

June 3, 2025

## Alexandria Band Booster Meeting

Attendees – Carrie Gamm, Carrie Smoley, Gina Travis, Mark Gamm, Mari Stockford, Janel Zappe, Stephanie Groetsch

6:01 pm called to order

May 2025 - Minutes – CS Motioned, MS seconded. All in favor

### Director's Report

- MMEA all state is \$887 + \$60 “insurance”  
Scholarships? Matching, full, partial...
  - GT – partial suggested
  - SG – suggested covering allReimbursement is an option if already paid – given a receipt  
JZ - suggested budgeting \$2,000 per year  
Future using student funds for similar things such as honor bands or Youth in Music  
SG made motion to pay for this years MMEA student. CS Seconded. Motion approved
- New schedule and FTE allocation for music department.
- Table picnic, group photos and outfits until July meeting
- Marching Band
  - Amber offering to donate pulled pork for the banquet. We'd provide buns and sides. Get it in writing. Do “in-kind” donation – ST3 form write-off
- Pot-luck July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.
- Honor Guard helpers on pizza night

### MS Director

- Jazz Ensemble
  - Vibraphone mallet paid by jazz fund.
  - Shaun Johnson on schedule December 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - Alexandria Beat the Winter Blues and Jazz Festival
  - Collaborate with Katy's Swing Band vs doing dance
- JZ – Give directors task items so we know what is band boosters and what are director responsibilities.

### Fundraising

- Can Recycling – Justin from Cub done with cans
  - Chase – going to find different location – picks them up, does not move bins
  - Moving bin next week – maybe by Aagard

- MVP – 11 left MG will bring \$ to bank

CG to post on FB and push last 10 MVP card

- Culvers – JZ talked to John – TBD amount that was raised
- Pizza Hut – JZ reached out again with no response – will stop in this week
- Woodfire Pizza – Volunteers on time, 2 groups of 5
- Vikingland Tent City a few more volunteers
- Band Bash 2026 – JZ put a meeting together

June 5<sup>th</sup> Pike and Pint 6 pm

### **Marching Band volunteer update**

- Passed policy for background checks

Mariah Wirth – Doesn't think we need to do background checks

Waiting for Mason for questions – only do background checks if you're alone with students. Only need to be done if they're alone with students. Lead volunteer and medic for sure – more likely to be alone with students. If we want them all background checked that is fine, too. If all of them have background checks, they are good for 3 years. Alexandria staff are already cleared. MG – follow policy or go back and amend policy.

School may not understand marching band possibilities.

Mason needs boosters to make the call and follow up with Mariah. Medic and lead are not only people who may be alone with a student. Hand on portion increased with younger students needing help putting on their uniforms.

GT will reach out to Mariah again with the booster decision and who is getting the email.

- Alex Motors Providing Truck –

47 students – 5 volunteers, 1 medic, directors and coaches. 2 over coach bus capacity. Hart Travel doesn't want to have 2 half full buses. Instead having a van that Ziemer will drive. Volunteers other than medic in the van. Directors shouldn't be separated from students. Could the truck – trailer drivers take 4 people instead of a van? Mason is not opposed. Don't cancel van and have it as a backup. Hair prep on buses happens often. No one would have their own seat so it would be crowded.

Mason decision about buses isn't budgetary since we offered to pay for extra bus. Van only for adults – no band kids allowed.

### **Open Floor**

- Seamstress – new one next year – do we pay her or not?
- Thank-you **policy** for donors - consistency

CG will come up with a policy that we will review and adjust in July.

We will then come back and vote on them in August.

- Dinkle situation

Wrong sizes – Order one of every size for trying on so no guessing. Let's get a shoe-measuring device from dinkles company. Dinkles.com – band shoes online. Who is the rep?

SG going to check-in with Mason

- Cowing Robards no receipt yet – GT will check in with Aaron if she hasn't heard yet  
Received order weeks ago so they should –  
MG will stop in Friday and ask for invoice for students shirts  
They should be going through Alexbandboosters treasurer.
- MG has receipt for handwarmers.
- DZ has additional receipts for random stuff
- R.S.F. – they take more than 50%

Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 6 pm – Grand Arbor Activity Room

Future meeting dates:

Tuesday 8/5/25

Tuesday 9/9/25

Motion to adjourn by CG, seconded by GT. All approved