

FBPO January 10, 2019

In Attendance: Tim Chabot, Jocelyn Ellman, Paula Freeze, Judy Gallichio, Amy Hansfield, Kent Krause, Cathy Liebenow, Leanne Mitchell, Matt Neumann, Eleanore Richards, Sue Rocha, Lisa Sanstrom, Joe Sanstrom, Doug Weglarz

Lisa Sanstrom motioned that the meeting to order at 7:01pm, with Leanne Mitchell seconding.

Approval of the December Minutes – Joe Sanstrom motioned that the December minutes be approved and accepted. Matt Neumann seconded.

The next FBPO meeting will be on Thursday, February 7th at 7pm in the WNHS Orchestra Room.

Second Semester FBPO Meetings are scheduled for March 7th, April 4th, and May 2nd.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President's Report – Sue Rocha: Nothing to report.

Vice President's Report – Matt Neumann: Matt is working on updating the parent hand-outs for the January 31st Step-Up Concert.

Treasurer's Report – Jocelyn Ellman and Judy Gallichio: Jocelyn and Judy reported that the Audit Committee for the 2017-2018 School Year is being led by Doug Gilmour. In addition, the 2018 tax returns have been completed and e-filed.

Secretary's Report – Eleanore Richards: Eleanore requested that everyone sign in. She also requested that any info for the Winter, 2019 FBPO Newsletter be submitted ASAP. Goal to publish the newsletter by the first week of 2nd semester.

Director's Report – Kent Krause: Mr. Krause thanked everyone for attending this evening's meeting.

- **Holiday Concert** – Feedback on the Music for the Holidays Concert at Edman Chapel was overwhelmingly positive. The venue was paid for by the Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser. Mr. Krause thanked all those who supported the WNHS Music Department by purchasing rolls and attending the concert.
- **Outback Bowl Trip** – The marching band trip to the Outback Bowl was highly successful. Mr. Krause thanked everyone for their support in getting the band prepared for the trip, particularly the FBPO Board. Mr. Krause extended his heartfelt thanks to all of the chaperones. Matt Neumann thanked Mr. Krause for the many updates parents received during the trip.
- **Curricular Bands Finals Week** – Mr. Krause reported that the bands are currently in a "finals week downshift", as students prepare to take final exams next week. The curricular bands

finals are intentionally not difficult to allow the students to focus their time and efforts on their academic subjects.

- **ILMEA All-State Music Festival** – Mr. Krause, Miss Krause and Mrs. Mayell will be leaving Wednesday, January 23rd with a group of band, choir and orchestra students for the All-State Music Festival in Peoria. Kellin Hanas and Will Richards will be representing WNHS in jazz and band. Placement auditions will take place on Thursday, January 24th in Peoria.
- **8th Grade Step-Up Concert** – The annual 8th Grade Step-Up Concert is scheduled for Thursday, January 31st. Parents will drop their children off in the band room at 6:30pm and then meet in Taylor Auditorium for a meeting with Mr. Krause. 8th grade registration packets will be handed out at this meeting. The concert begins at 7pm, with performances by the Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, and 8th grade bands. The concert will be 35-45 minutes in length and will be followed by refreshments in the hallway outside of Taylor Auditorium.
 - Lisa Sanstrom noted that Freshmen orientation is January 23rd. Mr. Krause stated that the band will have a table, with student representation and a marching band video.
 - Paula Freeze suggested that more be done to recruit students for **Color Guard**, including a flyer to hand out to students and parents in other programs such as orchestra. Mr. Krause agreed that in order to recruit 16-24 students for guard, students will need to be recruited from all over the school, not just the band program. Jocelyn suggested that there may be some overlap with the Dance Team. Mr. K. responded that in his experience it is difficult to recruit Guard students from Dance Team or Flight. Mr. Krause is working with Jan Gasecki on a possible Guard Showcase performance in conjunction with the January 31st Step-Up Concert. Mr. K. thanked the FBPO again for their support of the Winter Guard, and reviewed the **Winter Guard Competition Schedule for 2019**. Kent will add the following dates to the band calendar:
 - February 2nd – Hersey High School Contest
 - March 2nd – A.A. Stagg High School Contest
 - March 9th – Lake Park High School Contest
 - March 23rd – Minooka Community High School Contest
 - March 30th – Midwest Color Guard Circuit 2019 Championships, Indiana
- **Jazz Band, Combos, and Ensemble** – Jazz program is up and running. Band calendar has been updated with all rehearsals and scheduled performances. Sue Rocha commented that the March jazz competition conflicts with a Flight Competition. Kent replied that he and Miss Krause are aware of the conflict and will work with the students to get them to both competitions.
 - **Illinois Wesleyan University Jazz Festival** – Friday, February 1st. The Jazz Ensemble has been approved to participate in this all-day festival. Over 40 jazz bands will be participating. The Festival will conclude with a faculty concert.
 - **Jazz Café** – Monday, February 4th in the WNHS Cafeteria
 - **Coltrane Jazz Combo at Blackberry Market** – “Jazz in the Morning” – Mr. Klos is working with Blackberry Market to find a mutually available Saturday morning for the Coltrane Jazz Combo to perform at the restaurant. Finding a date has proven difficult due to conflicts with many other activities.

- **Dizzy Jazz Combo at Adelle's** - Dizzy Jazz Combo scheduled to play at Adelle's on Wednesday, February 20th.
- **14th Annual Swing Dance** – SwingPatrick's Day – Saturday, March 16th, see below.
- **Pep Band** – The Wheaton, North and Falcon pep bands are in full swing. Each band student has been assigned to one of the three pep bands, and will be responsible for performing at 3 out of 9 home basketball games.
- **Narnia Clean-Up** – Deferred to January, 2019 due to the Holidays. Kent working to find a January or February date to schedule the clean up. WNHS budget will pay for shelving to help organize supplies.
- **Civic Orchestra Concert** – Tuesday, April 30th at Symphony Center in Chicago. Pre-concert lecture begins at 6:30pm with an 8pm concert. Eleanore Richards has purchased 45 tickets (one school bus-load). Symphony Center personnel are aware that a large group of students will be attending the pre-concert lecture. This field trip will count for a POTA. Kent, Grace Mayell, and Eleanore will meet in January to plan the field trip.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Swing Patrick's Day** – Saturday, March 16th. WNHS Commons. Chair positions are all filled. Contract with Sterba's DanceSport signed and returned. Kent confirmed that the Commons has been reserved for set-up on Friday, March 15th beginning at 3pm and the Dance on Saturday the 16th. Need to recruit parent volunteers from the jazz program to shadow this year's chairs. Use of an on-line auction bidding system will be new this year. Dawn Szumski piloted the app for the Flight House Walk, and has agreed to manage the on-line portion for the Swing Dance Silent Auction. Eleanore, Penny, Jocelyn and Judy will be meeting with Dawn in Jan/Feb to discuss specifics. Auction items will be displayed for bidding as usual during Swing Dance.
 - Chair – Eleanore Richards
 - Silent Auction – Penny Becker
 - Silent Auction on-line bidding app – Dawn Szumski
 - Food & Beverages – Beata Smoter and Gwen Anderson
 - Tickets – Jocelyn Ellman and Judy Gallichio
 - Master of Ceremonies – Matt Neumann
 - Website Updates – Tim Chabot
 - Graphic Design – Paula Freeze

OLD BUSINESS

Spirit Wear – Kent will work with Miss Krause on logo development for Jazz spirit wear. Policy is that the spirit wear cannot be entirely black and white – it needs to include WNHS colors. Also interest in adding more spirit wear to the marching band program for 2019.

Recruiting Parent Volunteers for 2019-2020 – Sue Rocha continued the discussion on the many positions that the FBPO needs to recruit new parent volunteers for 2019-2020. Goal is to recruit and have roles filled by Spring, 2019. Matt Neumann is working on a master list of volunteer needs.

NEW BUSINESS

Car Wash 2019 – Need to schedule a date and find a chair for the annual Fall car wash. The car wash will be moved from the Saturday after band camp to a date later in August or September. Jocelyn Ellman asked whether adding the Savers clothing drive to the car wash was approved, in order to further the Board's goal of making existing fundraisers bigger. Savers Fundraiser approved by Mr. Krause.

Motion to adjourn was made by Joe Sanstrom, with Paula Freeze seconding.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm. Minutes submitted by Secretary, Eleanore Richards