

Band Boosters Meeting
February 10, 2025, 7:00 pm
Zoom Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/9355671581>

Attendees: Todd Fessler, Michael Geygan, Noelle Fox, Charlie Reed, Amanda Reed, Rada Terzieva, Laurence Shelene, Ryan Babb, Soozie Cole-Hamilton, Kristin Lach, Jane Brown, Sarah Gemperline, Renee Rodabaugh, Mr. Kolluri (our student teacher)

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Director's Report

- Solo and ensemble performances were a couple of weeks ago and had a great showing with 59 students involved. We had 24 Superior, 6 Excellent. The lowest rating was a 2, excellent results for the students.
- Hockey game last week, had ~60 students attending, thank you to volunteer chaperones.
- Pep Band- there are a couple more pep band opportunities on the schedule, volunteers are low for the next one, may need to cancel. Last one is Feb. 21.
- Middle school band festival is next Thursday, February 20. We will have volunteer opportunities for some of our students.
- Directors would like to work with Boosters on a plan for 8th grade outreach. Marching Band 5th grade Elementary Tour is Feb 28 and March 2. Feb. 28-lunch is needed for band students who attended the elementary school tour, may need to provide lunch for 2 days. Band uniforms will be worn.
- Concert attire-Directors will send a communication out with concert attire requirements.
- Ohio Wesleyan honor band is this weekend, congrats to our students attending!
- OSU honor band was last week, congratulations to the UA students who attended.
- Mr. Fessler went to Cleveland for OMEA professional development, had a great experience.
- Great scheduling information for next year. Directors were concerned with our number projections, and the staffing and space issues we are facing. Gold Band was not possible this year for those reasons. Administration provided a different model-offering a Freshman band in the 2nd semester, not ability based, will hold auditions for seats. Freshmen will default to that class in the 2nd semester next year. Band will be a full year commitment (Marching and Concert). The course descriptions have been updated to reflect the band offerings, and it is much more clear. Directors are very encouraged with this direction.
- Directors have committed to a 2027 trip to Disney, over Spring Break.

Rada Terzieva- saw Columbus Symphony Youth Orchestra, there was great representation from UA.

President Report

- Nominations for open positions-Vice President, Uniform Committee.

- Nominating Committee volunteers are welcomed and encouraged
- Band camp committee-announce in March

Vice President Report

- Bylaw review-committee work is underway, next meeting is March 9, 2 pm

Communications Report

- No update this month
- **Action item**-Directors requested a communication with the revised date of the Bandquet/end of year celebration to May 7
- **Action item**-Soozi Cole-Hamilton requested that 8th Grade Outreach Committee and Exec Board attend the Middle School Festival, perhaps an information table
- **Action item**-Soozi Cole-Hamilton advised that yard signs be ordered at 8th grade Spring Concerts at Hastings and Jones.

Travel Manager's Report

- Michigan trip is off due to low interest
- Hockey game was a success

Treasurer's Report

- Overview of financials through January 2025
- We will need to find a new CPA, search is ongoing

Development Report

- Spring flower sale will begin March 26, allowing students to register for courses. Delivery date remains the same-early May. Will have deliveries at the High School.

Committee Chair Report

- Uniforms (Kristin Lach)-we have 290 uniforms, we have a strong inventory. Will need more hats/boxes. Will need more raincoats, we have 199. Kristin will get pricing on different options. Will look at suspenders, plumes, etc. We have extra Summer uniforms. Cleaners can pick up uniforms right after the 5th grade tour. They will be back in May, in time for fittings.

New Business-none

Old Business-none

Voting

- No matters requiring a vote this month

Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Miscellaneous notes

Soozi Cole-Hamilton:

Banquet-students do not want plaques, asked what the budget is for senior gift, food, etc. Looking for how much per student they have to spend. Ex: \$25 for awards/plaques, last year spent ~\$400 on refreshments

Signs-prices per sign increased, will need to account for that in budget, approx. \$5 per sign, and toppers for officers are \$10-band pays for officers toppers.

Graduation cords-who is ordering? Boosters will order the cords, Senior students/parents must follow the school process to receive and wear at Commencement.

Picture Day-August 1st, gym is reserved, and Elaine Alicea has reached out for the picture day checklist

Be aware that it may be more difficult to get parent volunteers for Band Camp, with many employers enforcing return to office. There may be less flexibility in schedules.