



Parkland Music Boosters General Membership Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2026

Attendance: See Attendance Sheets

Meeting called to Order – Rick Whitmire at 7:29PM

Approval of last Meeting Minutes (5/19/2026)

Motion to approve by Kate Straw seconded by Valerie Durbin. Unanimously Approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Tina Lee reviewed all items on page 3 showing changes since the last meeting, including Concession stand for DCI fundraiser, Band Camp Feed the Band, Car Wash fundraiser, some additional sales of Fanfare and Tribute, and additional items outlined within the report.

Motion to approve by Emily Dauster seconded by Lauren Jones. Unanimously Approved.

Director's Report

- Band Report given by Mrs. Baxter – Halftime Show is coming along well, lots of excitement. Reminder that this Thursday night is parent preview.
- Update from Mrs. Lagen given by Rick Whitmire – Choirs and Strolling strings practice has started, and there have been meetings with Boosters discussing fundraising for their Honors Choirs and Honors Orchestra trip to Italy.

Old Business

- **Introduction of Newly Elected Board Members for 2026-27**
 - President – Rick Whitmire
 - Vice President – Christie Polito
 - Secretary – Emily Dauster
 - Treasurer – Tina Lee
 - Membership Coordinator – Iris Epstein
 - Alumni Representative – Kevin Boger
 - 10th Grade Representative - Voula Papageorgiou
 - 11th Grade Representative – Valerie Durbin
 - 12th Grade Representative – Lauren Jones
- **Election of 9th Grade Representative** – After a description of the Boosters board role by Rick Whitmire, Mrs. Baxter assisted with the nominations and elections of the 9th grade representative.

- **Nominations for 9th grade representative from the floor:** Stephany Polanco, Jean Ma
- **Jean Ma** was elected 9th grade representative by a vote of 25 to 21

New Business

- 1. PHS Music Booster General Membership Meetings (start at 7:15 PM)**
 - a. 11/17, 2/16, 5/18
- 2. PHS Music Booster Executive Board Meetings (start at 7:15 PM)**
 - a. *Dates subject to change: 8/25, 9/29, 10/27, 12/15, 1/26, 3/30, 4/27
- 3. Volunteering**
 - a. Spirit Wear for the Band ends 8/18
 - b. Spirit Wear for Orchestra and Choir - Tina Oravetz: Reported that the store is planning to be out at the beginning of the school year, within the next week or two, expecting to have orders in by September 30th and expected to have the orders in before the concerts
 - c. Senior Posters – Christie Polito: Reported on the Senior Posters, gave an overview of what the posters are, and invited anyone who is familiar with the software Scribus or may be creative to connect with her after the meeting. The process for creating a redesigned Senior Poster will be starting soon.
 - d. US Bands – Rick Whitmire: Gave an over view of how volunteering for US Bands is \$10 per hour, and Collegiate Band volunteering for concession stand. Since these are not working with kids' clearances are not needed.
- 4. Concessions and Equipment Crew**
 - a. Concession Stand Open House 8/20 at 7pm: Iris Epstein gave an overview of the Concession stand and open house later this week.
 - b. Equipment Crew: Rick Whitmire and Iris Epstein gave overview of need for volunteers to the Equipment Crew. Other comments from Boosters members present including first-hand accounts and positive reinforcement.
 - c. Concession Stand Communications and Sign-ups (Saturday and Tuesday, or Monday and Wednesday) The days reminders will be sent are dependent on the game day of the week.
 - d. Collegiate Band Festival 10/4 (drinks and candy concessions, trash)
- 5. 6ABC Thanksgiving Day Parade**
 - a. Parent Bus – Clarified that the band will be called at 5am
- 6. Fundraising-Choral, Vera Voce, Honors Orchestra**
 - a. Calendar of fundraisers – Iris Epstein: Reviewed the Fundraising calendar including Gertrude candy bars, car wash, calendar raffle, and more. There will be an email going out soon that will have details for all members.

Working Items/Open Forum

- General open discussion around fundraising, and concession stand, and other volunteering events. It was reinforced that background screens are necessary for working with the kids.

Upcoming Key Dates:

- 8/21 – Show Preview Night: is 8/21 at 8pm, 7pm concessions open house and information session
- 8/28 – First Football Game (AWAY vs. Phillipsburg)
- 9/4 – Football Game (AWAY vs. Freedom)
- 9/11 – Football Game (AWAY vs. Easton)
- 9/17 – THURSDAY GAME Football Game (HOME vs. Stroudsburg)
- 9/25 – Football Game (AWAY vs. Northampton)
- 9/26 – First Flag Band Festival at Easton Area HS – SAT 5pm
- Football Game (HOME vs. William Allen) 10/01-THURSDAY GAME
- Collegiate Marching Band Festival at J. Burney Crum Stadium 10/4 - SUNDAY
- 10/7 – Garter Bowl
- 10/19 – PMEA Choirs: All day auditions
- Football Game (HOME vs Dieruff) – 10/09 HOMECOMING
- Football Game (AWAY vs. Central Catholic)
- Football Game (HOME vs. Whitehall) 10/24 SENIOR NIGHT
- Football Game (AWAY vs. Emmaus) 10/30
- King Frost Parade 10/31
- USBANDS Class A High School Marching Band Championship
- 6ABC Thanksgiving Day Parade
- **Next General Boosters Meeting: November 17, 2026 at 7:15 PM**

****This list is not inclusive of all 2026/2027 key dates****

Other Business:

- None

Motion to adjourn meeting by Voula Papageorgio and seconded by Tina Lee. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm