

General Meeting Minutes
Oct 14th, 2025
7PM - UAHS Band Room
Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/9355671581>

Attendees: Michael Geygan, Elaine Alicea, David Trame, Ryan Babb, Charlie Reed, Luis Alicea, Mark Foster, Davis Ahoe, Renee Rodabaugh, Todd Fessler, Michelle Hawley, Georgia Kaltenbach, Rongzhang Wang, Sam Magee, Ron Magee, Noelle Fox, Matt Fox, Rebecca Sutton. **On Zoom:** Senti Hanch, Erin Biehle, Amanda Banks, Rada Terzieva, Julie Calhoun

Meeting began at 7:01 pm

Welcome All!

Directors Report (Todd Fessler):

- Awesome season so far. The students are thriving. There was a lot of learning early on so they've been given a couple 8:05 mornings so far.
- Senior night was great - between Georgia, Boosters, Logan, parents, etc. All went well - best timeline so far. Everyone was well informed and stayed on track. Seniors got to march out! Shout out to Mia Burkey for her organization and getting everyone in order. Juniors are taking the lead on writing cards to seniors. Michael made gifts for seniors.
- 8th grade night was a great success.
- Mr. Redman nominated students for some honor bands.
 - 7 for Capital University band fest
 - Around 7 accepted into the Bowling Green honor state band.
- One more home game - songs will be band members' favorites.
- Concert band/jazz ensemble auditions coming up. (Non-marching-band instrumentalists are allowed to audition for jazz if they play a jazz instrument).
 - Practice schedule is based on students' availability/space.
- Props to Michael for finding sousaphones (in AR) at a great price. (Details below).
- **Friday's rehearsal - CHANGE: Arrive at 3pm - we'll feed them dinner at UAHS between rehearsal and leaving for the game.** *Cut Time update sent Tuesday pm.*

President's Report (Michael Geygan):

- Cutoff message was sent out (Tuesday am) for this weekend
- Oct. 26 7:00am-5:30pm - GCRA Regatta - Concessions - Volunteers will be needed. Hope to make \$2K.
- Best in the State (BITS) Update - 130 teams registered (for reference we had 99 teams registered last year.) The next meeting will be Oct. 22, 7:00 pm in the band room. Hoping to make over \$10K in 2 days.
- Slushy Machines - We spent \$310.00 on them, they have already earned back the associated costs and we have some future deals in the works with them. We will be using them at BITS. (Also possible collaboration with softball - we will earn a portion on their sales.)

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- Purchase of Sousaphones - Pickup in Little Rock, AR. Three for \$5297. Good brand, repairable. GREAT price: savings of approx. \$40K!
- Rory Geygan is organizing a fundraiser with UA Rise (Oct 27th - Oct 30th). Mr. Fessler authorized her to choose where the money goes. She wants it to go to the Disney/Universal Trip 2027 scholarship for her band mates that might not be able to afford the trip. She has received approval to do this multiple times the rest of the year.
- Basketball Season: 50/50 raffle, concessions.

Vice President Report (Renee Rodabaugh):

DISNEY: March, 2027: The 18th (Thursday) - 23rd (Tuesday). Eric Coffman is a former educator who planned trips - turned travel agent for student trips. Has an admirable philosophy of how kids experience a trip and truly customizes a trip based on what the group actually wants to do. Eric travels along to make sure travel goes well, then has contacts/ reps on sight to help with accommodations when we get there. If you go into a community, he believes in giving back that community.

Kids voted to do a combination trip.

- March at Disney (Main Street)!
- Clinical at UCF with their marching band and directors. Rest of the day is a "rest day"
- Universal - multiple days at the park (new Epic park). Universal has an amazing water park.

There will be an end-of-year meeting with more information.

Financials of Trip (Georgia Kaltenbach):

- It is a sliding scale of cost/student. This is NOT set in stone. Things change. Price is based on total number. Larger number = lower individual price; smaller band = larger individual price. These incorporate chaperone cost (10 chaperones (school employees) as courtesy). Additional chaperones may need to pay. This is TBD.
- Price is all-inclusive: airfare, food, hotels, travel from a-b, tickets for parks, park hopper, etc. Totally comprehensive minus extra treats/souvenirs.
- Estimates as of today is \$2,875 for 150-person band; \$2,850 for 170-person band, \$2,825 for 180, etc.
- We have a lot of time for fundraising. All hands on deck to make this happen.
- If we need to bring it back, there may be some things we can reduce, depending on how things go moving forward.
- Note on Airfare: possibility of chartering a plane. Corral in one airport, one plane, all instruments. And can route through smaller airports. Flying commercial means multiple planes, multiple charters, multiple schedules.
- Eric has proposed Disney All Star Music Resort and Cabana Bay at Epic for lodging.

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Todd: We still have to submit a field trip application with the district. Don't anticipate any hang ups with that.

(General positive comments on value and quality of Epic experience. Questions on family travel.)

Renee: We would like to create a committee specifically for trip fundraising. The goal is to get the price down as much as possible.

Treasurer Report (Ryan Babb, Charlie Reed):
Financials

Ryan:

- We're right on budget for the month. Some fluctuations from year to year are due to timing.
- We are averaging less than \$3K/spread.

Charlie:

- Change of Agent filing complete with State of Ohio - Todd Fessler is our Agent
- Still collecting overdue dues. Reminder that if there are issues, please communicate. We will keep things confidential. We do not need personal information but appreciate any communication if there is a reason for a delay. If communication to just Todd or Kolin is preferred, that's fine, but please communicate. We are understanding and empathetic, but need to hear from you. (Note: this is not something that is ever brought up to the students.)

Communications (Rebecca Sutton):

- Will send these minutes over CutTime this week. A reminder that minutes from previous meetings are on the website.
- Sent weekly update Tuesday am and change of Friday schedule Tuesday pm.
- We will be scheduling communication regarding the 10/26 Regatta and BITS.

Development Manager (Elaine Alicea):

- \$2,571 profit from fall flower sale is on par with other fall sales. Credits have occurred for both flower sale and car wash in all accounts.
- Selling new t-shirts at games works well. A second design has been ordered. \$327 sold Friday night. We were averaging around \$100-150ish each prior to that.
- Winter Flower sale will be Oct 18-Nov 17. Delivery of flowers to school Dec. 9 at 9:30 am. Pickup will take place 4-7pm that night. We will need volunteers. (FYI, Boosters mtg is at 7pm on 12/9.)

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Travel Manager (Georgia Kaltenbach):

- Thanks to all volunteers who have traveled with the band to away games this year. We have one final away game at Dublin Coffman on 10/17. Afterwards, I'd like to touch base with quartermasters to see if they have any input/feedback on how the loading/unloading process, or the trailer in general could be improved for next year.
- Field House soundproofing district review DENIED - will reach back out to UAEF to restart that conversation about their ability to contribute to the project.

Past President Report: NA

Committee Chairs

Uniforms: Natalie will not be able to make the game Friday. Angie and Ellen will be our POCs.

Family Outreach:

Spreads: Noelle Fox: Thanks to all who have come to set up, serve, clean up, and make sure of extra food, etc. We have one last home game (Carsonies).

(If playoff games are home, there are no spreads.)

Third Quarter (Elaine/Michelle Hawley): One more home game and possibly home playoffs. Smooth season. Appreciate the space in the tuba room and locked cabinet.

New Business:

Columbus Marathon Pep Band: see Tuesday morning CutTime message.

Playoff games all TBD.

Old Business: NA

Needs of the Band -

For 25-26 School year:

- Chair and Co-Chair for Basketball concessions - Michael will train you
- 2 volunteers to start working with Family outreach and eventually take over
- Winter flower sale coordinator - (Elaine will train you)

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- Backup announcer - We are specifically looking for a Band Mom
- 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, 26-27 Freshman Parent)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:04pm.