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FHS Band Boosters Minutes – Monday, February 9th, 2015

**In Attendance:**

Winterguard Competition Dates:

February 14 – Mt. Vernon HS

February 21 - W Potomac

February 28 – Thomas Jefferson HS

March 7 – Mills E Godwin HS

March 14 - WGI Norfolk

March 21 - Broad Run HS

Drumline Competition Dates:

February 21 - West Potomac HS

February 28 - South County HS

March 14 - WGI Richmond Regional, Powhatan HS

March 28 - AIA Circuit Championships, Towson Univ

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| **Present** | **Name** |
| X | Trace Jenkins |
| X | Susan Bean |
| X | Scott Philben |
| X | Melanie Roukis |
| X | Mark Scheyder |
| X | Linda Whitaker |
| X | Laurie Graves |
| X | Joel Galway |
| X | Ji-Hyun Ahn |
| X | Chris Mulcahy |
| X | Carolyn Ubelhart |
| X | Caroline Gilman |

**Opening remarks:** Shannon Dingus

* Welcome everyone!
* Scholarship Discussion - Below is the write up that went into the LCPS 2015 Scholarship Handbook – Based on the quick budget review, may have $2,300 in excess. Trace is comfortable offering one scholarship at this time. There are 12 seniors this year, so one is probably sufficient. The decision process is quick, based on the newly revised scholarship form and calculation process; winner needs to be finalized by May 15 Susan will chair the scholarship committee.

The Freedom Band Boosters will be offering one or more $500 scholarships to a deserving Freedom High School College-Bound Senior Band Student.  The scholarship program is made possible through the generosity of the Freedom High School Band Booster Organization.  It is the intent of the Freedom High School Band Booster Organization that one or more scholarship(s) are awarded at the end of each academic year. The number of and amount of said scholarship(s), if any, shall be determined by the Executive Board each academic year.  The scholarship is intended to help pay for education in the students first year after high school. The scholarship will be based on band participation and academic merit. Seniors may download and fill out the application from the website:  [freedombandboosters.org](http://www.freedombandboosters.org/), and turn it into Mr. Galway by Thursday, April 30th.  The family of the recipient of the Freedom Band Booster Scholarship will be notified by the President of the Freedom Band Boosters.

* There will be an organizational meeting for the AIA Competition immediately following the regular booster meeting.

**Approval of January Minutes**: Caroline Gilman

Susan made a motion to approve the minutes, Mark seconded the motion.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Trace Jenkins

Waiting on drumline fees of $6400 and winterguard fees of $2400. Keith is following up on this.

Back of the envelope estimate is $2,300 for end-of-season balance, minus $500 for the scholarship.

Spring Trip-adjustments are being made for students who cannot make the trip.

Mark approved the Treasurer’s Report; Melanie seconded it.

**VP Operations Report:** Susan Bean

* Spring Trip – 56 kids, 2 buses, enough chaperones; $5 was included in the fee to buy lanyards, which hold all the necessary information (emergency numbers, Disney passes, etc.). Room assignments were made.
* Spirit Wear for Drumline – Done! Sweatshirts arrived and distributed
* District Band Assessment – March 6, Friday: 430p-930p, March 7, Saturday: 800a-700p. Concessions: will probably do water, candy, snacks.
* AIA, March 14th – Will need some other band parents to help, as many parents will be with the drumline and winterguard at WGI (Richmond, Norfolk). Shannon will email some of the clubs, which will want volunteer hours. Joel is not worried about this, as the event will be 4 hours or less.

**VP Logistics Report:** Mark Scheyder

* Fundraising Team (Linda and Melanie) – Much success in collecting donations: $75 to Dinner Done, Fencing classes, Bach to Rock lessons, massage, tanning sessions, etc. Bill Davis has offered an annual timeshare to any of the RCI Timeshare locations (Hawaii, Caribbean, etc.) for one week. He would like to give it for multiple years in exchange for a sponsorship level. This is his personal timeshare, which he claims he pays $1,200/year. Melanie and Linda will do more research before accepting this donation.
* Jazz Cabaret (4/17) Donations – Lights were not available; will look into renting them. Based on the number of donations (above section), will consider doing a program to put the sponsor names on the program.

**VP Guard Report:** Chris Mulcahy

* Guard Spirit Wear – Jen looked into this. Will use Diane Hill for the purchase of shirts for the season.
* First competition is this Saturday. Would like to drum up more participation from band parents. Will send an email to the parents.
* Will charter a bus for the overnight trip to Norfolk; opted not to carpool.

**Mr. Galway’s Report:** Mr. Galway

Other New Business – All district band had 10 Freedom students. The concert was good. Feb 26, the pre-assessment band concert, the middle school students will be there.

**Important Dates coming up:**

2/14/15 Jazz Ensemble is performing at the Mid-Atlantic Jazz Festival

2/26/15 Pre-Assessment Band Concert

3/2/15 7:00 p.m., band room - Chaperone meeting for the spring trip

3/6-3/7 District Band Assessment-Friday and Saturday (HOSTING)

3/10/15 7:00 p.m. band room - Spring trip meeting for students and parents

3/14/15 AIA Guard Competition (HOSTING)

3/19-3/22 Spring Trip

4/7/15 Solo and Ensemble Concert

4/8/15 Winter Drumline and Guard Banquet

4/17/15 Jazz Cabaret

4/25/15 Loudoun County Jazz Festival

5/14/15 Spring Concert

5/15-16 Marching Band Tryouts

8/10/15 Band Camp Starts

**Closing**: Shannon Dingus

Melanie motioned to close the meeting; Ji-Hyun seconded it.

**Next Meeting Date:** Monday, March 9th, 2015

*Notes taken by Caroline Gilman, secretary*