

Cherokee Band Boosters General Meeting Minutes August 6, 2025

Attendees: Laura Amato, Rebecca Bomgardner, Jodi Bomgardner, Kathy Bradley, Anthony Brancaccio, Chris Carl, Bethany Carl, Heena Patel, Joel Falk, Melissa Garofalo, Katey Glasser, Deborah Gruber, Lauren Hodges, Lisa Hughes, Shannon Leigh, Bob MacConnell, Sara Maronski, Mike Maronski, Kat Morris, Jason Collier, Kevin Peelman, Erica Poinsett, Nicole Savidge, Virginia Schad, Tessa Wellborn

Meeting called to order at 7:44 PM

Recording Secretary

Minutes from the July 16th general meeting had been emailed to membership to review – motion to approve the minutes was made by Beth Garofola and seconded by Debbie Gruber.. All in favor. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report (Terri/Laura)

- The final payment for the Marching Band Season Fee is due by August 15th
- Those paying for marching shoes by check need to pay ASAP.

President's Report (Erica)

Marching Band Details:

- **Two Weeks of Band Camp is MANDATORY and starts next week: 8/11-8/14 & 8/18-8/21**
 - Week 1 Location is still in the PAC and Field 15 (next to stadium), Week 2 - tentatively scheduled to be back in band room and on turf field
 - Lunch and Snack are needed but Dinner is provided
 - Supplies for Camp: Water Bottle, Electrolyte Drinks, Cooling Towels, Handheld Fan, Small Notebook, Pencil, Deodorant, Sunscreen, Bug Spray, Snacks, Lanyard, Binder with Sheet Protectors, Sunglasses, Hat, Extra Socks, Extra Shirt - Band Camp Supply Liss was handed out at meeting
 - Color Guard members should get a pair of gloves for practices, especially band camp. Performance gloves will be provided as part of the uniform.
- **Football Games and Competition Schedule was distributed**
 - August 28 football game - BAND WILL NOT ATTEND
 - This year, colorguard and pit (front ensemble) should plan to attend away games with wind players unless weather or bussing issues arise and change that plan
- Thursday, August 21st (last day of Band Camp) - Parent Preview.
 - The band performs the show as completed to date
 - Parents typically make posters for their children to show their support
- After Band Camp - Mon & Wed Rehearsal from 5:15 - 8:30pm
- Rehearsal are M/W, football games Friday and competitions are on Saturdays (plan for all day Sat)
- Once the season begins an itinerary will be sent out at the beginning of each week with specific details about the schedule for that week.
- Parent Involvement is needed: Band Camp Dinners, Food Donations, Pit Crew and more!
- **Mr Aucello Reviewed Marching Band Handbook and highlighted the following:**
 - **Attendance Policy - Google Doc Must Be Completed 1 Week prior to request Approval of Absences - HANDBOOK LISTS ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD BE APPROVED**
 - **DO NOT SEND AN EMAIL ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE, USE GOOGLE FORM**
 - If your child is ill or injured, please notify Mr. Aucello and remember that your child's health is most important

- Unexcused absences may result in being suspended from the next weekend performance but required to attend all practices and travel with band to competition
- If a student misses practice and it is excused but your child misses important changes to drill moves and cannot catch up before a performance, they may be asked to sit out of the performance but parents will be notified prior to the performance if this call has to be made. In this case, it's not a punitive measure but more of a safety concern if they don't know the new drill
- **LARGER MESSAGING: ATTENDANCE MATTERS!!** Everyone is a starter in the marching band and it's not an easy call to have to "bench" a band member
- Early Dismissals from Marching Band Events requires completing an early dismissal form that comes from the LRHSD Student Handbook (not the Marching Band Handbook) and requires a parent to pick their child up directly from Mr. Aucello. This is a district safety policy
- Uniform Requirements: BLACK SOCKS, BLACK ATHLETIC PANTS OR SHORTS, TOUR SHIRT

Sponsorships:

- We are in need of sponsors!
- If you or anyone you know owns a business and would be willing to sponsor the band please let us know.
- Email with all pertinent information will go out. Attached will be the letter that you can share with businesses.

Golf Cart Update:

- The school has ordered us a new golf cart. No ETA yet.

Designer Bag Bingo (Kathy)

- Saturday August 16th - volunteers needed for Set Up and Running the Event
- Current have 66 tickets sold but ask that we all continue to promote so we can increase our profits
- Advertise!! We are still selling tickets

Football Mania Fundraiser (Anthony)

- Tickets are in! See Anthony for tickets
- Tickets can also be purchased online
- Tickets are \$20 each, band makes \$14/ticket
- Each ticket is assigned three teams per week; the total number of points scored by those three teams becomes your score for the week
- National winners based on highest and lowest points. Prizes range from \$20 to \$400, If none of our tickets is a national winner, then our highest point earner wins \$20.
- Band Boosters are notified if one of our tickets wins and then Boosters send winning money out by check.
- You can win more than once.
- Last year we had two \$400 winners and 2 \$50 winners

Additional Fundraising

- Vertical Raise
- Students send emails to family and friends asking for donations
- Kids will hear more during band camp!

Upcoming events:

1. Designer Bag Binger - August 16th
2. Car Wash - August 23
3. Fall Clothing Drive - September 6
4. Roadside Clean Ups - September 7 and October 19
5. Future Meeting Dates will be held on Wednesday nights through the year - Sept 10, Oct 8, Jan 7, Feb 11, March 11, Apr 8, May is TBD - Show Reveal

Next General Meeting is Wednesday Sept 10, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM