - Need ideas or volunteers for allowing garage or other protected space to be holding area for donations (other than my garage).
 - Blurb and messaging will mass blast 7/26 and onward.
 - List of targeted neighborhoods to promote sale.
 - Fruit Blitz date 02Nov24 set on calendar
 - Will set up tables to sell for those going to the game too.
 - Other fundraisers ahead during course of school year-Honey Baked Ham, Nothing Bundt Cakes, and Ham N Goodies
- Discussion on next Fundraising Opportunities:
 - 865LIFE sales at football game (awaiting % of sales then will verify with Dodgen/Dr B. ok).
 - Possibly during 8th grade night?
 - Blaze Pizza spin a prize wheel for a donation of one dollar for a chance to win a free drink or small personal pizza (they provide the person during the football game)
 - One date confirmed: July 23
 - Might be looking into Snap Raise platform for future fundraiser and Coupon Book sales.
 - HVA uses it and has been very profitable.
 - If not this year, then next year?
- Coupon books
 - If band participates, we get 50%.

- Sponsor program
 - Have currently 15 and working for 6 more.

VP Outreach

- Signup status
 - Working to have all ready by parent cookout, excluding expo
- Buzz Notices:
 - Issued first on 09Jul24 for Yard Sale, Whit's, Band Online Store, First Givebacks night
 - Goal is to send them out weekly. Email updates to Barbara by Sunday afternoons.
- Misc topic: Loss of Stephanie Nelson. Ran fruit sales for years as a band parent. Helped with The Venue, etc.
 - Gesture from the Band Boosters? Donation to Ronald McDonald House?
 - Will consider options and share information through Buzz, etc. to families.

President and VP Operations

- Friday Night Snacks
 - Lee will be taking over this responsibility.
 - Dinners start around 5:30; band ends at 5:15 pm.
 - Night w/ chicken nuggets - will reach out to Chick Fil A, Wendy's, Zaxby's for platter donations.
 - Pizza Night (8th grade night) - have reached out to several locations, including Marco's.
 - Will review and adjust Sign-Up Geniuses.
 - Recommend reaching out to management (Costco, Sam's, Publix, etc.) towards the beginning of the month with 501c3 letter for best chances. Kara can assist.
 - Suggestion: Ask Mr. MacTavish if we can reach out to FMS 8th grade parents for volunteering (food donations).
 - Good idea reach out directly or with FHS directors in copy
- Concessions
 - Four home games this year -
 - 06Sep - West
 - 27Sep - Bearden, 8th Grade Night
 - 25Oct - Hardin Valley, Homecoming
 - 31Oct - Maryville, Senior Night
 - Need to reorganize all tools - set for 03Aug
 - Will need to restore parts of the inside ceiling and cabinets that were water damaged and have been removed to fix the roof leaks; will seek help and possibly try to implement repairs on 03Aug and 10Aug potentially.
 - Tom would like to find someone to take the lead position (already have two co-leads) to take this on. Any recommendations?

- Founders Park Lawn Chair Series
 - Saturday, 17Aug24
 - Volunteer Signup already posted to Sign-up Genius
 - Popcorn, snow cones, water?, hot dogs?, other?

- Props
 - Layout for this season has been finalized with Directors utilizing prop styles from previous few years
 - Sizes and layouts have been provided to SyncedUp Design for pricing.
 - Awaiting vinyl pricing so we can place the order. Cost is \$2,872.50, pre-discount.
 - Potential for sale of some of the props from last season
 - A high school in West Virginia will be performing “Just Fantasy”
 - Proposed a price to cover our material costs for construction - \$3,100 for 12 of the triangle props from our show last year. Keeping 4 props. They will pick up.
 - FHS Band Directors are the point of communication for this opportunity

- Support Trucks
 - Truck reservations for marching season have been finalized with Penske

Event	Date	Day of Week	Qty Days	Qty Trucks	Truck Size
Away Game - Dobyns Bennet HS	8/23/24	Friday	1	1	26 with lift gate
Away Game - Powell HS	8/30/24	Friday	1	1	26 with lift gate
Away Game - Cleveland HS	9/13/24	Friday	1	1	26 with lift gate
Competition - Clinton HS	9/21/24	Saturday	1	2	26 with lift gate
Competition - Karns HS	9/28/24	Saturday	1	2	26 with lift gate
Away Game - Bradley Central HS	10/4//24	Friday	1	1	26 with lift gate
Away Game - Jefferson Co. HS	10/18/24	Friday	1	1	26 with lift gate
Competition - Western Carolina	10/19//24	Saturday	1	2	26 with lift gate
Competition - Seymour	10/26//24	Saturday	1	2	26 with lift gate
All East	Feb 2025	Fri - Sun	3	1	16 w/ lift gate if possible

- Positions open next year:
 - Current Committee Chair Nominations *(Vote not required, but positions need to be filled)*
 - Fundraising

- Sponsorship Program Chair
 - Potential: West Knox Dentistry, Rush's, Edwards Jones (Booster contact: Meredith Tilson), Dev Softworx (contact: Pyle family)
 - Operations *(Vote not required, but positions need to be filled)*; need to provide basic descriptions and contact info to these. Can promote on Parent Square.
 - Concessions
 - Uniforms
 - Knox County Expo chair
 - Pit Crew
- To Directors
 - None
- 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)*
 - 12Jul24 - Board voted on maintenance and repairs to John Deere Gator \$2,800 max estimate. Dealer working to be under that price and recognition we are a nonprofit connected to the baseball booster nonprofit with this gator. Permitted by the by-laws, the request for vote was made through text to the board and majority response for approval was received, no disapproving votes were cast. Baseball has been taking care of maintenance without asking for assistance, but will talk with them still. This is a key piece of equipment to move the band in the Fall months.
 - Discussion on sousa cases (not for immediate purchase) - would like cases that are rollable. Price is comparable for stationary.
 - \$765.00 x 8 = \$6,120.00 + \$1,306.00(delivery) - from TX
 - Any other companies? Anyone just resell cases only?
 - Looking ahead: Front drumline purchases.
- Budget Discussion
 - Brief re-review of budget - will discuss at next meeting.
 - No big departures from past couple of years. Trying to capture costs and revenues and reflect more accurately. Also trying to allocate over time using QuickBooks to allow for more accurate projections when voting to spend beyond the budget lines. Continuing with complete transparency.
 - Trying to break out by month with more accuracy instead of lumping together. Adjusted a few costs (that have risen) to be more accurate.
- Next Booster Meetings - typically the first Tuesday of every month.
 - Booster Board -
 - **Wed. 14Aug2024 @ 7:00PM**
 - Booster Board & General

- **Thurs. 5Sep2024 @ 6:30PM & 7:15PM**
 - Booster Board
 - **Wed. 2Oct2024 @ 7:00PM**
 - Booster Board
 - **Wed. 6Nov2024 @ 7:00PM**
 - Booser General
 - **16Dec2024 @ 7:00PM**
 - **Out brief at concert (16Dec2024)**
- *Activities & Dates: (See Directors Calendar for most up to date information and other activities) <https://www.farragutband.com/calendar>*
 - 15-26Jul24 - Band Camp
 - 18Jul24 -Salsarita Givebacks Night
 - 23Jul24 - Blaze pizza Givebacks Night
 - 26Jul24 - Parent Preview and Meal by Boosters
 - 31Jul24 - Spirit night at Whits Frozen Custard
 - 10Aug24 - Booster Yard Sale
 - 17Aug24 - Founders Park (March and Concessions Tent)
 - 23Aug24 - Away game (Dobyns Bennett HS)(charter bus)
 - 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 (Karns)
 - 04Oct24 - Away game (Bradley Central HS)
 - 18Oct24 - Away game (Jefferson Co. HS)
 - 19Oct24 - Competition (Western Carolina)(performance early afternoon)
 - 22Oct24 - Knox Co. Exhibition (Location FHS)
 - 25Oct24 - **Home** game (HVA)(Homecoming)
 - 26Oct24 - Competition (Seymour)
 - 28Oct24 - **Weather Date if 22Oct24 canceled for Knox Co. Expo (Location FHS)**
 - 31Oct24 - **Home** game (Maryville)(Sr. Night)
 - 02Nov24 - Fruit Blitz (Requires Parent Drivers)
 - **##Feb25** - All East
 - 04Mar25 - CPA/Winter Concert
 - **##Apr25** - All State
 - 05May25 - Jazz Concert
 - 06May25 - Spring Concert
 - 13May25 - Band Banquet

Director's Notes

- Chicago trip update.... Check website as needed.

- Carrico: Band camp is going great! Jaydon Headrick is our intern and will be on some meetings.

Meeting adjourned by Tom Nielander at 8:13 p.m.