

BRBB General Assembly (GA) Meeting
MINUTES - September 8, 2025
SAHS LGI & Google Meet @ 7:30 pm

Attendees (in-person): Carla Vazquez, Michele Haytko, Neil & Tammy Aldredge, Carlos Sanchez, Christine Rueger, Karen Evans, Jennifer Morales, Janel Graham, Michael Long, Jonathan & Kellie Bade, Jenn Ortiz, Kevin DeProspor, Alison & John Horst, Allison Doran, Eric Moyer, Jennifer Jones, Jolyn Cwynar

Attendees (online): Miacoda Mylet, Peter Haytko, Carrie & Trish Summers, Laurel Wade, Karen Duffy

Staff: Alicia Simpson (online)

AGENDA

- **MEETING CALL-TO-ORDER AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- **VOTE** - June 2025 General Assembly Meeting Minutes (previously posted in GroupSpot)
- Quorum attained? **YES**
- Motion to Approve - Tammy Aldredge
- 2nd Motion - Michele Haytko
- Vote: Yay - 16 (12 in-person & 4 online); Nay - 0; 5 Abstain

- **PRESIDENT'S REPORT - *Carla Vazquez***

- Welcome
 - Carla welcomed everyone to the first GA meeting of the year.
 - Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far.
- Upcoming Events
 - Wednesday, 9/10/25 - Final Payment for Disney is due.
 - Friday night, 9/12/25 - The band will not be attending the game this week.
 - Saturday, 9/13/25 - First competition of the year at Great Valley in Malvern, PA. Practice is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and students will need to bring a packed lunch. BRBB will provide dinner before leaving for the competition.
 - Friday night, 9/19/25 - HOME football game vs. Quakertown. The band will perform pre-game.
 - Saturday, 9/20/25 - Competition at Quakertown.
 - Friday night, 9/26/25 - HOME football game vs. Cheltenham - Staff Appreciation Night.
 - Seniors will get information from Mrs. Simpson on how to choose a teacher to be recognized for Staff Appreciation.
- Recruitment for Volunteers in Open Positions - we are still in need of some parents to fill open positions/roles on the BRBB, and could really use Colorguard parent representation on the Board.
 - Recording Treasurer - this is an open EC position.
 - Senior Night Chair - we still need a parent of a senior to help organize items needed for Senior Night, which is 10/24/25 this year.
 - Spring 2026 Car Wash Committee Chair - Neil Aldredge and Peter Haytko volunteered to chair the spring car wash.
 - End of Year Band Picnic
 - Scholarship Committee Chair - this committee is composed of 5 non-senior parent members (the Scholarship Chairperson, 2 underclassmen instrumentalists' parents, 1 underclassmen guard parent, and 1 alumni parent).

- If interested in any of these positions, please reach out to Carla or an Executive Committee member.

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS**

- **1VP Update (fundraising) - Michele Haytko**

- Sponsorship Drive is about to kick off. The payments need to be in by Oct. 1st to have the ads included in the Home Show and Senior Night Digital Programs. If any parents work for a company that would like to have a sponsorship letter request sent out from the BRBB, please reach out to Michele.
- We currently have about 5-6 restaurant nights planned so far, and more to be planned. Our first restaurant night will be held at Margarita's in Lansdale on Sept. 29th (11a-11p). Be sure to mention the BRBB fundraiser when ordering.
- Charleston Wrap Fundraiser will also kick off soon and will run from 10/27 - 11/10. The students will get a catalog with the products for sale. Orders are placed online and shipped directly to the customer.
- Wreath Fundraiser will run during October and November. More information to come at the next GA meeting.
- As a reminder, student credits roll over year to year and can be transferred to younger siblings in the band once the student graduates.

- **2VP Update (concessions) - Karen Evans**

- Friday night's first home football game had an amazing concessions crew mixed with both veterans and first-timers working the stand.
- It was a record night - the most ever sold in the five years that Karen has coordinated concessions (approximately 700 drinks in 3 hours!!)
- CB West was so appreciative of our home tradition of 3rd quarter baked goods, so thank you to all of our bakers who donated yummy treats!
- Next home game is versus Quakertown, and we are expecting the same volume of patrons to the snack stand. We will need more drink donations because all of the drinks were sold out by the end of the night.
- Saturday Suppers are back! The BRBB will be providing dinner for all of the competitions (5). Look for sign-ups to help set up, serve, or donate items. The students will eat typically between when practice is over and when the bus leaves for the competition.
- All sign-ups are in one pinned post at the top of Group Spot.

- **Director at Large Update (volunteers) - Tammy Aldredge**

- Information for the different volunteer roles is posted in Sign-up Genius and on GroupSpot.
- We have increased the number of home game chaperones to 4 per game. Having 4 chaperones allows proper supervision and coverage if a chaperone needs to leave the stands during the game.
- There are no more slot limits. The sign-ups have been open long enough for everyone to have a chance to sign up, so we are opening up all of the remaining slots for anyone to choose.
- Please get your clearances in ASAP if you have not done so already and plan to volunteer. A change this year is that, for the concessions area only, the in-depth volunteer clearances are not needed - only the yearly volunteer disclosure. If you have any questions about this or clearances in general, please speak with Tammy.
- This weekend, we are still in need of 2 chaperones, 1 trailer loader, and 1 trailer unloader. If you are able to help, please sign up on the sign-up genius.

- **Secretary Update - Jennifer Jones**
 - General Assembly meeting invites have been sent out for the next meeting and added to GroupSpot. If you are not getting them, please let Jennifer know. Future meeting invites will be sent out shortly.
 - Next General Assembly Meeting is 10/6/25.
- **Treasurer & Recording Treasurer Update - Christine Rueger**
 - The budgets for the last fiscal year and the current fiscal year are posted in GroupSpot.
 - Thank you to everyone who has paid their membership fees so far. There are only a handful still outstanding.
 - Please complete the tour shirt form online and send in your payments (cash/check) ASAP - please be sure to put the payment in an envelope and label what it is for.
 - Tour shirts (including parents/families' tour shirts) will be tie-dyed by the students.
- **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - **Fundraising (Fall - Car Wash, Wreath Sale, Charleston Wrap Sale, Restaurant Nights)**
 - See notes in 1VP Section regarding fundraising.
 - **Uniforms - Michele Haytko**
 - Thank you to those who sent in uniform agreements. There are still 12 outstanding. Please sign and return to Mrs. Simpson as soon as possible.
 - A digital version of the agreement is also available. Please print, sign, and return to Mrs. Simpson. If you need a digital copy, please send an email to uniforms@soudertonbigred.org.
 - Students will not be responsible for the typical wear and tear of the uniforms. Please take a picture of any damage and send it to uniforms@soudertonbigred.org.
 - Guard uniforms are in process, about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the uniforms are in, some need repairs and hemming.
 - Guard will not wear the new uniforms at the competition this week. Heather will instruct them on what to wear.
 - Shacos (hats) are in production and should be here soon.
 - **Quartermaster - Neil Aldredge**
 - Dan McDonough and Neil did pre-season maintenance on the big red and middle red trailers.
 - Neil filled in a groundhog hole near the shed and eliminated a wasp nest in the trailer.
 - All casters were replaced on the concert bass drum (now there are four instead of the previous 10).
 - Future repairs to include replacing the auxiliary cart casters and replacing a tire.
 - Prop building has started. Thank you to Mike Pilquist, Dan McDonough, and Neil for building the props. There will be 4 5x7 panels with vinyl to represent each city along our "tour". They are currently designing and planning how to build a large car radio prop. Please reach out to Mrs. Simpson or Neil if you are interested in helping to build the props.
 - **Technology & Communication** - no report

- **Social Media - Karen Evans**
 - If you have not followed BRBB on social media yet, please follow. BRBB is on Instagram, Facebook, and X.
 - Izzy McDonough was named Athlete of the Week on this week's Souderton Athletics Instagram Post - WAY TO GO, IZZY!!!
- **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS (IF APPLICABLE)**
 - **By-Laws (Jennifer)** - No report
 - **Financial Review (Carla)** - This committee will be organized in November.
 - **Band Store (Tammy)** - Tammy reached out to Nyce today, since it's been 3 weeks since the store closed. She hopes to hear back when spirit wear items are ready (hopefully by the end of the week). Once available, she will bring spirit wear orders to school to give to the parents or students. (Update after meeting - Spirit Wear Items were handed out on Saturday, 9/13/25; if you have not picked up your items already, please contact Tammy.)
 - **Banquet/Picnic** - Still need a committee chair
 - **Scholarship Committee** - Still need a committee chair and underclassmen parents for the committee
 - **Outdoor Show (Christine)** - The Outdoor show is scheduled for 10/25/25, and we will need lots of help. As of right now, we have approximately 9 bands registered and 1 exhibition college band (Kutztown Univ). More information to come in the coming weeks.
 - **Indoor Show** - No report
 - **Nominating** - No report
 - **RaiseRight (Karen E.)** - *If you ordered RaiseRight gift cards for local grocery stores, Karen Evans has them.*
- **BAND DIRECTORS' UPDATES**
 - Alicia Simpson
 - Tour Shirts Orders for parents and families are due tomorrow (Tues, 9/9/25). The cost of the shirts is \$10; drop payment in the BRBB Red Box. Band Students already have theirs taken care of - Alicia took care of ordering those and getting the correct sizes.
 - There was a question about whether you can pay for Disney balances with a check. The answer is yes, and to see Christine for more information. Some parents indicated that they selected the pay in full option back in June, but just recently got a message saying they owed an extra \$42. Alicia indicated it was due to finalizing the airfare amount and a few extra transportation costs.
- **ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB)**
 - Professional Pictures (from Tommy Meehan) are ready for viewing and purchase. The link is posted on GroupSpot.
- **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**
 - Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm