



Sherando High School Band Booster Association

March 4, 2026 General Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 7:02 p.m.

Attendance:

x	President	Adam Stein	x	Band Director	Tyler Ende
x	Vice President	Phil Benson	x	Guard Instructor	Anneka Nestvogel
x	Secretary	Stephanie Mangino	x	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	Anne Thompson			
x	Communications	Lora Jarrell			
	Advancement	Vacant			
x	Uniforms	Jennifer Boycourt			
x	Member-at-Large	Shannon Damron			

1. Welcome - Adam Stein

2. Treasurer Report - Sam Kilkus

- Spirit Nights at Chick-fil-A and Chipotle raised \$163.90 and \$302, respectively. The board has paid \$875 for BOA Delaware registration for the ball. P/Ls are on the website: sherandoband.org.
- Sam also noted that she's always available through email to answer questions.

3. Old Business - Adam Stein

- Upcoming Spirit Night
 - Altos de Jalisco in Kernstown - Monday, April 13, 2026 - 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
- Touch A Truck Updates - Devon Stein. She said they have event and bounce house sponsors, vehicles are being booked, with 30+ anticipated. The event will feature a helicopter, new motorcycles, a wheelie machine adults can get on, and boats. Student ensembles will perform – one per hour for four hours. She said games/yard games are still needed, and she'd love help in calling daycares/preschools to promote the event and to distribute flyers to those. She also asked the boosters to help spread the word on social media to people you know with kids.
 - Adam added for the rest of this year and into the summer, the boosters need to maximize every opportunity to fundraise since school system funding is unknown for the coming year.
- SnapRaise! Update - The fundraiser has passed \$15k. Tyler Ende said at least \$3,000-\$4,000 was raised after sharing the info about funding reduction possibilities last week. It really means a lot to see what has been done, he said
 - Adam said he has been amazed by the progress, and feels like the sky's the limit.
 - He said he believes the fundraiser has balanced the current year's budget, almost to the dollar, and thanked all participants.
 - He noted that HundredX is coming up. Every person over 18 can earn an extra \$120 for the band, with the band earning up to \$10,000. All that money will benefit the band this coming fall. If 100 people do the maximum allowed 75 reviews, the \$10,000 fundraising limit would be reached.

4. New Business - Adam Stein

- Band Funding Advocacy
 - The School Board has sent its budget request to the Frederick County Board of Supervisors for consideration
 - We can encourage the BOS to fully fund the budget, which benefits the band program.
 - This is a multi-step process. Adam said he's had many discussions with school officials, and he feels this is ultimately a multi-year process, but it must begin somewhere.

- The first step is getting BOS to fully fund the schools' request. Then that number comes back to the SB to finalize its line-item budget. If there's a cut from the BOS, that will directly affect school programs.
 - If there's a cut that affects the band, supplementation will be needed from the boosters.
 - Adam said he plans to speak on behalf of the full budget allocation at the March 11 and March 25 BOS meeting, and encourages others to do so. Students can also speak, if they choose.
 - Adam said he fully understands that it's not just the schools that need additional funding and that the BOS is doing the best it can with the numbers it's seeing.
 - He will advocate, personally, for raising the tax rate to start course-correcting, although he acknowledges that no one wants to see tax increases.
 - He asked the boosters to write letters to supervisors, and show up at meetings. Member Steve Bowen suggested that the booster leadership send out a form letter that people use easily to contact the supervisors.
 - Jen encouraged boosters to talk to neighbors, who perhaps don't have kids, to see if perhaps they'd be willing to send an email in support of the full schools' budget request.
 - Adam noted there's a Google Doc with a sample letter idea.
 - Ende said communication from the boosters also provides an opportunity to educate the Board of Supervisors about why the band does trips and competitions and what could happen with budget cuts. People can talk about competitions and how attractive and exciting they are, and the resources

needed for the production of the marching season.

- o Booster Rick BeDell said many have no idea how much time kids put into this
 - o Jen B. added they also don't understand how many students with differing needs benefit from band. For example, she said her child comes to school for band - it's where they can find a place to be successful, learn time management, leadership, responsibility and character building
 - o Jen added that boosters can note that a good high school experience here will bring people back to this community one day, while the opposite leads to the converse result
 - o Adam said that in the next few days, the boosters organization will create a form letter with some of these talking points.
- Booster Board Nominations Open for the 26-27 school year.
 - o Per IRS regulations, the boosters need a president, secretary and treasurer. According to Virginia, groups need six members to be a board.
 - No nominations made for president
 - Jen nominated Phil Benson for VP
 - Secretary - no nominations
 - Treasurer - (Sam says it's labor-intensive) Stephanie nominates Rachel BeDell
 - Recorder - (Sam - basically the treasurer's assistant - to have two eyes on accounts) - no nominations

- Logistics - Justin San Agustin nominated
 - Volunteer coordinator - Shannon Damron nominated
 - Communications - Lora Jarrell nominated
 - Advancement - no nominations
 - Uniforms - Jen, whose child will be a senior next year, says she'll work under the person to help teach them the role. She added that the uniforms officer doesn't need to be able to sew or measure. - No nominations yet
 - Member at large - Tara McGough nominated
- Adam will continue sharing information on band channels about the importance of serving on the board
 - You can run for any position!

5. Other Important Dates

- **Winter Guard and Indoor Percussion - Keep up to date with rehearsal calendar**
- 3/7 - VBODA Concert Assessment
- 3/15 - Mandatory Meeting for Student/Parents attending Indoor Champs Event
- 3/20 - Student Leadership / Band Officer Applications will be posted.
- 3/21 - Winter Guard Competition - Tuscarora High School
- 3/21 - Indoor Percussion Competition - WGI Regionals - Rock Ridge High School
- 3/26 - Indoor Community Night
- 3/28 - 3/29 - AIA Indoor Championships - Hampton, VA
- 3/9 & 2/23 - RaiseRight Orders Due
- Everything is on the Band Calendar / <https://www.sherandoband.org/calendar/>

6. **Percussion Director Report - Scott** - Percussion auditions for the fall are on the calendar, audition materials will be on the site soon.

7. **Guard Director Report - Aneka** - The show is finished, and now it's all about cleaning/detailing. Tuscarora competition and championships are coming up.

8. **Band Director Report - Tyler** - He said most of what he had to say has already been covered, regarding events, SnapRaise and the band size for the coming year.

He encouraged more to talk about advocating for the schools and for school programs.

Adjournment: 8:27 p.m.