

FBPO May 4, 2017

**In Attendance:** Gwen Anderson, Kathy Clarke, Jackie Corso, Judy Gallichio, Rose Grandy, Kim Green, Jodi Hanlon, Rob Hanlon, Kent Krause, Darren Lange, Cathy Liebenow, Matt Neumann, Eleanore Richards, Lisa Sanstrom, Joe Sanstrom, Doug Weglarz, Julie Westberg

Doug Weglarz requested that someone to call the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Joe Sanstrom called the meeting to order. Seconded by Lisa Sanstrom. Lisa Sanstrom motioned that the April minutes be approved and accepted. Joe Sanstrom seconded. **The next FBPO meeting will be August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 7pm in the WN Orchestra Room.**

**President's Report – Doug Weglarz:** None

**Vice President's Report – Lisa Sanstrom:** Lisa reminded everyone that the MS Walk is this Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and encouraged everyone to join in. We are marching in support of our very own Kathy Clarke and Julie Westberg.

**Treasurer's Report – Rob Hanlon/Jodi Hanlon:** Rob started out by thanking parents of graduating seniors who have contributed so much to the Falcon Band Program, particularly outgoing Secretary Jackie Corso and Falcon Band uber-Volunteers Kathy and Jim Clarke. They will be missed! Rob passed out an updated 2016-2017 budget spreadsheet, noting that the Band had a great year in terms of fund-raising, projecting to exceed our end of year net income budget of \$330 by \$4,231 for a net income of \$4,531. Revenues for Falcon Fest were up by \$4000 vs prior year, and Swing Dance revenues were up \$1,500. Rob noted that the band still has some outstanding revenues and expenditures before the books can be closed on the 2016-2017 school year, most notably expenses related to the upcoming marching band show, funds to send three Drum Majors to a summer clinic, fees for Drum Line and Color Guard Coaches, and uniform cleaning. Our Marching Band show budget for 2017 has increased by \$5000. The band will earn \$600 for marching in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Any budget surplus will be allocated to percussion repairs and new equipment purchases.

Jodi Hanlon reported that 51 students are signed up for Marching Band, with most of those students on track with registration payments.

Kent Krause reported that the Band submitted an equipment request to the Boosters, with Anders Hagen also putting in a separate percussion equipment request to the Boosters as well.

A question was raised on the Jamba Juice fundraiser that was part of Swing Dance revenues. As background, the Jamba Juice was provided for free, as there had been a substantial delay in payment for the 2016 Jamba Juice fundraiser. Rob Hanlon confirmed that \$523 was raised through this year's Jamba Juice fundraiser, thanks to the efforts of Laurel Spahn.

**Secretary's Report – Jackie Corso:** None

**Director's Report – Kent Krause:** Kent reported that Tuesday night's Marching Band Open House was highly successful, and that he was excited not only by the number of new freshman who attended, but also by the number of returning Marchers who came out to preview the 2017 show. The band program is currently sprinting to the end of the year, with the Senior Farewell Concert scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup>, the Wind Ensemble playing at Commencement on May 27<sup>th</sup>, and the band marching in the Memorial Day Parade on May 29<sup>th</sup>. The percussion schedule is crammed with clinics and auditions, as Anders Hagen works to select the Battery and Pit for the 2017 marching season. A new Color Guard instructor has been hired pending School Board approval. 2017 Color Guard auditions are tentatively scheduled for May 16-18<sup>th</sup>, but the dates have not been confirmed. Kent will work with the Color Guard Captains to promote the auditions as soon as the dates are confirmed.

Kent noted that as this is the last FBPO meeting of the 2016-2017, he wanted to express his appreciation to all of the parents for the long hours and hard work put in in support of the band program. He particularly thanked the parents of our graduating Seniors.

Julie Westberg asked whether marching practices for the Memorial Day Parade have been set, as Seniors have a trip to Great America on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Kent said that the practice schedule was still in the works and he would keep the May 25<sup>th</sup> date in mind when setting up the schedule.

Cathy Liebenow asked how current 8<sup>th</sup> graders would be invited to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Kent said that it would be handled during the June summer practices.

**Falcon Fest – Julie Westberg:** Julie introduced herself and Falcon Fest to the new parents in the room. Falcon Fest is a Marching Band Competition held at WNHS. It will take place on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Falcon Fest is the biggest fundraiser for the WN Band Program, with funds raised used to support all aspects of the WN Band Program (not just Marching Band). As a result, Julie would like to highly encourage all band parents to sign up to volunteer at Falcon Fest. The majority of the volunteers will be needed from 4pm-9pm, although there will be volunteers needed before and afterward that time frame as well. Thus far we have 6 bands registered for the competition, with the goal of hosting 12-14 bands. Julie announced a number of changes for Falcon Fest 2017:

- 1) Recruitment of volunteers started at the Tuesday evening Marching Band Open House.
  - a. As we are losing many senior parents, we will need to fill those roles
  - b. Emphasis will be placed on early recruitment of volunteers
- 2) Shout-Outs –
  - a. Sold way too many shout outs for WN students in 2016
  - b. We will continue to sell shout-outs, but not for WN students

- c. WN parents/friends will be encouraged to purchase “Good Luck” program ads for \$5, which are already available to order at [www.wheatonnorthband.com](http://www.wheatonnorthband.com).
  - d. Payment for “Good Luck” program ads can be placed in the band payment/registration lock box in the band room.
- 3) Falcon Fest 2017 t-shirts will be sold this year
  - a. Shirts will be sold on-line in advance
  - b. Order forms will be sent out to competing bands with a registration deadline for getting the Band’s name on the back of the shirt
  - c. Small number of shirts will be sold on-sight, but the bulk of sales will be on-line pre-orders
- 4) Falcon Fest email is [WNHSfalconfest@gmail.com](mailto:WNHSfalconfest@gmail.com). If you were a committee chair last year and are willing to chair the same committee this year, email Julie and Mona Spaid at the Falcon Fest gmail address to let them know.
- 5) Sign up to volunteer for Falcon Fest on the band web-site, [www.wheatonnorthband.com](http://www.wheatonnorthband.com). PLEASE SIGN UP!
- 6) Falcon Fest 2017 Facebook page – Julie will start posting info on facebook as we get closer to the event.
- 7) Julie will set up a Falcon Fest 2017 text remind

### **Old Business:**

Successful **Marching Band Open House** was held on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> with 51 Marchers registered as of 5/4. The goal is to encourage new and returning marchers to sign up by May 17<sup>th</sup>, so that Kent can get concrete numbers to the drill writer.

**Car Wash** – Scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>. Derrin Lange and Brock Stout are chairing as Dave Jenz has another commitment. Kent said there is a percussion rehearsal on the 20<sup>th</sup>, which will allow the Drum Line to play at the Car Wash to help drive sales. Rob Hanlon noted that telling people as they drive in where the money is going and that every dollar donated goes to buying equipment for the band is a very effective marketing tool to increase donations.

### **New Business:**

**Memorial Day Picnic** – chaired by Lisa Sanstrom. Lisa will talk to Mona Spaid and Kathy Clarke for details on how the picnic was organized in past years. Park permit has been picked up. Lisa will need volunteers to help with set up and clean up, as well as donate food. Jodi will send a flyer to Franklin and Monroe middle schools inviting the current 8<sup>th</sup> graders to the picnic. Kent confirmed that WN will be the last band, with no Cemetery duty this year. Kent will send out a Memorial Day Parade schedule with details.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade** – Kent will send out a schedule with details.

**Marching Band Practices & Band Camp** – First Monday rehearsal of the summer is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup>. Objective of Monday rehearsals is to get new band members marching ASAP, while simultaneously meeting and bonding with the other marchers. This will allow new members to hit the ground running on the first day of band camp. For returning marching band members, the Monday rehearsals allow marchers to sharpen skills, connect with old friends and allows new student leaders to test their leadership skills. Kent has held a schedule like this in the past, and has found it to be successful. It is okay if a marcher is absent as long as it is pre-arranged with Mr. Krause.

Band Camp will be held from July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>, with the annual car wash fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Attendance is mandatory, with occasional absences approved under extenuating circumstances. Days are divided into 3 blocks; morning, afternoon, and evening. Weather permitting, the band rehearses outdoors in the morning and evening, and inside during the afternoon. Band Camp is an important springboard for learning the show.

Kent noted that DCI (Drum Corps International) Finals are scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup>. Kent is considering organizing an optional marching band field trip to Indianapolis for the finals.

**Fall Calendar Updates** – Homecoming was moved back a week to October 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>. We will now be going to a competition at NIU in DeKalb on September 30<sup>th</sup>. We will not be participating in the Prospect Heights competition on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Doug Weglarz stated that a Marching Band camp parent volunteer list will be distributed shortly.

**Thank-you** - Doug Weglarz presented outgoing Board Secretary Jackie Corso with a bouquet of flowers, thanking her for her service to the board and to the band.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jackie Corso, with Lisa Sanstrom seconding.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Eleanore Richards

