



## Parkland Music Boosters General Meeting Minutes - February 25, 2026

**Attendance:** Kathryn Kravitz, Valerie Durbin, Rick Whitmire, Iris Epstein, Voula Papageorgiou, Kate Straw, Tina Lee, Kevin Boger, Connie Baxter, Jason Lerew, Stephanie Britton, Tina Oravetz, Michelle Barbieri, Lori Piltz, Andrew Dauster, Emily Dauster, Lauren Jones, Martin Durbin, Lourdes Petko, Jeanne Ma, Chrissi Quay, Sarah Wascura

**Meeting Called to Order** - Rick Whitmire at 7:20PM

**Approval of last General Meeting Minutes** (11/18/2025)

*Motion to approve by Tina Lee and seconded Emily Dauster. Unanimously approved.*

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Tina reviewed the changes since our last meeting on the financial report.  
*Motion to approve by Kate Straw and seconded by Lori Piltz. Unanimously approved.*

### **Director's Report**

**Mr. Lerew** - Concert band is the biggest thing right now, in the middle of skill building. In addition to the spring concert, we will be playing with the 5th grade band at their spring concert on May 8th for 1 number. We'll also be playing at Exeter HS, the day before our band concert. Commencement is in June, so we are preparing for all of these things. In the heart of the PMEA season, students who auditioned back in the fall have gone to those district festivals. Did very well with all 3 ensembles, so now they are looking to go to Region. Region Choir just happened this past weekend, 7 students are going to All-State. Next week is Region Orchestra which will happen at Carbondale HS. Region band is 2 weeks after that in Carlisle. Not a lot with the Marching Band right now, but we will start to prepare for the Spring trip and work on the music for that. We sent a message about a calendar change for band camp. Because of the way Labor Day falls, it's moved back a week and starting on 8/10. So everything is accurate & updated in CutTime. The Jazz band has been up & running, a very busy basketball season since both teams made the playoffs. Indoor Guard, currently ranked in 1st place overall and they have been working on their spring training.

### **Old Business**

- **Band Trip**
  - Performing Arts Awards moved to 6/1
  - Senior Concerto Concert moved to 6/2
  - May General Booster Meeting moved to 5/19
  - Senior Cabaret still on 5/28 and might not be able to be moved – TBD
  - Band Trip Updates
    - Things are coming along, Mrs. Baxter sent out rooming lists to students to pick. Then she will assign a chaperone to those groups.

- Flights will be very early & we'll have more details at the end of March. School buses will take us from school to PHL airport.
    - Make sure to have large enough luggage to fit uniform & shako (out of box)
- **Fundraising**
  - Data Summary
    - Iris shared a spreadsheet with a summary of fundraisers thus far and how the turn out was for each.
  - Next Planned Fundraisers
    - Lottery tickets sold in January, looking at numbers 2 / 3 - 3/2 after 7pm drawing, Iris will consolidate all the winners & send email to winners.
    - Gertrude Hawk is running now.
      - 65 boxes to sell still so we don't sit on a loss
    - Heritage Candle - more coming on this later
    - Broadway Carwash gift cards - more coming on this later
    - Iron Pigs -possible fundraiser
      - They pay \$12/ hour for about 5-6 hours long games.
      - We tell them how many volunteers we have and what date we want.
      - Since interest was shown by a raise of hands at the meeting, Iris will reach out to Iron Pigs and see if dates are available.
- **Semi-Formal Report**
  - Went very well, we had 297 kids paid, 286 showed up. With adults, we had a total 295 attend.
  - Everybody loved the decor & Mardi Gras theme.
  - Donation of gift cards was incredible this year, we had 100+ cards to give to students
  - The DJ wasn't playing requested songs, but did talk to the owner and they will arrange another DJ. There is a website where kids can enter requests ahead of time.
- Chorus had concert last night & Mrs. Lagan took 2 students to ACDA

## New Business

- **Volunteering**
  - Community Resource Fair / Clothing Drive – 3/14
    - Advertising continues
    - Sign up genius for volunteers will be out by 3/1
  - String Jam Concessions – 3/25
    - This year we are going to allow people to preorder pizzas
    - Small concession stand with drinks and candy
    - Will need volunteers, Iris & Val are leading
  - TIA Home Show 4/18 – will need many volunteers
    - 37 units signed up - noon to 9pm (75 volunteers needed)
  - FOTA 5/16 – Emily volunteered to chair/lead this event. Iris is going to be co chair.
  - Music Scholarships
    - Booster gives away 4 scholarships for Band, Choir, Orchestra, and Theater for \$1000.
      - Sarah comes up with the prompt for the students to write an essay.
      - The English dept will read the essays anonymously and pick the top 10 so that we can ensure there is an essay for each ensemble.
- **Band Camp**
  - Adding a few hours that we did not have last year. So there are a couple of 3pm-9pm days, but we are going to ask kids to pack dinner for 2 nights so that boosters are still just doing 4 dinners.
  - Mandatory band parent meeting 8/10 at 7pm
    - It's going to be longer than normal to talk about details of new uniforms.
    - We are doing photos the Monday of the 2nd week to give more time for uniforms so pictures will be on 8/17

## Other Business

- Fanfare & Tribute book
  - Usually we are selling the book now, but because we had so many fundraisers, decided to give more time.
  - Proposing to have dates of March 27th for turn in of senior bios, 4/3 for ads due date and 5/1 for purchase of books due.
  - 5/5 will be the date for final approval from Mr. Lerew. June to send to production so that Hawaii pictures are included.
- Middle School - We are doing a liaison project with Orefield middle school. Mrs. Baxter assisted with fitting 11 middle schoolers into band uniforms to wear in their performance of The Music Man.

## Upcoming Key Dates:

- 3/14 - Community Resource Fair / Clothing Drive
- 3/25 – String Jam
- 4/18 - TIA Home Show
- 4/29 – Band Concert
- 5/6 – Orchestra Concert
- 5/14 – Choirs Concert
- 5/16 – FOTA
- 5/19 – General Booster Meeting
- 5/23 to 5/28 - Band Trip
- 6/1 - Performing Arts Awards
- 6/2 – Senior Concerto Concert
- 6/3 – Graduation

\*\*This list is not inclusive of all Spring dates\*

*Motion to adjourn the meeting Voula Papageorgiou, seconded by Tina Lee - Adjourned 8:30PM.*