

FBPO September 7, 2017

**In Attendance:** Gwen Anderson, Nubia Arroyo, Penny Becker, Nancy Brunner, Jill Cankar, Lee Everett, Anise Foster, Charles Green, Kim Green, Jodi Hanlon, Kent Krause, Cathy Liebenow, Rowena Rea, Eleanore Richards, Sue Rocha, Yoshie Sanchez, Lisa Sanstrom, Beata Smoter, Liz Sorrill-Westergaard, Laurel Spahn, Mona Spaid, Brent Tureson, Dianna Weglarz, Doug Weglarz, Julie Westberg, Matt Westberg

Doug Weglarz requested that someone to call the meeting to order. Jodi Hanlon called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Seconded by Lisa Sanstrom.

Lisa Sanstrom motioned that the August minutes be approved and accepted. Mona Spaid seconded. The next FBPO meeting will be on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the WNHS Orchestra Room. Due to a November 2<sup>nd</sup> band concert conflict, the November FBPO meeting will be moved to Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7pm in the WN Orchestra Room.

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

**Vice President's Report – Lisa Sanstrom:** None

**Treasurer's Report – Rob Hanlon/Jodi Hanlon:** Jodi reported that all reimbursement forms for band camp purchases have been received and all reimbursements have been paid.

**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 the week after Falcon Fest. Please email Eleanore with any information that you would like included by September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Director's Report – Kent Krause:** Mr. Krause thanked everyone for coming to the FBPO meeting. He reported that Marching Band is in full swing. The season will officially kick off with the band's exhibition performance at Falcon Fest. Mr. Krause truly appreciates all of the parent help with Falcon Fest. The band's upcoming competitive season could be called a collegiate tour – the band will see 3-4 college bands perform at the competitions in September and October. The band will participate in the Naperville Central competition at Benedictine University on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, followed by the Red &

Black Fall Classic at Northern Illinois University on September 30<sup>th</sup>, the State of Illinois Invitational High School Marching Band Championships at Illinois State University on October 14<sup>th</sup>, and the Illinois Marching Band Championships at the University of Illinois on October 21<sup>st</sup>. **Marching Band Senior Night** will be on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Julie Westberg brought the idea up of banners recognizing the seniors, similar to what is done for other sports. Eleanore Richards confirmed that individual senior pictures of all 21 seniors are available. Mr. Krause said that he would follow up with Michele in the Athletic Office. Marching Band Award's Night will be moved due to a conflict with an Orchestra Concert, with the new date tentatively set for Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Jazz Ensemble auditions** will take place at WNHS on November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Krause would like to emphasize that **Jazz Band** is open to all students, with no audition required. Mr. Krause is currently picking jazz contests and performance opportunities, with an emphasis this year on local, community-focused performances.

Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band and Concert Band are going “gang-busters”, with all students assessed individually for chair placement. **The first concert of the year will be a “Band Showcase” on November 2<sup>nd</sup>**. This concert is new to the calendar and differs from previous years in that it will feature performances by the Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Percussion and Wind Ensemble.

**Pep Band** is in the process of being formed, with the goal of students performing at a minimum of 3 games each. The possibility of adding girls' games to the Pep Band performance schedule is also being explored.

**ILMEA auditions** will take place on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Addison Trail High School. Transportation will be provided to and from the after-school auditions. Initial sign up has taken place. The hard deadline for signing up is the week of September 8<sup>th</sup>. The District 9 Concert Festival will take place on November 4<sup>th</sup>, with the District 9 Jazz Festival one week later on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

The date of the November FBPO meeting will be pushed back by a week to Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm due to a conflict with the Band Showcase Concert scheduled for Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Krause suggested that there would be an opportunity for the FBPO to make a presentation to parents on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Budget Discussion – Doug Weglarz** announced that the goal is to have the 2017-2018 budget finalized and approved for the next meeting. A few line items need to be finalized, such as equipment needs. The projected income from Falcon Fest is lower this year due to fewer bands participating. Doug reported that this lower income will be partially offset by a very successful car wash fundraiser which raised \$2,300+ for the band.

**Falcon Fest – Julie Westberg:** 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).

- We currently have 9 bands registered for Falcon Fest. A-2, AA-3, AAA-4
  - Every band will go home with a Falcon Fest trophy
- Kudos to Mona Spaid for a very successful Falcon Fest t-shirt fund-raiser, which raised \$1,153 for the band.
- Kudos to Penny Becker, raising \$1,300+ in Falcon Fest program ad sales.
- Kudos to Paula Freeze for putting together an outstanding Falcon Fest Program.
- 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 changed in May. Eleanore Richards explained that Candy Grams will be available to Wheaton North High School parents and students for purchase during Falcon Fest. Candy Grams will be delivered to WNHS students at ChiliFest.
- Julie outlined the volunteer needs and timing for Falcon Fest. Committee Chairs are as follows:
  - WNHS Band Director – Kent Krause
  - FBPO Board – Doug Weglarz, Lisa Sanstrom, Jodi & Rob Hanlon, Eleanore Richards
  - Falcon Fest Event Coordinator – Julie Westberg
  - Falcon Fest Volunteer Recruitment & Coordinator – Mona Spaid
  - Falcon Fest Student Volunteer Recruitment - Eleanore Richards
  - Shout-Outs, Candy Grams and 50-50 Raffle Coordinator – Eleanore Richards
  - Health & Safety Chair – Lee Everett
  - Admissions Chair – Sue Rocha
  - Stand Chair – Charlie and Kim Green
  - Hospitality Chair – Dianna Weglarz
  - South Concessions Chair – Liz Westergaard
  - Band Hosting Chair – Laurel Spahn
  - Parking Chair – Brock Stout
  - Pit/Band Holding Chair – Scott Cho
  - Pit Warm Up/Traffic Chair – Brent Tureson
  - Registration Chair – Nancy Brunner
- **Mona Spaid** introduced herself as the Falcon Fest parent volunteer recruiter and volunteer coordinator. Marchers will have the opportunity to choose their volunteer slot this Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Any additional parent volunteers can email Mona at [rspaid99@gmail.com](mailto:rspaid99@gmail.com). **Eleanore Richards** is recruiting student volunteers for Falcon Fest. Eleanore reported that we have 27 of the 50 student volunteers needed from 5-8:30pm.
- Chili Fest will follow Falcon Fest immediately after the Eyes with Pride dismissal. Chili Fest will be held in the WNHS lunchroom rather than the Commons.

- Julie outlined parking options for Falcon Fest volunteers and spectators, and requested that everyone carpool to the extent possible.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Doug Weglarz raised concerns about staffing equipment and props at Marching Falcons' performances. We will need as many as 20 parents to move props, as well as parents to move pit equipment. Mr. Krause reported that he will have a better idea on the number of volunteers needed after this Saturday's practice. Goal is to have parent volunteers signed up to staff props and pit over the next week, and to get a practice in before the 1<sup>st</sup> competition.
- Parent volunteers will be needed to staff football games. Mr. Krause has a meeting with Melissa Nilles on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss football game needs.

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

- Swing Dance Chairperson – Mr. Krause noted that this year's Swing Dance will take place on St. Patrick's Day, March 17<sup>th</sup>, making it a "Swingpatrick's Day" Celebration. Active planning for Swing Dance will start in December.
- Web-Master needed to maintain the web-site. The site is a WordPress site, and training is available.

Motion to adjourn was made by Julie Westberg,, with Jodi Hanlon seconding.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Eleanore Richards

