

FBPO August 3, 2017

In Attendance: Gwen Anderson, Penny Becker, Jill Cankar, Lee Everett, Paula Freeze, Judy Gallichio, Doug Gilmour, Kim Green, Jodi Hanlon, Kent Krause, Andrew Kucienski, Darren Lange, Alice Marks, Matt Neumann, Eleanore Richards, Sue Rocha, Lisa Sanstrom, Joe Sanstrom, Amy Simpson, Beata Smoter, Liz Sorrill-Westergaard, Greg Spahn, Laurel Spahn, Mona Spaid, Doug Weglarz, Julie Westberg, Matt Westberg

Doug Weglarz requested that someone to call the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Lisa Sanstrom called the meeting to order. Seconded by Jodi Hanlon.

Doug Weglarz introduced himself as President of the FBPO. This is Doug's 2nd year as President, and his 6th year as a band parent.

Lisa Sanstrom motioned that the May minutes be approved and accepted. Joe Sanstrom seconded. The next FBPO meeting will be September 7th, 2017 at 7pm in the WN Orchestra Room.

President's Report – Doug Weglarz: Doug reported that the summer camp rehearsals run by Mr. Krause were successful. This week's band camp has gone smoothly, with today's rain and a couple of bee stings as the only negatives. We are at 101 marchers including Color Guard and Drum Majors, which is up from the 60 marchers we had only a few years ago. We are missing a few percussionists this week who are participating in Drum Corp International.

Vice President's Report – Lisa Sanstrom: None

Treasurer's Report – Rob Hanlon/Jodi Hanlon: Jodi reported that student statements for most marchers have been sent out. Statements for families who just registered will be sent out by mid-August. Jodi confirmed that we have 101 marchers registered. Band shirt orders were due today, with rookies receiving a shirt as part of their dues. Orders should be placed through the band web-site. Returning marchers who lost their shirt or need a bigger size will pay \$10 for a new shirt. Parents and other family members can also order a shirt for \$10/each. Mr. Krause handles the orders, with the FBPO handling the payment process. Information on ordering marching shoes will be available soon. The 2017-2018 Budget is in process, and will be brought to the next FBPO meeting for approval.

Secretary's Report – Eleanore Richards: Eleanore asked that all those in attendance please sign the attendance sheet. The next Falcon Band News email will be sent out by August 28th to correspond with the first full week of school. Please email Eleanore with any information that you would like included by August 21st.

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 16th. 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).

- We currently have 9 bands registered for Falcon Fest. A-2, AA-3, AAA-4
- Ads for our Program are being secured by Penny Becker.
- Some logistical changes to be aware of is adjusting how we move the participating pits/front ensembles from their warm up area to the band holding area at the track.
- We are adjusting how our WN Marchers and the all-day volunteers get their dinner provided by the Boosters. Instead of Marchers going through the lines at their designated break, we will request a pickup of orders from the Falcon Feeder and it will be in the cafeteria or hallway behind the band room for students to pick up. We will do the same for all-day volunteers, rather than trying to deliver food to the volunteers.
- We are adding a Falcon Fest t-shirt this year that will be available for purchase by students and volunteers online prior to Falcon Fest. Details will be coming shortly. This is not a mandatory purchase, but a fun way to support Falcon Fest and the band programs.
- As a reminder, there will be NO announced Shout-Outs for Wheaton North Bands at Falcon Fest this year. To help with the timing of the event, the Falcon Fest planning committee and FBPO approved this change in May. We will be encouraging everyone to purchase a \$5 (change from \$10) Good Luck Ad that will be printed in our program. The initial deadline for these ads is August 30th. You can pay via the Band Store on the WN Band website (www.wheatonnorthband.com), or drop cash or check with a note designating payment in the drop box in the band room. Please send the text of all Good Luck ads to the Falcon Fest email (wnhsfalconfest@gmail.com). Good Luck ad examples: “Go Trumpets! Play loud and with Pride! From the Trumpet Parents” or ”Play the Flute like never before! We love you Dani, shine bright at your last Falcon Fest! Love, Mom, Dad and Ethan”
- Schedule of bands and the official schedule of events will be available closer to the event week. Please follow the **WNHS Falcon Fest** and the **Wheaton North Falcon Band and Band Parents** facebook pages for updates.

Mona Spaid introduced herself as the Falcon Fest parent volunteer recruiter and volunteer coordinator. **Eleanore Richards** will be recruiting student volunteers for Falcon Fest. In addition, Eleanore is looking for historical marching band photographs to include in the Falcon Fest program since this is the 30th Anniversary of Falcon Fest. Kent Krause stated that archival photos are available either in the music library or in Narnia. Kent will follow up and let Eleanore know what he finds. Alumni parent Karen Neltzer was also suggested as a resource for historical photos. Another addition to the Falcon Fest program this year will be Senior Recognition pages, where seniors will be recognized for their contributions to the WN Marching Falcons.

Director's Report – Kent Krause: Mr. Krause introduced himself as Director of Bands and stated he is excited about the upcoming school year and getting to know the parents in the room. He reminded everyone about the Parent Preview Night, taking place on Friday, August 4th at 7pm at the football fields. The marching band staff will be introduced, there will be an opportunity to sign up to volunteer at Falcon Fest, and refreshments will be served. Mr. Krause encouraged everyone to utilize the band website as an information resource at www.wheatonnorthband.com. The schedule for curricular bands is similar to last year and will be posted in the next few days. Mr. Krause also encouraged all new band parents to volunteer with the band program. Finally, Mr. Krause reviewed the remind texting system:

Text to 81010

@FBPO – for Falcon Band Parent Organization updates

@wnbands – for WN Band updates from Mr. Krause

@wnfmb – for WN Falcon Marching Band updates from Mr. Krause

- @wnfmb can be useful to follow for marching band schedule changes, particularly when the band is at competitions

Old Business: None

New Business:

Volunteer needs – Doug Weglarz outlined three Committee Chair Positions which are immediate needs of the band:

- **Publicity Chair** – communicates band events to local newspapers & CUSD 200 and via facebook and flyers
- **Hospitality Chair for Marching Band Competitions** – responsible for organizing one meal for the students, either lunch or dinner, on the day of marching band competitions (4 competitions)
- **Health and Safety Chair** – Tracks and maintains First Aid Bag and Health and Safety Binder which details student health needs, allergies and medications. Provides water at football games and marching band competitions.

Props Meeting – Darren Lange is chairing the props committee. Budget is \$1000, with additional donations to be solicited from Home Depot/Ace. The goal is to have the props completed by Saturday, September 16th. This year's theme is Revolution. Props needed include trees, a white church, a red barn, a stone wall and 2-3 barrels. Volunteers will be needed to move the props on and off the field during competitions. Doug Weglarz added that in addition to moving props, parent volunteers will be needed to move 3 drum major stands and percussion instruments. Volunteers to move props/stands/instruments will be needed for Falcon Fest, as well as competitions at Benedictine, Northern Illinois, ISU and the University of Illinois.

Fundraising – Laurel Spahn announced that we have new brochures to support the That's My Pan fundraiser, which will be distributed closer to the Holidays. Information on That's My Pan will also be included in the upcoming band e-newsletter. Laurel also inquired as to whether there was interest in bringing in a Jamba Juice stand for Falcon Fest. Julie Westberg said that we are not bringing in any additional vendors at this time so as not to cannibalize sales at the Falcon Feeder, which is run by the Boosters. Proceeds from the sale of food at the Falcon Feeder are used to support all student organizations. It was noted that the Boosters paid for two new drum major stands for the band this year. Dipping Dots and Kettle Corn will be available on the south side of the stands.

Car Wash – Scheduled for Saturday August 5th. Derren Lange is chairing. Derren is looking for a few more parent volunteers to help supervise. Car wash equipment will be pulled from Narnia on Friday.

Reimbursement procedures for band camp food purchases was explained by Jodi Hanlon, with Doug Weglarz explaining the purpose and location of the **band lock box**, located in the band room. Reimbursement forms can be downloaded off the band website, and placed in the band lock box when completed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lisa Sanstrom, with Julie Westberg seconding.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Eleanore Richards

