

SMF Band Parents' Booster Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Jan 5, 2026

Executive Meeting

PM

Called to order: 7:01

New Business

1. Scholarship
 - a. We need someone to present in May (hold until March/April)
2. Vacating Positions
 - a. 50/50 Raffle at end of year
3. Safety Issues
 - a. Uniform Room – needs secured as students have been able to get in
4. Spring Fundraiser
 - a. Determined that it would be too quick to get in before Final Disney payment and spring break and too close to Tag day to do it after.
5. Disney Shirts
 - a. Yes, we want to have them. Plan to add cost for students to Disney payment. Looking at options for families to purchase their own.

Old Business

6. Old Uniforms
 - a. May not be cost effective to make pillows to sell
7. New Uniforms
 - a. Sent jackets back to be fixed.
 - b. Still working on a fix for the pants
 - c. New timeline for fall debut

Meeting Adjourned: 7:24 PM

Band Parents Meeting

PM

Called to order: 7:31

Guests

1. Oliver and Ben (former band students)
 - a. Looking to bring back an Alumni band program. Aiming for performing at the fall band show
 - b. Have had overwhelming support from grads
 - c. Need # of instruments once folks sign up

Committee Reports

1. 50/50 Raffle – Stocked up on tickets for next year. HS- \$354, Kimpton - \$373, 5th - \$249 & 6th - \$542 (winner donated back)
2. Audit Committee – Last Disney payment significantly more than prior payments - \$403. May go up with added fees for uniform cleaning & Disney shirts
3. Band Banquet - In May, Old Carolina BBQ, Tickets to Hometown App
4. Band Camp – No report
5. Band Patrons – Need someone to oversee and reimagine
6. Band Show – Sept 19th – Tentative date
7. Blossom – Everything in for 2025. Waiting to hear from Blossom for 2026
8. Car Washes – No report
9. Chaperones – No report
10. Concessions – No report
11. Video – Haven't sold many downloads, some technical issues but they were resolved
12. EOY Marching Band Party – No report
13. Kimpton Night – No report
14. Newsletter – Jan 16th turn stuff in, tentative out January 23rd
15. Publicity/Social Media – cleaning up to photos on Facebooks site
16. Scholarship – 5 min meeting after this for anyone who wants to help
17. Special Fundraising – Great sales. Discussion in exec to hold on spring fundraiser.
18. Spirit Wear –Disney shirts – will ask Dave S to create design and include cost for students and chaperones into final Florida trip payment
19. Tag Day – Working on it...
20. Truck – No report
21. Uniforms – Options for pants (wool vs. wool light), new coming in July
22. Website – No report

Band Director Updates

1. Mr. Lewis
 - a. 5th Grade Band
 - i. Concert went well
 - ii. Drop period for students ends next week with morning band starting next week
 - b. Gold
 - i. Challenges & starting contest music
 - c. Jazz 2
 - i. Preparing for Jazz in January
 - d. Percussion ensemble – after school
 - e. April – performing arts assembly with 4th graders
 - f. Overall class sizes for Stow are down which can impact band size
2. Ms. Dewitt
 - a. 6th Grade Band
 - i. Concert went well, not a lot of new band members this year
 - ii. AM Band tomorrow, switchover instruments are going smoothly
 - b. Band Aid –
 - i. Starts January 23rd through early May
3. Ms. Sandman
 - a. Kimpton
 - i. Successful concert in December
 - ii. Rep from Pellegrino set up with upgraded instruments – successful for families to try out and consider purchasing

- iii. Finishing old books and starting new... Book check on Friday
- iv. 2 honors bands submitted students names
 - 1. Youngstown State – 7 students
 - 2. District 6 – 4 students
- b. Jazz Band
 - i. January concert
- c. Maroon
 - i. Challenges
- d. Thank you to Mr. Appleby for recording concerts
- 4. Mr. Newman
 - a. Brown's game
 - i. Great performance. Thank you to everyone to helped make it a success
 - b. Concert Bands
 - i. Within band challenges – next week
 - ii. Practice tapes due Feb 6th
 - iii. Concert March 4th
 - c. Pep Band
 - i. Anyone interested can join the Group Me
 - d. Marching Band
 - i. Oct 23 – short rehearsal and then EOS Party (6-8 PM)
 - e. Jazz Band
 - i. Jazz in January coming up
 - f. Solo Ensemble contest
 - i. On Saturday...
 - g. Florida
 - i. Rooming list is complete
 - ii. March 19th – med turn in @ 5 pm, 6 pm rehearsal & 8 pm parent/student's meeting
 - 1. Will go over packing for those joining late or going back with family
 - iii. March 25th – second rehearsal 6 – 7:30 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:14 PM