

FTCAC Meeting

December 10, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Attendees: Theresa Seggio, Jael Davis, Robyn Mandalakis, Rana Jawad, Laura Nichols, Brenn Hawkins, Brian O'Mahoney, PJ Parker, Tanya Haslon (by phone), Isaiah Asmani (staff)

Terri opened the meeting at 6:34pm.

Terri welcomed Brian, who found the Council on the website.

Holiday Concert - December 12

- Brenn shared that First Baptist wants to donate a mixer. They just need us to provide a letter saying that it is not for personal use. Brenn drafted a letter. Isaiah confirmed that the mixer can be stored in the Senior building.
- Brenn said that the only thing the band would need is a PA system, which Laura has the information on. Terri wants to talk to Stephen about the possibility of purchasing the equipment needed.
- Brenn said we are set for the show. Terri confirmed with Laura that they have enough microphones.
- Brenn shared that they are rehearsing tomorrow. Terri said they are building the set for Spongebob, so she's not sure if they will be able to set up on the stage at SGS. She will double check on that.
- Terri shared that a Santa will be present and she was able to get a seat from him from SGS. She also got a backdrop and candy canes for him. He will be set up in the lobby. She noted that Project Graduation will sell refreshments at intermission.
- Terri and the band will be there at 5:30pm to set up, Maxine will come at 4pm, and her assistant will come at 5pm.
- Robyn asked Isaiah about the new QR code to get volunteers to sign up. He said he will send her the new link so the flyer can be updated for tomorrow.
- Laura indeed tha Jun is doing well and Alex Perone (Franklin Alum) will sing with the band.

Band Business

- Terri said the date for the Community Band Concert is March 14 for next year.
- Laura asked whether the band will do something for Franklin 250. Terri said she will look into it.
- Terri confirmed that the band will play for Franklin Day, Sept 12 and the Holiday Concert on December 11. Laura will ask the band.

Franklin's Got Talent

- Terri shared that we made more than \$500. Terri asked Isaiah to confirm the number since it is unclear on the accounting sheet.
- Terri thanked everyone involved for their help.

Survey Results

- Jael shared the results of the summer survey.
- Nicole asked about whether the emails from the survey are being contacted, and suggested that we try to keep people motivated, letting them know of plans for next year. Jael said she will make sure she shares the emails with Terri. Terri said she will send an email as soon as everything is solidified in January. Jael also suggested that we say “we heard you” since we are trying to incorporate ideas from the survey.
- Nicole suggested creating a content calendar. She would like it to be something like a newsletter. She said she could assist with that. She will look at what cadence would be best and report back. Brian said he would be happy to help since he worked in arts administration - marketing and communications for many years.

Black History Month - February 21

- Tanya shared that the committee met this past Monday. She mentioned that we are still looking for people to speak on the panel. She confirmed that Modern Motion will have dancers, and that she reached out to Daryl Plummer with the school's DEI group, Sounds for Tomorrow, and the Zetas sorority to partner with us. Jael noted that she has some leads on a presenter from Rutgers.
- Tanya thanked Robyn for the flyer and noted that she'd like to make it a little less text heavy, per Nicole's suggestion. She will discuss offline.
- Terri said that if we can't get the middle school in the next week, we need to just have it here. Tanya shared her thoughts related to having it in an area where more black and brown people reside.
- She also shared the timeframe – the room at the Senior Center is booked 12-6p. Robyn asked whether we should put an end time and Tanya said she didn't want to based on past experience. Terri suggested that we get the banner done ASAP and maybe we can detail it further on the flyer/social media stuff. Robyn will draft the banner right away. PJ shared that media-wise, they don't advertise early unless there are ticket sales involved.
- PJ suggested that we also add the day of the week when we put the date on things.

Flea Market - May 2026

- Terri said that Kevin couldn't come tonight, but she wants everyone to think about what that might look like and come with ideas for next month. What should we call it and what are we doing?

November Planning Meeting

- Terri thanked everyone for coming for the planning meeting, noting that we looked at the survey, our interests, and feasibility. Terri explained the thought process behind each event.
- PJ suggested that the band do a black tie Big Band Jazz night. Terri explained that she isn't sure if the band can do one specific genre. Laura said that they would need to prepare for that, and that is somewhat difficult since there are varied levels of expertise. She has to take it back to the band. Terri also mentioned that we are looking at a Jazz Night for the Concert Series.

- Robyn said she confirmed that she has someone to do the kids art class in March. She has to go back to the art teacher to get the age range for that. Robyn will work on a flyer and will get the details to Isaiah to do the registration.
- Brian suggested tickets at varying pay levels: donor ticket, general, and lower a price for those who need subsidies. Jael said that is a great idea. Robyn suggested doing that for a larger event like Poetry Night. Brian agreed to email Terri that information for her to review wording.
- Nicole agreed to serve on the Poetry Night committee and Brian and Max said they will think about volunteering.
- Terri asked Isaiah to double check the availability of the gazebo for Summer Concert Series dates. Jael shared the idea behind each one. Terri asked about the Township band performing on a portable stage for the 15th anniversary. Laura said she will talk to the band about that date. Brenn also suggested doing t-shirts that say 15th anniversary. Lauren suggested K-pop for the pop element we'd like to see. Terri will start reaching out to bands.
- Joe Danielsen just did a movie night in a park. PJ suggested reaching out to him.
- Terri mentioned the Indigenous People's Day event and the need to reach out to Lazos to see what's appropriate.
- Terri will contact Safi to see about her event "Not So Wine and Cheese" and whether our art exhibit/gallery opening idea would be duplicative.
- Nicole said that if we can't do the Art Exhibit then maybe we could go back to the Gala idea. Jael said that she would love to but she would have to cut back on other activities. PJ suggested the Marigold as a location and said we could speak to Nick DiMeglio from the Chamber.
- Nicole asked again about the website and whether the issue is permissions or funding. Terri and Isaiah explained that there are only a few people that work for IT so they don't have the capability to update. Isaiah said he will work on getting it updated. Nicole asked if we can update our own website with permission to post every item. Isaiah said he will ask.
- Jael said that she thinks the gala is great, but the issue is whether we think we can even do it – how can we advertise properly? Who is our audience? What will draw people? Isaiah said that his suggestion is to find a venue first. PJ and Laura suggested that we move it away from the 250 buzz and into 2027. Maxine suggested that we need to get our name out a bit more to have better name recognition, so doing this event in 2027 gives us more time to do that.
- Isaiah confirmed the meetings will remain the same next year (day/time).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.