

Band Booster Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm by Mark Gamm (MG).

Motion to approve December 2nd, 2024 Booster Meeting Minutes by Stephanie Groetsch (SG).
MG seconded the motion. Motion carried

-Treasurer's Report

CD matures January 29th, 2026. 1.7% interest rate low. Look for different bank. Money Market is at 2%. Viking and Bell Bank are suggested.

-Director's Report

Nick Mason (NM)

Ready. Set. Fund! Started today. Goal of \$12,000. The funds are divided between the different ensembles based on student participation.

Ward Miller to have music finished by All-District Band Concert

Ingrid Welna (IW)

NWMBDA Honor-Band included 2 8th graders and a senior. Transportation via van was provided. The boosters may receive a bill.

\$1,000 from Shaun Johnson concert. Money to go to jazz fronts and maybe new cymbals and throne for the Middle School.

-By-laws

Reviewed updates in December

Clarified language.

Nominations for positions in meeting prior to September's opening annual meeting where vote is taken.

Quorum needs 50% of board.

Board includes 4 officers and up to 6 members.

All boosters, board and parents, get an equal vote.

MG motioned to approve by-laws. Christopher Grieve seconded the motion. Motion carried.

-Fundraising

Can Recycling contact Chad Faber is getting back to MG about 4th receptacle.
Cub Foods wants it moved. Rob Travis to replace signs.

Cub Foods bagging earned \$1277. \$141.94/student that worked 4 hour shift. Suggestion to drop shift number to 5 students maximum per shift.

MVP cards - SG said Kim not ready yet. She will follow up. Deadline for cards is March 11th.

Shaun Johnson concert earned \$1000 dollars.

Woodfire Pizza date options are June 4, 11, or 18.

-Fundraising continued

Pizza Hut - Janel Zappe volunteered to contact for their fundraising opportunity.

Band Bash - Poster done. QR code on poster, website.

-Band Bash

Sponsorship calls to Steffel Pest, Randy Fischer REalty, Diamond Buick, Larson Insurance, Evolve Orthodontics, Elks, Neighborhood National, Christianson Group, Pike and Pint and Achieve Wellness.

Additional sponsorship ideas include Hilltop Lumber, Alomere, Sanford, Douglas Machine, Cullen's, Aagard, Thrivent, Alex Motors, Massman, Vance Thompson, Arrowwood.

Advertising - posters at churches, coffee shops, library, Carlson Music, etc. NM to forward or attach Band Booster emails so they reach more students and parents.

MG to pitch the Bash at Wake Up Alexandria on Friday morning.

Add to the Douglas County Community Calender which connects to the weekly Chamber Calendar.

Broadway Ballroom info - Gina Travis negotiated free microphone and A/V use. Bowling League to make a probable donation. The 3rd room will be included if needed. National Womens Bowling Tournament will help advertise.

-Other

Elks does not care what happens with the trailer.

Volunteer coordinating around parades - announcement at March 11th meeting for volunteer meeting details.

1 person to coordinate with NM so he's not bombarded - go to should then communicate with the rest of the volunteers.

Next Tuesday the 21st is the marching band closet clean-out at 5pm.

Probable marching dates include

	Alexandria Memorial Day Parade on May 26th	
	Benson	June 14th
	Albertville	June 15th
	Litchfield	June 17th
OR	Waconia	June 21st
	Roseville	June 23rd
	Milaca	June 24th
	Sauk Rapids	June 27th
	Vikingland	June 29th
	St. Joe and Apple Valley	July 4th

Valleyfair likely on July 5th. Tentative Band Banquet on July 9th.

Band shirts receiving positive feedback with their light weight.

Student Account sheets sent out - an option for a family account.

JZ motions to adjourn, SG seconded. Motion carried at 7:27pm.

Attendees

Carrie Gamm

Mark Gamm

Gina Travis

Janel Zappe

Stephanie Groetsch

Cory Groetsch

Chris Grieve

Ingrid Welna

Nick Mason

Secretary

President

Booster

Vice-President

Treasurer

Booster

Booster

MS Band Director

HS and Marching Band Director