



## **Band Booster Board Meeting (October 2, 2024 at 7:00 PM)**

Attendees: Tom Nielander, Patrick Kiser, Jeannette Wilson, Rodney Brown, Barbara Veith, Kristin Ricciuto, Jeanne Ann Hartzog, April Young, Kenny Carrico, Robin Herrington

Meeting called to order by Tom Nielander at 7:07 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. They are to be uploaded by at least one month plus one week after the recorded meeting.

### Treasurer & Assistant Treasurers

- Budget updates & Financial statements as of October 1st, 2024:
  - School account booster funds = \$0.00
  - School director account Coupon book = \$2,280 (not final)
  - Bank Balance = \$31,375.10 (Checking:\$10,938.60 & Savings: \$20,436.50 )
- Annual compliance submissions:
  - SSO Financial Information - Approved by KCS 01Aug24
  - SSO Tax Return - Approved by KCS 20Jul24
  - SSO Bylaws - Approved by KCS 17Jul24
  - SSO Information - Approved by KCS 20Jul24

### VP Fundraising

- Fundraiser Recaps:
  - Giveback Nights:
    - 9/10 Blaze - \$ 272.00
    - 9/17 Chipotle - \$181.78
  - KCS Coupon Book Sales extended (9/12-10/4) - \$ Final TBD (152 books sold \$2,280)
- Upcoming confirmed fundraiser(s):
  - Upcoming "Dine to Donate" events:
    - 10/24 Mellow Mushroom (15%) - SSO approved 11Sep24
    - 11/12 Texas Roadhouse (10%) - SSO approved on 30Sep24

- Blaze Pizza Spinning Wheel 9/27 (Bearden Game) - canceled due to KCS weather closure
  - One dollar for a chance to win a prize (examples include a free drink or small personal pizza). Limit of one chance per person. Blaze will supply a worker who will set up near our concession stand.
  - SSO approved 11Sep24
  - Possibility for 25Oct24 game?
- 865LIFE sales at football game (10-15% of total sales (not profits)). - SSO approved 11Sep24
  - Confirmed 25Oct24
- Fruit Blitz date 02Nov24
- In Process Fundraising:
  - Honey Baked Ham (October)
  - Nothing Bundt Cakes (February)
  - Ham N Goodies (end March/beginning of April)
  - Whit's Frozen Custard Nights
- Other Fundraising Opportunities: *(Keep unless not moving forward.)*
  - SnapRaise (very profitable for HVA) and a coupon card (suggested by Kenny Carrico) are ideas for future years but we will not attempt this year given all else planned and lead time needed.
- Sponsor program
  - Only two more full size banner spots left as two others are in review
    - Awaiting response from Auto Zone

## VP Outreach

- Signup status *(Next to create?)*
  - Friday Night Snacks - last two published
  - KCS Expo - Concessions published
  - Fruit Blitz Day - Kara to review for release (is it ready as of today 10/02?)
- Buzz / Social Media Notices:
  - Working to issue weekly - send topics/notices before Sat each week
  - Please keep a running "Save the Date" for KCS Expo (both dates) and Fruit Blitz date on the buzz and on Facebook
- Misc topic(s):
  - Need board member to connect this week with:
    - National Honor Society students for signup
      - Contact is Ms. Allison Maldonado: She will validate hours after volunteer events, but please be patient as there are over 340 members and many, many volunteer events.
    - Pellissippi students to help with concessions and expo and Friday nights?

- Due to conflicts with a Pellissippi event, direct line is not possible, but if we can spread the word for TN Promise students, direct them to our volunteering page and we'll sign off.

### President and VP Operations

- Friday night snack
  - 31Oct24 snack/small meal by the Board (\$2,200 budget covers this meal and meal at Western Carolina).
    - Take-Out Thyme: ~\$400 for mac and cheese and gluten free bowtie pasta with butter; includes 10% discount and free delivery.
    - Need board member to connect and find pricing for fruit trays and cookies for approval. Total # students: 178 (150 are competitive band) - just need some quick quotes on pricing.
      - Name: Patrick Kiser
- Concessions
  - Revising volunteer time blocks to help reduce qty of volunteers (Thank you Matt Doyle for the 3rd party look) - went from 42 to 34 and update as needed. This change is due to having more problems getting the additional volunteers to fill the added qty of slots based on last year's feedback that seems to be causing more issues.
  - We only have two home games remaining for this season - Friday, October 25 (Homecoming) and Thursday, October 31 (Senior Night) as all know due to the rescheduling of the Bearden game from inclement weather (tropical storm) and overlap with the Karns Band competition we did not host concessions.
    - After the final adjustments are made this Friday we need to push for volunteers to sign up starting next week for planning purposes, particularly Senior Night. (Tom may reach out to past parents for assistance.)
  - We need to identify a concessions lead to work with Tom and Patrick over the remainder of this year to be prepared to lead next fall. So please start talking with all you know and place top center of the next Buzz and Parent Square when asking for volunteers.
    - Duties: Orchestrating Coke order drop off, loading refrigerators on Thursday, dropping oil off, greeting initial shifts. Don't need to be there the entire time/can split duties for start and end of concessions.
    - Ideally would be 2-3 people.
    - First and last shifts are best chance for watching the show, just FYI. End is truly best for this.
  - Need to make a concerted effort to sign up earlier for volunteer duties rather than the week of. Board - please reach out and encourage others to volunteer.
- Knox County Expo
  - Currently scheduled for Tuesday, October 22

- Have updated the time blocks to remove the overlap which keeps our numbers down (another thank you to Matt Doyle for his perspective as a volunteer who works many nights at concessions)
- Need a push to have volunteers sign up so we can plan accordingly as with the other two game nights (Again, will have the blocks set by this Friday)
- Planning a preparation/work day on 20Oct24 (Sunday)
- Meal for Western Carolina Competition
  - Limited options near the university. (understand could move due to the devastation over in Western NC.)
    - Intend to pick up pizza locally to feed 200 people (kids plus volunteers). Will cost approximately \$600.
    - Will purchase chips, fruit, and cookies to take with us.
- Positions that remain open:
  - Current Committee Chair Nominations *(Vote not required, but positions need to be filled)*
    - Fundraising
      - Sponsorship Program
    - Operations *(Vote not required, but positions need to be filled);*
      - Concessions
      - Uniforms
      - Pit Crew
- Misc
  - Discuss in next meeting 06Nov24, gift to Stephanie Nelson's family (Fruit/other?)
- To Directors
  - 8th Grade Night makeup: October 25 (Homecoming)
  - Please add to your reminders as a running save the dates for KCS Expo (both dates) and Fruit Blitz dates
  - Are the Givebacks nights posted on the calendar?
- 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)*
  - Discuss sousaphone case partial purchase for potential vote.
    - Fabrication is 2-8 weeks depending on orders in house already
    - \$765 per case plus shipping (~\$928.25 per case)
      - How many sousaphones are going on the March trip? 3-4. 2 currently signed up.
- Next Booster Meetings -
  - Booster Board Meeting -
    - **Wed. 6Nov2024 @ 7:00PM**
  - Booster General Meeting -
    - **Mon. 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>*
  - 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)
  - 24Oct24 - Mellow Mushroom Givebacks Night
  - 25Oct24 - **Home** game (HVA)(Homecoming & 8th Grade make-up night)
  - 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)
  - 12Nov24 - Texas Roadhouse Givebacks Night
  - 15Nov24 - Pinnacle Turkey Creek Christmas Parade (tree lighting) ~6-8pm (TBD)
  - 08Dec24 - Farragut Christmas Parade (afternoon) - TBD
  - 06-08Feb25 - All East
  - 04Mar25 - CPA/Winter Concert
  - 10-13Apr25 - All State
  - 05May25 - Jazz Concert
  - 06May25 - Spring Concert
  - 13May25 - Band Banquet

#### Director's Notes

- Waiting to hear from WCU officials at an appropriate time what the plan will be. We will have a backup competition plan for this date!
- 10/25 Homecoming and 8th Grade Night; 10/26 Seymour competition may perform earlier in the afternoon to allow the bus to leave early to allow students to attend Homecoming dance (parents may check students out who want to stay).
- 10/31 Thursday game is Senior Night. Trunk or Treat? Will check with Coach Courtney.

Meeting adjourned by Tom Nielander at 7:55 p.m.