

FSK INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC BOOSTERS, INC.

Secretary's Report - February 12, 2026

This meeting was conducted in-person, in the band room. These minutes are available in Google Drive in the folder "Secretary Reports/2025-2026" and at <https://fskband.com>.

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Present: Tina & Pat Mahon, Shawna Sherrell, Bill Duffy, Joanie Mayle, Michele Brown, Jaime Ridgley

Secretary's Report: Read, Pat made a motion to approve, Michele seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report: Read, report was not approved or just forgotten.

Financial Secretary's Report: Not available.

School Administrator's Report: Not present.

Director's Report:

- Mr. Duffy thanked everyone for all of their help at the String Extravaganza. We received one survey response and he will be sending it out to all instrumental music parents soon.
- At the String Extravaganza, Rob Caswell (parent of orchestra student) offered to host a workshop with orchestra students on how to care for their instruments. Duffy is super excited about the opportunity.
- Duffy is in need of eight wheels for pit instruments. Pat made a motion to approve the purchase of the wheels, Michele seconded, all approved. Duffy will purchase the wheels from Harbor Freight in Hanover.
- Banquet dates: May 11 or 12 are possible dates for the banquet. Duffy will pass those dates along to Tim who will reach out to the Union Bridge Fire Hall.
- Bingo setup: Duffy will be returning from Ocean City with SGA students on Friday, March 20 when we need to set up tables and such for bingo. The SignUp Genius time for students to arrive to help will need to be changed to 4pm. He will make sure there are custodians present until he arrives unless he can get Tim and/or Harold to supervise the set up.
- Next year is a trip year. Duffy asked if he could be the travel agent as he believes he can save the kids a lot of money. He's thinking of Williamsburg, VA or Boston, MA but he will talk to the kids to get their input.
- FSK's principal, Mr. Hermann is retiring and will not be returning next school year.

Marching Band Director's Report: Not present.

Committee Reports:

- Fundraising Committee
 - Eagle Cards: Cards are still available for purchase online or through a Booster.
 - Bingo is still rolling along. Roughly 60 tickets have been sold so far. While many parents and kids have signed up to help, we're still in need of volunteers.

- We also need sponsorships and donations of gift cards and money. Jaime and Shawna have procured donations from Right at Home, Wood & Honey, and others. Michele is in the stage of filling bags with gift cards, money and items. Shawna, Michele and Jaime have been posting flyers in the community. Tina suggested adding Uncle Matty's and Lone Star BBQ to the bingo flyer to help advertise those businesses and us. Tina suggested getting some takeout containers to sell the leftover Uncle Matty's soup at the end of the evening.
- Restaurant Fundraisers: Tim and Niki need to talk to Papa Joe's about a fundraising night.

Old Business:

- Music Day was officially cancelled.
- Recruiting at Scheduling Night was okay. The setup was different this year as students were to visit the classrooms (and Duffy's is the farthest away) but Duffy and Workman were able to speak to every student that made their way down to the band and chorus rooms. Two current percussion students were playing on their drums and it seemed like quite a few kids were interested in percussion. Duffy gave his feedback to the powers that be so hopefully next year's Scheduling Night will be more successful.

New Business:

- Jaime has been researching grants and has found a couple that we can apply to; she needs more information from us like our Maryland charitable registration, 501c3 status, etc.
- Booster Scholarship: Two Booster parents that do not have seniors, as well as a staff member, will be needed to form the committee. Michele and Shawna volunteered.
- Banquet: Tina will order the awards that the Boosters give to the seniors and Duffy will order his. Decorations and favors will need to be decided on. Gift cards for marching band staff will need to be purchased as well.
- Tina requested that Mackenzie go through the uniforms and make sure the numbers match to make it easier when assigning them this summer. They really need to be organized after they're dry cleaned.
- Joanie will pay the personal property taxes soon.
- Payment options for the concerts were discussed. Many people seem to prefer paying with Venmo over cash and are willing to spend more money that way. Possible QR codes linking to Venmo, Zelle, Cash App, etc. were suggested.
- Tina and Patti had the idea of selling flowers for seniors at the spring concert. Duffy suggested talking to Bella Reifsnider and Mrs. Wheeler to see if the Flower Design class would be willing to help out with this.
- Discussions were had about an Easter candy fundraiser and a gun raffle, Gun raffles can be very controversial but can potentially bring in a lot of money. Duffy believes that if we have two big fundraisers a year, we would be set every year. It's just a matter of finding that other "big thing".

- Trailer tag renewal may be approaching.
- Duffy will head the Nomination Committee for next school year's Booster Officers.
- Duffy suggested that we not concentrate on marching band so much at meetings because that's pushing other instrumental music parents away. A discussion was held on how to hook those other parents as that student group is much bigger than the current marching band. Duffy suggested that we could pivot away from calling the trip a "marching band trip" and make it an "instrumental music trip" where all of the musicians can go. The only caveat is that the color guard would not be able to have a role in that, unless they find a unique opportunity. Especially at the banquet, we cannot talk all about the marching band. That's not fair to other kids in the program that are not in marching band.
- Tim and Niki need to get to Ink Splash to talk about a spring spirit wear fundraiser.

Fundraisers:

- Current: Eagle Cards and Trailer Ads
- Pending: Designer Handbag Bingo (March 21, 2026) and possible spirit wear and restaurant fundraisers..

Next Meeting: Monday, March 2 at 6:30 pm in the band room.

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Adjournment: 7:31 pm

Meeting Dates for 2025 - 2026

7/7/2025	8/4/2025	9/8/2025	10/6/2025	11/3/2025	12/1/2025
1/5/2026	2/12/2026	3/2/2026	4/13/2026	5/4/2026	6/1/2026