



# Sherando High School Band Booster Association

November 6, 2024 General Member Meeting Minutes

Call to order - 7:05 p.m.

Attendance: X for those present.

x	President	Adam Stein	x	Band Director	Joel Cosner
x	Vice President	Phil Benson	x	Guard Instructor	Kayla Wright
x	Secretary	Stephanie Mangino		Perc Instructor	Scott Kittrell
x	Treasurer	Sam Kilkus	x	Band Assistant	Devon Stein
x	Logistics Coordinator	Justin San Agustin		Bookkeeper	Sandy Smith
x	Volunteer Coordinator	Melissa Cotton			
x	Communications	Ciara Ray			
	Advancement	Noelle Callas			
x	Uniforms	Jennifer Boycourt			
	Member-at-Large	Shannon Damron			

## 1. Welcome - Adam Stein

- Adam noted that general meeting agendas and profit/loss statements now have their own page on the band website:  
<https://www.sherandoband.org/booster-meeting/>

## 2. Treasurer's Report - Sam Kilkus

- October P/L [https://www.sherandoband.org/wp-content/uploads/Oct24\\_PL.pdf](https://www.sherandoband.org/wp-content/uploads/Oct24_PL.pdf)
- P/L YTD [https://www.sherandoband.org/wp-content/uploads/Oct24YTD\\_PL.pdf](https://www.sherandoband.org/wp-content/uploads/Oct24YTD_PL.pdf)
- Sam said that the Safe Halloween event made a net profit of \$4,577
- She said the Krispy Kreme fundraiser had just ended, which ended up raising \$3,812 to the band - half went student accounts and half to the band boosters account
- She added that the most recent spirit wear sale raised \$220
- For marching season, she said the projected budget was under budget by \$1,875

- For winter indoor season, the primary expense has been just over \$3,000 for a guard floor tarp

### 3. Old Business - Adam Stein

- Advancement Committee
  - Adam said the group is working on finding corporate sponsors for the entirety of 2025
  - He shared that Nov. 20 is the Chipotle Spirit Night and that there are hopes for a bowling spirit night, perhaps in January
  - There was also a discussion about perhaps having some parents work the JMU concession stand at a home women's basketball game. Booster Guy Curtis said the boosters will make a minimum of \$300, with the potential to make more. Dates under consideration are Dec. 8 and Jan. 11. If you're interested in helping as a JMU snack stand person, please contact the band advancement committee. He said working these games should get some great visibility for the band program, as well.
- Disney trip - Melissa Cotton said October payments are needed and the Nov. payment is due on Nov. 18 - this money is needed to make ticket purchases/reservations. Rooming lists need to be ready by February, she added.
- Sherando Showcase Updates - Kayla Wright
  - Kayla said she's still looking for people to sign up to be on a subcommittee to help with the event. Now that indoor season has started, she said she'll be advertising more. The event is on March 15, 2025. She suspects we could have a max of 60 groups. She added that the event has a tremendous reputation, and she's been tapped by other schools for information on how Sherando runs its event. Adam agreed, saying guard directors love coming to the Sherando event. Kayla then added that it's known to be the "cream of the crop" in terms of hospitality.
  - If lots of groups attend, the sky's the limit with fundraising potential as well, Adam added.

### 4. New Business - Adam Stein

- Adam thanked everyone who contributed to the marching season. He then offered up a presentation (available on sherandoband.org at <https://www.sherandoband.org/wp-content/uploads/Fall-2024-BoosterPreesentation.pdf>) about what the boosters do during the concert/indoor season, with a particular focus on four upcoming fundraising activities: Sherando Showcase, HundredX, Golf Tournament, and Touch A Truck.

- Adam announced the rescheduled boosters' meetings due to conflicts: in January, April, and May, 2025
  - Jan 1, 2025 (New Years Day) to Wed, January 8, 2025
  - April 2, 2025 (District Jazz) to Thursday, April 3, 2025
  - May 7, 2025 (2025-2026 Band Orientation Night) to Tuesday, May 6, 2025
- Band president Josie Austin said she's proud of the band in marching season, including leadership, and added that leadership wants to do more than the usual one get-together during the concert season. So, while there will be a movie/game night, she hopes that later in the year, the band will have a karaoke night and a DCI/WGI watch party.

## 5. Important Dates

- 11/6 - 11/8 - Concert Season Auditions
- 11/6 - Winter Guard Technique Rehearsal / Audition Practice
- 11/7 - Indoor Percussion Interest Meeting
- 11/8 - Full Band "Season in Review Meeting" - After School
- 11/11 - Marching Leadership Post Season Meeting - After School
- 11/11 - Winter Guard Auditions
- 11/12 - Indoor Percussion - Battery Auditions
- 11/14 - Indoor Percussion - Front Ensemble Auditions
- 11/27 - 11/29 - No School - Thanksgiving Break
- 12/2 - Winchester Holiday Parade
- 12/4 - Band Booster Meeting
- 12/5 - Winter Concert

**6. Guard Director Report** - Kayla said she is in the process of selling vinyls from the marching season, and that she had just sold some percussion tops from a couple of years ago, and sold some flags as well. She said she also has tarp for the indoor guard season in hand.

**7. Band Director Report** - Joel Cosner expressed a huge thank you to anyone who did anything big, small or in-between with everything that the band did this past fall. He said he really appreciated everybody. Since the last meeting, the band competed at JMU Parade of Champions, Shenandoah Valley Marching Invitational and prelims at the Virginia Marching Band Cooperative Championships, as well as performed for the VBODA marching assessment. He said that this season, the band was able to get a group with close to 50 freshmen to hit a lot of the same marks as a band with older players was able to hit the previous season, in terms of scores. He admitted it was a bummer to not make finals at VMBC, but he said he would be more concerned if he had seen a 4-5 point drop

in scores from last year to the current year, but instead, he saw a small increase from finals score last year. He added that Sherando is also one of just nine bands in Virginia to have earned unanimous superior ratings at VBODA marching assessment for the past 8 years. He said that clearly, the band is on the right track, and that the program absolutely maximizes what it's doing with what it has. Staff is always reviewing, and thinking about additional ways to move things forward. He said he's confident the program has a lot of the right people on board to make that happen.

- Adam also offered his thanks to everyone who supports the band, and Devon noted that she was deeply moved by a student at VMBC championships, who, while watching the Liberty University band from the stands, told her that they decided to step up with the band because they realized the band experience just wasn't about themselves as an individual, but the band as a whole.

**Adjournment - 7:45 p.m.**