

FBPO January 11, 2018

**In Attendance:** Jocelyn Ellman, Paula Freeze, Jodi Hanlon, Rob Hanlon, Kent Krause, Darren Lange, Cathy Liebenow, Matt Neumann, Eleanore Richards, Sue Rocha, Lisa Sanstrom, Joe Sanstrom, Beata Smoter, Doug Weglarz,

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

**Approval of the December Minutes** - Joe Sanstrom motioned that the December minutes be approved and accepted. Jodi Hanlon seconded.

The next FBPO meeting will be on Thursday, February 8th at 7pm in the WNHS Orchestra Room. The March FBPO meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **OFFICER'S REPORTS**

**President – Doug Weglarz:** None

**Vice-President – Lisa Sanstrom:** Lisa has not identified any candidates willing to serve on the board for the 2018-2019 school year. Lisa volunteered to Chair the Memorial Day Picnic and is contacting Kronos Products to see if they will donate hot dogs for the picnic. As a side note, we will also be celebrating KK's 38<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 28<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day.

**Treasurers – Rob and Jodi Hanlon:** Rob will be sending out statements this weekend. Several families are behind on band payments. Rob is also still tracking down 1099 forms from several Marching Band Staffers to turn over to our accountant. Jodi reported that she received the invoice for the band polos and has reconciled the invoice to the inventory.

**Secretary – Eleanore Richards:** Eleanore reported that the Winter 2018 edition of the Falcon Band News was emailed to subscribers on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. A discussion was held on the best way to gather news items for the newsletter, and it was decided that going forward the Secretary will send an email to the FBPO Board, Kent Krause, Mike Klos, Anders Hagen, Patrick VerHalen, Kurt Makaryk and Jeff Novak the week before requesting input. Rob Hanlon noted that the newsletter could be used as a hook to get corporate sponsorships for the band.

### **Director's Report – Kent Krause:**

- Winter Drum Line and Guard turn-out as expected, with 12-13 students in the Line, and 4 in Color Guard.
- Holiday Pancake Breakfast was a success, with the profits supporting the entire music department, including Band, Chorus & Orchestra. Mr. Krause expressed thanks to those parents in the room helped with the breakfast. Eleanore Richards brought up the idea of adding a Blackberry Market Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser to the Pancake Breakfast, and agreed to follow up with Cara Whiting of Blackberry Market on feasibility.
- The December 17<sup>th</sup> Holiday Concert was a great day of great performances by the bands, choirs and orchestras.

- Mr. Krause had the opportunity to attend the Midwest Clinic in December and focused much of his efforts on increasing the repertoire of the WNHS Jazz Program. He also had the opportunity of seeing Junior Will Richards perform at the Clinic with the Wheaton Municipal Band. Four WNHS students attended the College Night offered at the Midwest Clinic.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Step-Up Concert is Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Krause is working on this event in collaboration with Middle School Band Directors Jeff Novak and Kurt Macaryk. The WNHS Jazz Ensemble will perform at this concert.
- 2018-2019 Marching Band trip to the Outback Bowl in Tampa, FL will be announced to students on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7am.
  - Half-time performance with other high school bands during the game
  - Tour Busch Gardens & marine life aquarium, beach day
  - Parade the day before the game
  - Two days at Universal Studios
    - participate in a clinic on creating movie sound tracks
    - possible performance opportunity
  - Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup> – Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>
  - \$1,700 per student or lower, depending on participation
  - Packets will be distributed to students on 1/12
  - Email blast will be sent to parents
  - 1<sup>st</sup> deposit due March 15<sup>th</sup>
- Jazz Band, Ensemble and Combos – The Jazz Band is at 40+ students. Mr. Krause is still looking for a Thursday evening venue for an Ensemble/Combos performance.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Jazz Café** – Scheduled for Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> in the WNHS band room. Mr. Krause reported that the students are on board for set up, and the custodians will put up the hooks for lights. Jodi Hanlon and Matt Neumann will supervise set up, including lights. Families will be asked to donate snacks and beverages through Facebook and Remind. Coffee will be provided by the FBPO. Beata Smoter agreed to check on supplies such as plates, hot cups and coffee.

**Swing Patrick's Day Dance** – Swing Dance is scheduled for Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

- Penny Becker is chairing the Auction and will be running it similarly to 2017. She is looking for help the day of the Auction.
- Thanks to Jocelyn Ellman and Matt Neumann for making announcements and distributing flyers about Swing Dance at the December Middle School Holiday Concerts.
- Posters and publicity were discussed. Paula Freeze has updated last year's materials and is working to get the information consistent across all materials. We took a group vote on poster colors, and chose the cream background.
  - Eleanore Richards will work with Paula and the District Printing office to get all posters printed
  - Jocelyn Ellman and Lisa Sanstrom will hang posters throughout downtown Wheaton and other locations, such as Starbucks

- Eleanore will get the information to Erica Loiacano (Friday Focus on Learning), and to Matt Biscan (Falcon Focus).
- Eleanore will get posters approved for Wheaton College
- Eleanore will get posters to Franklin Middle School/Kurt Macaryk and Monroe Middle School/Jeff Novak.
- Mr. Krause will assign students to hang posters throughout WNHS
- Eleanore will get a posters to Penny Becker for COD
- We will have Swing Dance flyers available in the WNHS front office with ticket information. Tickets can be ordered on-line and purchased via check with no processing fee. A convenience fee is charged for credit card purchases.
- Doug Weglarz will set up a Swing Dance planning meeting.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Step-Up Concert** – Scheduled for Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be performances by the Franklin and Monroe 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands, as well as the WNHS Jazz Ensemble.

- Jodi Hanlon is putting together information packets for parents. Each student will have a packet with their name on it. Unclaimed packets will be collected by Jeff Novak and Kurt Makaryk for distribution at the middle schools.
- Jocelyn Ellman asked if it would be possible to automate parental sign up for the FBPO by adding a check box or link to the marching band sign up page. Rob Hanlon agreed to look into it.
- An 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent Q&A session will be held at WNHS prior to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Step-Up Concert. Location & timing TBD.
- Marching Band sign up will be offered outside of Taylor Auditorium before and after the concert

**Incoming Freshman Parent/Student Night** – Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm. Lisa Sanstrom asked if the Wheaton North Band Program will be represented. Doug Weglarz agreed to follow up with Mr. Krause.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lisa Sanstrom, with Jodi Hanlon seconding.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Eleanore Richards

