

General Meeting Minutes
Aug. 18, 2026
7 p.m. - UAHS Band Room

Attendees: Renee Rodabaugh, Charlie Reed, Chuck Nelson, Francine Taylor, Georgia Kaltenbach, Michelle Hawley, Michael Geygan, Stephanie Kesler, Brian Merkle, Summer Wang, David Trame, Noelle Fox, Chris Brooks, Todd Fessler, Kolin Redman

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Directors Report:

Todd said band camp went well and thanked everyone who helped. "It just keeps getting better and better," he said. He felt like communication in band camp was the best it's been in his nine years at UA, and he was happy to see how much fun the kids had at the Bandquet.

Because of the delay in the start of school, the band had its first rehearsal that morning, which Todd said went smoothly. He was pleased to see how comfortable the group is with each other early in the season and said they did a great job at Convocation.

Todd also said new UAHS Principal Tom Lombardi has been supportive of the band and spoke to the group one morning during camp.

Kolin noted Sept. 11 is 8th Grade Night, and the kids are excited to march with the band. He said sixth graders are getting fitted for instruments with help from Retting Music.

He also gave a shout-out to the band members who played during the recent 5K event and said it was neat that kids are starting to coordinate these events.

Todd said inspectors were looking at damage to the stadium from the Aug. 11 storm.

He also said he wanted to try a different timing for home game spreads with a meal at 4:30 p.m., inspection at 5:15, and performance in the PAC at 5:45, followed by marching to the stadium.

President:

Renee thanked all of the parents who were part of band camp and offered some notes for the following year's camp:

- Send a comprehensive email prior to Band Camp Week for building needs, including letting custodians know about needing tables, schedule of stadium lighting, air conditioning needs, etc.

- Change Game Night to 7-9 p.m. from 7-10 p.m.

- Sign Up Genius changes:

Add a daily food captain. Clarify what the table setup is by location, by time block, and make one person is in charge of overseeing these layouts/changes. Add verbiage that there is a possibility that you may be sitting and chaperoning for student interaction.

Add a daily reset position, 5-6 p.m. Person helps tear down and reset for the next day

Remove apples or reduce the ask for apples; same for carrots

- Contact Parks & Rec to ask when the earliest date is to reserve Reed Road water park and BCCC Bandquet reservation

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- Meet with junior girls to ensure timeline for Bandquet is in line with their expectations; make sure timeline for day is specifically clarified to student leaders and communicated by Mr. Fessler
- Coordinate with a local food pantry or church outreach program to make a plan for food pickup when we have an excessive amount of leftovers on hand

Vice President/Travel Manager:

Georgia said three of the five after-party dates have been claimed, and a SignUp Genius is set up for chapterone volunteers.

The Spring Break Disney trip has lost 3 people and is down to 102 participants from 105. If there are still students who want to go, there are 3 spots on the plane. She plans to touch base to make sure the band remains above the minimum requirement for participation in events at Disney. Renee said that more than 3 people can join the event, but everyone may not be on the same plane.

Georgia said Friday's game has 10 chaperones signed up plus some board members.

Volunteer signups for the Homecoming game were in good shape; could still use someone to work the swag table.

Planning for next year's band camp has already begun.

Treasurer:

Charlie reported \$15,000 in revenue for July, which is \$3,500 ahead for the month (first month of the new fiscal year). He and Ryan are working on closing the books for June and fiscal 2025; they're working with the CPA to determine how certain things should be entered.

He said families who still owe dues will be contacted, with one or two more families indicating they may need some assistance or a payment plan.

Communications:

Nothing to report

Development Manager:

Michelle thanked everyone who helped with the car wash and said the trumpet section won the sales competition and would be awarded gift cards.

Fall flower sales have started. She said the email will look different because a new organization is being used for the sale. The sale will continue through Sept. 8 (with a likely extension) and delivery will take place on Sept. 21. Volunteers will be sought to distribute.

Sept. 21 will also be Chipotle Restaurant Night.

New T-shirts, hoodies, hats, and key chains will be available for swag sales. A Square store for these items may be added to the band website.

Planning is underway for a Nov. 14 event at the Amelita Mirolo Barn that will include a silent auction.

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Past President:

Michael said the second run of yard signs is in and will be available in the band room. Mr. Fessler will have the “toppers.”

Wristbands have been ordered for 8th Grade Night with “UAMB Class of ‘31” on them. Lanyards for volunteers have been ordered and should arrive shortly.

Old/New Business:

Todd said the students are leading an initiative to put something on their uniforms “to remember students who are no longer with us.” Discussions are ongoing.

Georgia mentioned ongoing recruitment for board positions and said there were a large number of junior parents overseeing committees who will need to be replaced in two years.

Michael also pointed out that anyone considering the vice president position should understand that it’s a three-year commitment, as that person moves into the president and past president roles as well.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.