

Sherando High School Band Booster Association

September 3, 2025 General Member Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 7:04 p.m.

Attendance:

X	President	Adam Stein	X	Band Director	Tyler Ende
X	Vice President	Phil Benson	x	Guard Instructor	Mattea Krejci
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			
x	Advancement	Crystal Neal			
x	Uniforms	Jennifer Boycourt			
	Member-at-Large	Shannon Damron			

1. Welcome - Adam

 Adam noted that the band has already performed once, at Sherando's home opener football game, and expressed excitement for the marching season.

2. Treasurer Report - Sam Kikus

• Sam announced that this year has seen the program's highest-ever band fee payment compliance rates and she thanked families for this. She noted that tag day is coming up on Saturday, Sept. 6, which is the boosters' biggest fundraising event. We need tag day - it's SO important for this

- program, she said, and it's particularly cost-effective, because it basically has no overhead.
- Devon Stein said that while plenty of drivers have signed up to drive Tag Day groups, she would like to have some backup drivers, just in case.
- Sam added that the boosters are "in budget" for nearly everything, but it
 does appear that its personal property tax payment to the county has
 tripled.

3. Old Business

Homecoming Parade Concession Updates - Sept 25 - Jennifer Boycourt, one
of the concessions co-chairs, said she doesn't have anything to add at this
time.

4. New Business

- Upcoming Volunteer Needs Adam Stein
 - Sept. 6 Tag Day backup drivers needed
 - Sept. 6 After Tag Day rehearsal Field help/Door holders signups can be found at <u>sherandoband.org</u> and in the band's weekly newsletter
 - Sept. 8 Area Band Preview @ SU Tyler Ende said students should bring dinner with them to eat on the bus/before going to SU. He'll leave without students, if they don't show up on time.
 - Sept. 13 Saturday Day Camp Field help/Door holders signups can be found at <u>sherandoband.org</u> and in the band's weekly newsletter
 - Safe Halloween, Sunday, Oct. 19. A committee is needed to organize the event. Decorating is on Friday, Oct. 17. (Seniors will have priority for selecting their Safe Halloween roles). Parental/adult volunteer help is needed for setting up walls, etc.

• Advancement - Crystal Neal/Adam Stein

- The next Advancement Committee Meeting is on Thursday, Sept 11, from 6-7 p.m. and will focus on corporate sponsorships, where interested boosters will receive lists of companies to contact.
- Crystal added that she's working on finding sponsorships for the tailgate meals the boosters provide to band membership prior to home games.
- Crystal is also looking at organizing a craft fair with food trucks and an all-holiday shop for one of the typically "down" fundraising months.

- Mr. Ende shared information about two fundraising services he's used in the past: <u>SnapRaise</u> and <u>InstaRaise</u>
 - Ende said that with SnapRaise we don't pay a dime.
 SnapRaise puts together a website for us and students just need to upload 20 emails from friends and family. Once the event begins, those contacts get emails as if they are from the student and there's a merch store created for us, too.
 - We keep 80% of the funds raised
 - It's really easy all they have to do is upload 20 emails.
 - Ende said it might be a great option for later in the year
 - InstaRaise works like a cookie dough fundraiser, where a selected product directly to a donor. Ende said the sock one is very popular and great for winter.
 - Becky Benson also asked about using <u>MoneyDolly</u>, through which students can ask for donations via text

5. Important Dates

- ** Color Guard and Percussion Keep up to date with rehearsal calendar **
- 9/6 Tag Day and Rehearsal
- 9/8 Area Band Preview at SU
- 9/10 Wednesday Full Band Rehearsal
- 9/11 Advancement Committee Meeting
- 9/13 Saturday Day Camp
- 9/17 Wednesday Full Band Rehearsal
- 9/20 Marching Comp South County HS
- 9/24 Wednesday Full Band Rehearsal
- 9/25 Homecoming Parade in Stephens City
- 9/29 Home FB Game vs. Brentsville
- 8/11 & 8/25 RaiseRight Orders Due
- 10/1 Band Booster Meeting
- 10/4 Marching Comp JMU Parade of Champions
- More on the Band Calendar / https://www.sherandoband.org/calendar/
- **6. Percussion Director Report Scott Kittrell -** Scott reported that the band now has "a brand-new to us" drum set cart.
- **7. Guard Director Report Mattea Krejci -** She said the rest of the guard's closer work for the marching show will be taught Sept. 13. She said guard has finalized

- the makeup look for Monday preview and now they're just waiting for uniforms to arrive. She added that she appreciates the respect and hard work she's seen from the students.
- **8. Band Director Report Tyler Ende** If students want to be good, they have to pay attention. He asked families to please help establish expectations for children so that more practice time isn't lost to tardiness and talking. He said needs some help to get band members more focused. While he believes the band is still on track to be successful for the first competition, he said he's worried about Monday's performance.
 - Jen suggested sending information about this plea directly to parents, too.
 - Vice Principal Darius Fenton, attending by phone, said that if issues continue to arise, he can also come down to talk to the band about the importance of responsibility and respect for others' time and how this relates to effective practice.

Adjournment - 7:46 p.m.