

Band Boosters Meeting Minutes | Monday, October 21, 2024 | UAHS Band Room

I. President Sarah Gemperline called the meeting to order.

II. Directors' Report

- A. TODD FESSLER (TF):** Approaching the end of the season, we've accomplished so much, especially considering the size of the band. Directors, Board President & Vice President already planning for next year. Great band camp – most successful “home” band camp so far. Great energy, a lot of new members, they are getting included and clued in.
- B.** Skull session – great recognition and excitement
- C.** Ohio Stadium, Safelite event.
 - a. Members of K-row performed. They entered through the band's rehearsal space and the students got to listen to the OSU MB rehearsal and got introduced.
 - b. There was questions as to whether or not this was shared on district social media. Confirmed that it was. Also shared on parents' FB page.
- D.** Pep Band – girls volleyball senior night. 30 students participated
- E.** Working on Pep band schedule for Girls and Boys Basketball, possible hockey date.
- F.** Concert Band
 - a. Auditions are in person, week of Nov. 11.
 - b. Unsure of what it will look like yet. Two years ago was the creation of the Gold Band. There are some uncertainties about how this stands moving forward due to staffing. Trying to get it worked out. Otherwise concert band will be very large.
- G.** Indoor Concert is Wed. at 7:30 featuring everything they've been working on this season.
- H.** Jazz ensemble auditions will be done virtually.
- I.** October 28, small pep band in parking lot for Dr. Hunt and Superintendents (statewide).
- J.** Solo & Ensemble, Jan. 25. Ensembles or solos for students taking private lessons.
- K.** Thank you (parents) for all you do to encourage the students and get them there in the morning!
- L. KOLIN REDMAN (KR):** 8t grade information meetings on Nov. 12 & 14 ahead of the concerts (7:30 concert, 6:45 meeting).
- M.** Middle school is going strong, “really good vibes.”
- N.** 6th graders are working on first concert. (Abby Rettig) is working on fittings and repair. Doing great.
- O. TF:** Runing numbers:
 - a. 449 students (6-12th) in band grade this year.
 - b. 47 6th-graders enrolled at Jones; 72 enrolled at Hastings.
 - c. 220 at HS (if no one leaves) next year. Likely 200 in HS band next year.

III. President Report, Sarah Gemperline

Same as VP. See below

IV. Vice President Report, Michael Geygan

- A.** 8th grade OSU outing is not happening this year due to scheduling conflicts and Todd's leave.
- B.** Michael announcement of bylaw revision. Anyone wishing to be a part of the bylaw committee review can email (uabandvicepresident@gmail.com). We will begin the review in November, post-playoffs. We would like to have the revised bylaws ready to distribute for review at the

January general meeting with the vote taking place at the February general meeting. Need volunteers by Nov 1st.

Q from Ryan: Is this topic specific or general review? Answer: General scheduled review, started last year.

- C. Volunteer push. Need to connect with first-year families. A lot is still happening and we need volunteers, even as marching season ends we need volunteers for cheer event, basketball concessions.
- D. Communication with freshman families. We will send notification about how the marching season ends and what comes next. Note: message will go to all band families via CutTime, will serve as a good reminder.
- E. Next Boosters meeting is November 11 @ 7:00 pm in the band room
- F. Instrument repair costs are up this year.
 - a. Remind students about care of instruments. \$5k in repairs this year.
 - b. Todd & Kolin do a lot of repairs as well to try and keep costs down and are very diligent about holding kids to high standards with how they treat instruments.
 - c. Todd is preparing a communication regarding fees in EZPay. When ready he will send to executive board and Rebecca will communicate that to parents

V. Communications Report, Rebecca Sutton

- A. CutTime messages now arrive in email inboxes. Will continue to receive a text. We can add parents if needed. We have a process to verify parents asking for access.
- B. Resending Communication Request From (Google) to Rada and including in message for Todd: <https://forms.gle/VzldneaETGrIz6hS7>
- C. Discussion about concerts and sharing fliers: flier connection, tri village quarterly, library bulletin boards, senior center bulletin board, and have directors share with MS students.

VI. Travel Manager's Report, Renee Rodabaugh

- A. We've had volunteers for all away games which has been great.
- B. TF: Great energy and vibes with families and parents helping out. He feels there is a lot of support for students and [directors]. Band members know they're in a safe place. More student means we need more processes and forms in place – it's a lot of work to keep 200 kids safe. Kudos to boosters.
- C. Discussion of Spring Trip. Tulip Time Festival in Holland, MI or King's Island/Cedar Point.

VII. Treasurer's Report, Ryan Babb

- A. Taxes have been filed with Bob Gillette. Ryan can file with the state online.
- B. Reimbursements are slowing down as marching season comes to an end.
- C. Completed analysis of budget.
- D. Ryan has obtained logins for all accounts.
- E. TF: Thanks for getting clinician checks/messages out.

Q from Rada re: money from flower sale? It's been processed waiting for deposit from Fortmeier. Small amount for general fun, as most of the money goes directly to the students' individual accounts.

VIII. Development Report, Elaine Alicea

- A. We will need parent and student volunteers for indoor concessions. (Students get credit hours – email Elaine.) Concessions include BITS (all day Nov 17th) as well as 10 games during the end of fall/winter for basketball. Band receives money for being at games, Whereas BITS is all pure profit so any donations are welcome. (Last year \$5K of profit from BITS.)
- B. Income from August through now \$5288.87 not including car wash (still don't have numbers).
- C. Need to push sponsorships again. Only a handful of kids have done any of the work. This is vital for the continuation of our band's success. Looking into incentives for the students.
- D. Flower sales for Winter is November 1-15. Delivery December 6th. (Next sale will be at the school – morning help from parents, with students help it should go very quickly. We will not need the longer parent spot.)

IX. Committee Chair Report

- A. Uniforms
- B. Spreads
- C. Outreach
- D. Third Quarter: waiting to hear about playoffs
- E. Any other?

New Business

Old Business

Voting: Nothing to vote on.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Attendance: Charlie Reed, Michael Geygan, Renee Rodabaugh, Elaine Alicea, Rebecca Sutton, Jane Brown, Ryan Babb, Sarah Gemperline, Rada Terzieva

Zoom Attendees: Kolin Redman, Todd Fessler, Lawrence Sheline, Megan Homsy