



Band Booster Board Meeting (November 6, 2024 at 7:00 PM)

Attendees: Kenneth Carrico, Tom Nielander, Barbara Pyle, Kristin Ricciuto, Kara Doyle, Jeanne Ann Hartzog, Patrick Kiser

Meeting called to order by Tom Nielander, at 7:01 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 04Nov2024:
 - No changes to the budget items
 - School account booster funds = \$0.00
 - School director account Coupon book = \$2,280 (not final)
 - Bank Balance = Checking:\$40,531.92 & Savings: \$20,890.28
- 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:
 - 10/24 Mellow Mushroom - \$202.71
 - KCS Coupon Book Sales extended (9/12-10/4) - \$ Final (\$2,655ish)
 - Have messaged Garrett Raiden to confirm total and determine expected timing of distributing proceeds
 - Honey Baked Ham - \$590.00
 - Blaze Pizza wheel and LIFE865 both canceled due to game changes
- Upcoming confirmed fundraiser(s):
 - Upcoming "Dine to Donate" events-
 - 11/12 Texas Roadhouse (3-10 pm)

- In Process Fundraising:
 - Fruit Blitz
 - Approximately 20K in sales during day of Fruit Blitz
 - Top three teams: \$1785, \$1751, \$1500
 - Individual Sales open until 11/14 at noon (approximately \$700 in additional online payments so far)
 - Web sales will last about a month post sales
 - Need Director message targeting Fruit Blitz and Booster Buzz doing same (along with TX Roadhouse)
 - Nothing Bundt Cakes (February)
 - Ham N Goodies (end March/beginning of April)
- Other Fundraising Opportunities:
 - 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
 - Have currently 20 and potential to fill final two spots - awaiting response from three companies to fill the last two banner spots

VP Outreach

- Signup status *(Next to create?)*
 - Nov 15th Pinnacle - awaiting confirmation based on playoff games potential
 - Dec 8 Parade - new route starting at Community Center
- Buzz / Social Media Notices:
 - Working to issue weekly - send topics/notices before Sat each week
- Misc topic(s):
 - None

President and VP Operations

- Thank you to all of the Volunteers supporting the Friday night meals. Concessions, chaperones, pit crew, uniforms, the Knox County Expo, and fundraising events throughout the fall marching season.
- Friday night snack
 - Final meal was Booster provided on 31Oct24. Thanks to Take-Out Thyme and providing a reasonable price plus discount with free delivery for the mac and cheese, gluten free bowtie pasta with butter, and vegetable tray.
- Concessions
 - Jeanne Hartzog working with Tom and Patrick as a potential new co-lead next fall for inventory and ordering. Thank you!!
 - Another family is considering taking on the lead position, but working through first few months of new job that has potential for heavy travel before committing, but will continue with other concessions activities.

- Need to find one or two other people to volunteer for concessions as a lead or co-leads next fall. Ideally would be 2-3 people to share the responsibility.
- Santa's Village at Farragut Christmas Parade
 - Awaiting final go / no go from the city of Farragut
 - When: Sunday, December 8
 - Needs:
 - Will require volunteers to set up, staff, cleanup and breakdown the booth
 - Will plan to sell popcorn, candy, remaining water and soft drinks, hot apple cider, and hot chocolate.
- Booster provided the meal at the Seymour competition vs. Western Carolina due to road concerns - catered by the Seymour Band Boosters.
- 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
- Positions that will be open due to 2 yr max in addition to all re-opening.
 - Please be looking and talking to others for nomination on the following:
 - President - Tom N.
 - Assistant Treasurer - Jeanette W.
 - Outreach - Barbara P.
- To Directors
 - Inquired about outstanding (Fair Share / Fees) noted in emails from directors still requesting payments.
 - Currently \$8,500 short in fair share fees.
- 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)*
 - Sousaphone case partial purchase of three to protect on bus trip in March and others purchased across next year or two
 - Fabrication is 2-8 weeks depending on final company chosen
 - \$765 per case plus shipping (~\$928.25 per case) - Still reviewing companies and types of cases that meet the criteria for stacking, have wheels and rugged
 - Questions prior to calling a vote?

- Budget
 - Looking to have discussions in person (for first meeting at minimum) between the booster board and directors to align on goals and objectives as part of the budgeting process
 - Discussed how proceeding to start earlier will permit time to work vs. being rushed prior to end of the year.
 - This will not move the final general booster vote set to be at the spring concert.
 - Discussed placing budget on website
 - Would like transparency to boosters, but not the world
 - Should we email families directly?
 - Prior to the vote the budget is issued via Booster Buzz for review and provides a way for Q&A
 - Should the budget be posted but be password protected? (Will look into)
 - Note, if the budget requires an update after the spring concert or a cost is outside the budget the by-laws requires votes at specified levels, so there is a check and balance in place currently.
- Next Booster Meetings -
 - Booster General Meeting -
 - **Monday, 16Dec2024 @ 7:00PM**
 - Out brief at concert
 - Announce the winners for coupon books and fruit blitz
 - Booster Board Meeting -
 - **Tuesday, 07Jan2025 @ 7:15PM**
 - Booster Board & General Meetings -
 - **Tuesday, 11Feb2025 @ 6:30PM & 7:15PM**
 - Booster Board Meeting -
 - **Tuesday 11Mar2025 @ 7:15PM**
 - Booster Board & General Meetings -
 - **Tuesday 01Apr2025 @ 6:30PM & 7:15PM** ([Vote for Board Members](#))
 - 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>
 - 12Nov24 - Texas Roadhouse Givebacks Night
 - 15Nov24 - Pinnacle Turkey Creek Christmas Parade (tree lighting) ~6-8pm (TBD)
 - 08Dec24 - Farragut Christmas Parade (afternoon) - 4 pm (TBD)

- 17Jan25 - UTC TriState Concert Assessment (during school day with morning performance) - will need ~5 chaperones
- 06-08Feb25 - All East
- 04Mar25 - CPA/Winter Concert
- 10-13Apr25 - All State
- 05May25 - Jazz Concert
- 06May25 - Spring Concert
- 13May25 - Band Banquet

Director's Notes

- General Items:
 - Will review Winter Guard schedule to try and permit attendance/support of fellow band members/friends for the band concert on 12/10/24.

Meeting adjourned by Tom Nielander at 7:53 p.m.