



Sherando High School Band Booster Association

May 6, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 6:03 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	x	Perc Instructor	Scott Kittrell
x	Treasurer	Sam Kilkus	x	Band Assistant	Devon Stein
x	Logistics Coordinator	Justin San Agustin	x	Bookkeeper	Sandy Smith
x	Volunteer Coordinator	Melissa Cotton			
x	Communications	Ciara Ray			
	Advancement	Vacant			
x	Uniforms	Jennifer Boycourt			
	Member-at-Large	Shannon Damron			

- **Welcome - Adam Stein**
- **Treasurer Report - Sam Kilkus**
 - Nothing major to report, but she did note that Shenandoah University has charged the boosters for 3 hours for the use of the WAEC on March 25 for a indoor percussion practice, but we only used two. Scott Kittrell said he is connecting, through percussion instructor Daniel Kelly, with the appropriate person at Shenandoah to rectify the situation.
 - P/L statement available at <https://www.sherandoband.org/wp-content/uploads/YTDApril2025PL.pdf>
- **Old Business / Since Last Meeting - Adam Stein**
 - Golf Cart Update - New batteries were purchased and installed.
 - Ice Maker - Adam said the boosters need to discuss this as the quote provided will soon expire and prices will most likely go up in a few weeks. Adam reached out to

Sherando Principal Karen McCoy after last month's boosters meeting and then contacted MTS equipment and another firm for quotes. He received three different options from MTS, which were previously shared with the board via email, with the group seemingly in favor of the KoolAire ice maker and storage device below it, at a cost of \$4,125. The school would handle the install and a way to secure it. When discussing the need for a separate ice maker for band use, Melissa Cotton noted that during band camp in late July/early August, one of the issues is that football uses the athletic department ice maker. Adam added that the boosters have been told it's not sanitary for the group to use the cafeteria ice maker for band camp purposes. Jennifer Boycourt asked about funding available for this purchase. Sam said there's about 20,000 in the boosters' savings, and there may be an overage available from fundraising. (Later in the meeting, that overage was estimated at approximately \$24,000 - for a total of \$44,000). Jennifer said that while she doesn't disagree that an ice maker is needed, it's an added expense for something that can be potentially acquired from athletics, while she can't get uniform bibbers and shakos, which are expensive, from another place. Boosters member Chris Kilkus said the band had access to the athletics ice maker for the first time last year, and he wouldn't assume that will happen again. Jennifer continued to express discomfort with the purchase now, saying she was leery of incurring the cost when there will be other expenditures during budget season. Sam said it's good to explore the pros and cons of the purchase. Pro: the ice maker would be available for band camp and the fall season; or con, this purchase could potentially make the budget tighter. However, she did add that the boosters have never cut from the budget, it's only ever added. "We've never ever said, we can't do that," during the budgeting process that occurs over the summer months. Adam said that when denials have occurred, they've only been after the budget has been finalized. Jennifer said she'll bring in a budget for uniforms for this coming year, with solid estimates about the numbers needed and the likely sizes - at least as a jumping off point. Circling back to the ice maker, Justin said if the boosters wait, the price may change, keeping in mind the effects of higher tariffs on the price of goods. Adam added that the ice maker has a parts/labor warranty that covers several years. In terms of upkeep, Sam said she's confident it will be taken care of once it's in the building, and that it will be used by not only the band program, but other groups who need it. Melissa noted that if the boosters want the ice maker installed before band camp, it needs to be on the facilities/maintenance priorities list sooner than later.

- Justin moved that to allocate \$4,125 for an ice maker of some sort, with Melissa seconding. Jennifer Boycourt voted no. The ayes had it.
- Band Fee Discussion - To expand on this, Kayla has asked if the boosters can set the fees for the winter season now, so that the information can be added to the

May 7 orientation presentation. Kayla said guard and percussion need to be \$300 each, and band fees (separate from the \$300 fee) must be paid for students to be able to participate. Sam asked if the boosters will allocate scholarships for this? Kayla said one of the best ways to help students/families to handle the cost is through a payment plan. Sam said she just wants to make sure it's fair for students to be able to take part. Scott Kittrell said if the percussion fee isn't paid by the first show, they don't perform. Kayla said she would recommend the same for the guard. Indoor percussion and guard are extracurricular activities - the funds are needed to run the program, pay for transportation, etc..., Kayla said, and while the boosters support the programs, they also need support from the kids and their families. When asked by Adam if the boosters needed to vote on this, Kayla noted that the boosters do provide the majority of the budgets for both indoor programs. She added that fees absolutely can't go under \$250 for both. That was the cost for this current season and a decent number of people paid it. At orientation, Kayla said they'll touch on indoor to make it clear both programs are extracurricular and carry an additional fee. Jennifer B. moved to approve a \$300 fee, and Ciara seconded. Unanimously approved by the board.

- **Band Camp Pool Party vs Block Party (Family Social Event)**
 - The board unanimously voted to switch to having a "block party" on the first Friday of band camp. Jennifer said Anthony's Pizza in Stephens City said they wanted to host a pizza party - and they would be interested in hosting a pizza party as part of the block party. Devon said the kids would like a moon bounce, giant connect four, cornhole, DJ? Kids were excited about it. Would be Aug. 1. Adam - have kids bring chips, sides, cookies, that kind of stuff. See if people would like to participate in planning at band orientation.
- **New Business - Adam Stein**
 - 2025-2026 Band Orientation Discussion - Tomorrow, May 7, is orientation. Adam said [there was a great discussion last week about furthering volunteer engagement](#). Tomorrow there will be a couple of tables set up at the back of the auditorium with information about types of volunteer work, described in a lighthearted way, to reach people as they're leaving. He said the band has a lot of new families coming in this coming year.
 - Band Awards Night - Adam Stein - Supplies needed include tables in the cafeteria, and ordering a cake. Ciara said she can order the cake from Costco. The boosters can provide some drinks. Adam said parents will be asked to bring other desserts to share. Joel said he also needs senior certificates.
 - Is there anything the boosters need to know about the fall show? Adam said we're going to have information for parents at orientation about the various

volunteer roles that are really needed during marching season, including prop making. Kayla asked if there is a prop committee yet. Adam said that should start tomorrow, as an outgrowth of the orientation meeting, if outreach goes well. Kayla said she is reaching out to another school for foam stone props. Joel said they're looking for small pedestals that will be moved by one person. Kayla said they're testing some things out, including, potentially, some columns.

- Summer/Fall Amazon Wishlist Discussion - We will need to inventory the cage and reference needs from previous years.
- Scheduled two board-only summer meetings on June 11 to discuss budget requests, and on July 9 to prepare for band camp and have a more casual get-together.

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