General Meeting Minutes
Sept. 8, 2026
7 p.m., UAHS Band Room

Attendees: Renee Rodabaugh, Georgia Kaltenbach, Michael Geygan, Kolin Redman, Ryan Babb, Brian Merkle, Chuck Nelson, Stefanie Kelser

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Directors Report (Kolin Redman):

Redman said the season was off to a great start.

He said there are plans to tighten up checkout policies and procedures for students who need to leave events ahead of schedule. They'll need to see a director before they leave.

Homecoming game was a huge success. He said the kids are responding really well, especially freshmen and sophomores.

The third home game in a row coming up; will be a dance show featuring the cheerleaders. Also 8th grade night is approaching. Redman said the 87 eighth graders were "super excited" to participate.

Students also performed at the hope garden dedication before the last home game.

Golden Grooves are going well. Eighth graders may be coming in during the performance on Friday.

Redman thanked Renee and Michael for helping with a visit from organizers of a future visiting band from Japan during a site visit. A high school band will visit in December and UA band families will be asked for help housing them during their visit. Announcement should come shortly.

Redman said band members would be performing at the 9/11 Stair Climb. And said the Labor Day performance "was awesome" this year; staging worked great, band sounded great.

Kids are working hard, "We are definitely in the grind" with three shows in three weeks, he said.

Sixth graders are in second week with instruments; off to a great start. Chemistry among the new staff is working well.

President (Renee Rodabaugh):

Renee said eighth-graders night is also youth sports night. Boosters will be supplying eighth-grade band members with earplugs and guide them to spots in the PAC. Kids will leave their cases on the stage. Leaders will write notes for the kids later and give them a keychain with graduation date on it.

She said the boosters voted to buy drumheads during executive session.

Georgia asked if student leaders would be interested in attending the booster meetings to add their perspective and understand what's happening in the group.

Vice President (Georgia Kaltenbach):

Georgia is working with Julia Lloyd to organize Senior night; finishing getting info from families.

The Disney trip at 102 travelers; may be a few more added. Kolin will be letting kids know they'd still like to see people go; sending an email out on this.

Georgia reported there was a request from a parent to see how much it would cost to bus students to elementary schools for pre-game performances.

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Development Manager (Michelle Hawley):

Michelle reported that the flower sale was extended to 9/14; a SignUp Genius to help with pickup on 9/21 is available.

The first Golden Note Gala in the works for Nov. 14. Looking for high-end silent auction items; working on catering (probably DJ, not band).

The boosters have received $12,000 in sponsorships from Northwest EyeCare, Rettig and others.

Script Bears T-shirts are nearly sold out online.

Treasurer (Ryan Babb):

Ryan said co-chair Charlie Reed is doing a great job collecting fees; very nearly all are accounted for.

Communications (Chuck Nelson):

Kolin said he appreciated all the photos from the games being posted to social media. Chuck said it was a group effort that included Matt Fox and communications co-chair Sarah Townes.

Travel Manager (Brian Merkle):

Brian said more chaperones are needed for the upcoming away game.

He’s going to try to have a chaperone at each bus ahead of time and others helping at trailer to stay on schedule.

Looking for clarification on duties regarding the director's ladder.

Past President (Michael Geygan):

Michael said some instruments were left at Tremont after the Labor Day performance; parents recovered them.

He said in general that if anyone sees anything that's out of place, please bring it up or put a stop to it immediately. There's nothing wrong with a chaperone saying, "Stop what you're doing." Usually that's all it takes. Situation can be escalated if necessary.

Basketball concessions will be coming up in the winter. Have some big tournaments as well. Signups upcoming.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.