

- I. **Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance** – Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.
- II. **Band Director's Report.** Band camp is going well; the kids are doing well. He is happy with their progress.
 - a. Monday and Wednesday next week will be held at the stadium
- III. **Auxiliary Report** – No update.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report May and June 2025** – Rick Moore reviewed the reports with the group.
 - a. Motion to approve: Beth Geitner. 2nd: Chrissy Wolski. Motion passes.
- V. **Approve meeting minutes from 5/13/25 meeting**
 - a. Motion to approve: Meredith Hirsh 2nd: Matt Hoff. Motion passes.
- VI. **Forms and Payments**
 - a. The links have been sent out via Cut Time for the Health Information Form and Medication Permission Form. These forms must be completed ASAP. It is important that the band have access to these forms during band camp so they can determine how to properly treat any child with any ailment during camp.
 - b. Assessment fees and patron membership payments are due 8/31/25
- VII. **New Business**
 - a. **Band Camp**
 - i. Going well.
 - ii. A lot of food is offered to the students – no kid should be hungry
 - b. **Band Camp Lunches**
 - i. Need 2-3 volunteers next year to chair band camp lunches
 - ii. Still need volunteers to help out at lunch for this year
 - c. **Snack Chair needed!**
 - i. Duties: Purchase snacks for kids – bottled water, chips, sweet treat
 1. Special occasions: Chick Fil A/Pizza
 - ii. If you are willing to be the Snack Chair, please reach out to Jennifer Schafer. You must have your clearances and be a current band patron member.
 - d. **TJ Band Handbook**
 - i. Located on the band website: tjband.com. Schedule is contained within the handbook
 1. Band member and parents must read the handbook, sign the last page, and turn in signature page to Mr. Mirabella ASAP.
 - e. **Gator Updates**
 - i. The Gator is blue. We are working on getting it wrapped in black prior to the first football game.
 - f. **Fundraisers**
 - i. **Paw Prints – Chairperson: Eric Droppa**
 1. Cost: \$25/\$20 earned in student GSA per paw print sold
 2. See tjband.com for more information.
 - ii. **Goodwill – Band Fundraiser**
 1. Need someone to organize this. Melissa Huber volunteered.
 2. Goodwill – kids work at Goodwill in West Mifflin and earn money for the band.
 - iii. **Car Wash – Band Fundraiser**
 1. Need someone to organize this – Melissa Huber volunteered.
 2. Duties: Call Tavern In the Hills; set up for August/September date for car wash.
 - iv. **Hoagie Sale – July 28th-August 7th**
 1. We are in desperate need of a Hoagie Fundraising Chair – Deann Felix volunteered.
 2. \$11.00 per hoagie/pizza; \$4.00 per item into GSA
 3. Pick Up date: Thursday, August 28, 2025 in TJHS Cafeteria
 - a. April Smith can be at each pick up to help sort and distribute.

v. Applelicious – GSA fundraiser

1. Doing it for Thanksgiving delivery
2. Need a chairperson - Karen Turnquist volunteered.

vi. Aramark – need chairperson!

1. Aramark fundraisers are a way to earn money into your child's goal setting account (GSA). Once you successfully complete RAMP training (see tjband.com for details), you can volunteer to work concession stand at any available Steeler games, Pitt football games, concerts, miscellaneous events to earn \$165 + commission per event.
2. The chairperson does not need to be present at every event.
3. If we do not get a chairperson, then this fundraising opportunity will no longer be able to be offered.

vii. TJ Spirit Wear Fundraiser – general band fundraiser

1. Check tjband.com for details
2. Opportunity to purchase TJ Band Spirit Wear to raise money for the band.

g. Spirit Nights

i. Al's Cone Zone – 8/6/25

1. Purchase yummy ice cream at Al's Cone Zone, mention that you are purchasing for the TJ Band, and the band earns money.

ii. Meredith will find a Spirit Night for October

1. Will reach out to Chick Fil A

VIII. T-Shirt Orders

- a. Extra t-shirts are available to order for \$15.00 each
- b. Orders are due by 8/1/25.
- c. Order forms are located on tjband.com.

IX. Letterman Jacket Fittings/Orders – Tuesday, August 5th 3:15-4:00 pm in Fine Arts Lobby

- a. Deposits are due at the time of fitting.
- b. Order forms are available on tjband.com.
- c. LeWay is flexible with payments
- d. Balance is due upon receipt of Letterman jacket.
- e. Mr. Mirabella allows the kids to wear Letterman jackets in the stands in cold weather as long as everyone has a Letterman jacket to wear.

X. Band Photos – Thursday, August 7th – 4:30 pm at TJ Stadium

- a. Every student must attend. They will get an individual photo, a section photo, and a large band photo.
- b. Senior parents get photos with their senior students at 4:30 pm.
- c. Parents of non-seniors can drop their children off and return to pick them up – have your child text you that they are ready.
- d. Order forms can be printed from tjband.com. Payment is due at the time of photos on 8/7.

XI. Kennywood Parade – Friday, August 8th

- a. Each kid will be given \$20 cash for food. They will have to load the money to a card at Kennywood or use their own card and keep the cash, as Kennywood is cashless.
- b. 7:30 pm Parade Start Time!
- c. We have a pavilion for the kids to utilize.
- d. On the website, there is a discount code for Kennywood – buy your ticket ahead of time.

XII. Pleasant Hills Community Day Parade – Saturday, August 9th

- a. Call Time: TBD
 - i. Students to be dropped off at Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Church, usually around 9:00 am
 - ii. Kids are dismissed after they play the Star Spangled Banner.
 - iii. Students will be told by Mr. Mirabella what to wear for the parade, typically Summer uniforms – new t-shirts, shorts, low socks, and sneakers.

XIII. AlbyPalooza – Saturday, August 16th at 7:00 pm at Dance Hall on Waterman

- a. Alumni party – about 740 alumni in attendance
- b. They requested to have the band play at this event.
- c. This is a voluntary event open only to Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors
- d. Please complete the Form online to gauge interest by 8/8.
- e. Big instruments need to be borrowed from the band room and brought to the venue on their own.
- f. Each student must provide their own transportation to and from the event.
- g. Majorettes and Color Guard will not be performing at this event.

XIV. Pitt Band Day – Saturday, September 6, 2025

- a. Pitt invites middle and high school students to perform with the Pitt Marching Band at a home game.
- b. This is not mandatory, but it is a great opportunity for the kids
- c. RSVP with Italian/Turkey/Veggie hoagie choice
- d. Two consent forms need to be completed for participation, per Pitt.
- e. Kids will be provided bottle of water, chips, sandwich – DiCarlo's/Fuzzy's
- f. Cost is \$15.00 per kid
- g. Parents can purchase tickets to the game on the Pitt Band Day website.

XV. TJ Band Festival – Saturday, October 4, 2025

- a. Chairperson: Cherise Sandrock
- b. We need EVERYONE to volunteer at least 2 hours at this event.
- c. Do not need to be a patron to volunteer at the band festival.
- d. An evening of halftime shows – all marching bands perform for each other.
- e. Biggest fundraiser for the band.
- f. Starts at 6 pm
- g. We have 9 visiting bands signed up
- h. Penn West University is the college feature band.
- i. Everything shuts down during TJ's performance so every parent can watch TJ's performance.
- j. Corporate Sponsors
 - i. 10% of your sales goes into your child's GSA.
 - ii. More information to come.

XVI. Additional Items

- a. Next Band Patrons Meeting: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 in LGI at 7:00 pm.
- b. **Beth Geitner: Chaperone Coordinator**
 - i. Volunteer forms need to be completed for chaperones, roadies, and snack coordinator
 - ii. Sign Up genius is out there on the tjband website.
 - iii. Need to have up to date membership payment to chaperone or roadie.
 - iv. Need a chaperone coordinator for 2026-2027
 - 1. It is not a requirement to be at every event, but you do need to organize every event.
 - 2. Let Beth know if you are interested.

XVII. One Call vs. Cut Time – communication systems for Band

- a. Cut Time sends a text saying check your email.
- b. Email contains the message.
- c. One Call does send text messages directly.
- d. More information to come.

XVIII. Next Disney Payment is due on August 15, 2025

XIX. Motion to adjourn: Beth Geitner 2nd: Deann Felix. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.