

General Meeting Agenda
Sep 9th, 2025
7PM - UAHS Band Room
Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/9355671581>

Attendees: Kolin Redman, Student teacher - Davis, Michael Geygan, Elaine Alicea, Georgia Kaltenbach, Luis Alicea, Mark Foster, Ryan Babb, Charlie Reed, Rebecca Sutton, Francine Taylor, Renee Rodabaugh, Rashmi Nemade, Chuck Nelson, David Trame, Rada Testieva, Sarah Gemperline. *Unfortunately Zoom unavailable tonight.*

President: 7:03 pm Welcome All

Directors Report:

From Mr. Redman:

- Thanks for away game help, help loading trailers and teaching students how to load them.
- Labor Day Arts Festival: Successful, great recruitment for younger kids (5th graders, etc)
- Big crop of 6th graders
- 9/11 Stair Climb is coming up this Sunday 9/14. Report 7:30 am in band room, full uniform. (Not full band, traveling band and a few others)
- 8th grade night/Homecoming on 9/19, script bears
- Full Uniform this Friday (9/12)
- BIG NEWS: 3 students in all-state band. To have one is a big deal let alone three.
- OSU honor jazz band - 5 students selected for that.

Mr. Fessler has asked the boosters to have a scholarship for graduating Seniors. The executive board has approved this, with the **GOAL** to provide 4 - \$500 scholarships, one for each core value (Pride, Power, Spirit, Attitude). Since this has a financial tag to it, we will put this to a vote with the general boosters at the end of the meeting. Exact specifics (application & interview, scoring and voting rules) for these scholarships will be created and then added to the bylaws in 2026 during the bylaw revision. Funding sources would most likely come from 1. Senior left over fundraising money 2. Fundraising and or donations 3. Left over money from the budget for the year (assuming that there is a surplus)

Name suggestions? Senior Band Bear Annual Scholarship. Please submit ideas to Michael.

President (Michael):

Financial Surplus: We are currently evaluating how to deal with any surpluses in any given year. For example, should we have \$10,000 left over, how would we divide that up? We believe the proper course would be to divide the remaining by percentages in categories such as (not limited to) student accounts, instruments, uniforms, scholarships, etc. This will be added to the bylaws in 2026.

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Transition of Signups: I would like for us to experiment with sign ups for the Tae Kwon Do event Sep 13, BITS (Nov 8/9) and Basketball (winter) to see how having signups solely in CutTime would work. Basketball will not be changed. Football will not be changed in any way until next year if everything works. We are trying this out.

- *We have identified that a parent can not sign up a student. Suggestion for that change was submitted to CutTime. Admin can sign anyone up.*

Vice President (Renee): Family Outreach committee chair needed for upcoming families. Jones and Hastings 8th grade nights. Upperclassmen will write notes and make gift bags for 8th graders. Refer to "Family Outreach" section at the minutes.

- **Rada:** We visit 8th graders, hand out fliers, meet with parents, let them know what to expect.
- **Kolin:** they provide a lot of up front information much sooner that directors can't always get to.

We want new faces at the Boosters meetings. If you know anyone who wants to get their feet wet, there are a lot of opportunities.

Treasurers (Ryan & Charlie): Ryan distributed August financial review in meeting. Significant, budgeted expenses coming up in the fall. This gets spent down very quickly. Revenue is fees and fundraising. Tracking similar to last year. Possibly looking at another \$10-\$20K surplus which can get divided up (per section above).

Q: Have we collected all band fees? A: There are around 10 outstanding. Different reasons, some are need based and we are working with those families. Others have not communicated which is more concerning. We are working on it.

- Taxes are in the review stage with CPA. Homestretch.
- Interest income
 - Charlie: Working with First Merchants to get a higher percentage of interest on money in account. Will add up to a few \$K by end of year. Better use of "sitting" money. Looking at some other treasury management strategies for interest income.
- Testing a reimbursement form for recordkeeping purposes.
- Dues status (mentioned above)
- Change our agent with Secretary of State
 - Working on changing our registered Agent to Todd Fessler.

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- Follow up with CPA regarding tax concerns, audit concerns
- August financial review

Charlie and Ryan work well together, very pleased with the process, and continuing to make improvements to make things even better organized. Audits (third party - hired auditors - not IRS) are very expensive and would take money from students, but Ryan and Charlie are self-auditing each other and working toward formal processes if we choose to be professionally audited in the future.

Financial reports are completely transparent and shared with the exec board for review and at all boosters meetings. We welcome questions, and anyone who wants to see what is going on. Ask to schedule a time or put on agenda for a meeting.

Communications (Rebecca):

- Looking to create some day-of yard signs to let people know about spread performances and location. (South Lawn, North Lawn, PAC, Kingsdale)
- I would like to create a list of locations and channels for advertising band events to the community. Rada has done a great job with community outreach and we want to keep the ball rolling. It makes sense to put this under the "communication" umbrella so the Outreach committee can focus on outreach to new band families.

Development Manager (Elaine):

- Sponsorships: all checks, square and simple raise donations now add up to \$10,040 and \$10,540 if we include what we got at the end of the school last year from a family. So we have hit our goal. *Do we want to incentivize students at this point saying any amount over this we split it among the students? Or do we want to save it for a rainy day?*
- Summer uniform issues with shorts - please bring shorts to Elaine for a replacement. No cost to the band or families for these fixes.
- Swag stores: summer sales (summer uniforms & other) raised just over \$1100
- Swag sales: about \$200 each week so far. Light up wands not selling.
- Flower sales extended: September 17, 2025. As of this morning we have 455 items sold. Delivery September 29 at UAHS starting at 2:30. Kids can get service hours unloading truck.

Travel Manager (Georgia):

- Survey to students for 2027 Spring Break trip sent last week, replies due next Friday. Will coordinate with travel agents after park determination is made. The goal is to have more info on the trip for parents at October boosters meeting.
- Almost all replies for Senior Night are collected. Flowers confirmed. Charlie is announcing.

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- Will know by September 15 about Kingsdale Band Spread performance (9/26), just need to be nimble and partner with Social Media postings to announce the location. Asked Coldwell Bankers at Kingsdale to sponsor that spread.
- Met with Nathan and Nick from Ketchum Walton regarding Field House soundproofing. (They have provided sound proofing at some elementary schools and UAHS.) They had existing drawings for the field house and will get back in touch with recommendations - suggesting batting and wall panels for $\frac{2}{3}$ of the space. Update: it has to be all or none. Quote is \$90K.

Past President: No updates this month

Committee Chairs:

Uniforms (Michael on behalf of Natalie): Big “Thank You” to everyone (Booster Leaders and band parents) for wonderful support in fitting students, altering/repairing uniforms and being “present” for whatever surprises come up!! What about sending out tips for cleaning gloves and spats on cut time to encourage students to reuse? Also remember to keep an extra pair of black socks in the hat box along with clean gloves and spats. Natalie would like time to talk to students about uniform care.

Family Outreach (Rada/Emily): Family outreach committee is looking for new members to join, we would like to particularly focus on parents of this year's Freshman and Sophomores. The next outreach event is November 13 at Jones and November 18 at Hastings where we give 8th grade parents their first introduction into the Marching Band.

Spreads (Noelle): Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the spreads— by donating food; picking up food; signing up to set up, serve, or clean up. We’ve had plenty of food to serve everyone and have been able to share some food with those hosting the after-parties. All after-parties are spoken for. Please notify your neighbors if you are hosting an after party.

Third Quarter (Elaine): Q: How many 8th graders are expected to show next week? A: **61**

New Business: Vote on Graduating senior scholarship. Michael moved to vote on scholarships, Elaine seconded. **Approved.**

Old Business:

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Needs of the Band:

For 25-26 School year:

- Chair and Co-Chair for Basketball concessions - Michael will train you
- 3-4 volunteers to start working with Family outreach and eventually take over
- Winter flower sale coordinator - (Elaine will train you)
- Backup announcer - We are specifically looking for a Band Mom
- Videographer - Someone to work with Matt Fox to capture the shows
- Bylaw committee will start in Jan/Feb 2026
- Band Camp Committee will start in March/April 2026
- Spring flower sale coordinator - (Elaine will train you)

For 26-27 School year:

- Development manager - (Would be good to start training this year, Elaine will train this volunteer)
- Vice President
- BITS Committee chair & Co Chair - (Would be good to start training this year - Michael/Elaine will train this volunteer)
- Picture day Chair & Co Chair (Takes place during band camp - Michael will train this volunteer)
- Senior Night Coordinator - (Georgia will train this volunteer)

Meeting adjourned: 8:05pm