

BRBB General Assembly Meeting Minutes - November 4, 2024

In-Person Attendees: Calvin Munden, Karen Duffy, Carla Vazquez, Becki Ralston, Stephanie Joyce, Christine Rueger, Dan McDonough, Jennifer Jones, Kim & Chris Dustin, Trish Summers and 2 other parents; Megan Malmquist and Heather Fisher

Online Attendees: Laurel Wade, Tammy Aldredge, Alba Dominguez, Ruth & Brian Dlvver, Janelle Graham, Peter ____ ,

Quorum → YES

VOTE on October GA Meeting Minutes:

-Motion: Stephanie Joyce; 2nd: Carla Vazquez

-Vote: 11 in-person and 7 online voted to APPROVE -> passed

President

Welcome to the Nov. 4th 2024 GA meeting

- Thank you to all the volunteers and spectators at the competitions!!
- Financial Review Committee met on Oct 23, 2024 and completed the financial report for fiscal year 2024
- Recruitment for Volunteers
 - Open EC roles to recruit for 2025-2026: President, 1VP, Treasurer, RT, Secretary
 - Open committee roles: RaiseRight, Restaurant Nights, Senior Night, Wreath Chair, Flower Chair
 - Descriptions of the EC roles are in the ByLaws; other roles are described on the website:
 - https://www.soudertonbigred.org/qatest/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/BRBB_Bylaws_2023_June.pdf
 - <https://www.soudertonbigred.org/qatest/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/BRBB-Parent-Handbook-2024-2025-c.pdf>
 - Please reach out to Becki Ralston (1VP) as well as the person currently in that position if you are interested! You can shadow that person to learn the role. EC roles will be officially nominated in the spring but we would like to identify volunteers early to enable the transition.
 - It would be great to have a color guard parent join the EC to bring the Guard perspective/voice! The only color guard parent on the EC now has a graduating senior.
- Upcoming events:
- Saturday Nov 9, 2024 - National Championship in Allentown, PA.
- Sunday Nov 17, 2024 - Margaritas Restaurant Night
- Saturday Nov 23, 2024 - Lansdale Mardi Gras Parade
- Saturday Dec 7, 2024 - Souderton Holiday Parade

1VP

- Wreath Fundraiser - student pickup Wed 11/27 at 727 Smokepipe Lane in **Harleysville**
- Wrapping Paper deadline extended through 11/16

2VP

- (no report)

Director At Large

- Championships send off
 - Families invited between 1:30 and 2 pm on Saturday to sign the Good Luck banner
- Sign Up Genius addition
 - Snack bag donations (Championships)
 - Ground crew needed
 - Volunteer to drive Middle Red in the parades needed
 - Parent with pick up truck needed to transport the drums to the parades
- Candy donations for parades
 - Send in with your student to put in the band room
- Volunteer clearances
 - Less than 50% of the band parents have updated volunteer clearances on file with the district. DAL will email those parents to let them know what clearances are needed.

Treasurer & Recording Treasurer

- Budget reviewed (sent via email)
 - Final concessions \$9,862, which is \$1862 above budget!
 - Some extra sponsorships were received
 - Downtown Scoop fundraiser: \$80
- Transfer of funds from BRBB to travel agent - anyone with experience on how it was done previously? (not discussed)
- National Championships tickets for sale - \$25/adult. Children 10 and under are free.
- Taxes to be filed this week.

Secretary

- Finding Information on the Website and GroupSpot
 - Website: www.soudertonbigred.org
 - For information that doesn't change within a year: Bylaws, Parent Handbook, Emails for current BRBB officers and band staff
 - GroupSpot - there is one maintained by the BRBB (link below) and one maintained by Alicia Simpson (Big Red Marching Band) that the BRBB doesn't control
 - <https://go.groupspot.app/SW19>
 - For information that changes daily/weekly
 - If you click on the Home button you will see a magnifying glass at top left corner so you can search the site
 - If you click on the Home button you will see the three lines at the top right corner; if you click there you can find the pages for Attachments and Forms. You can also click on Notifications there to ensure they are turned On so you see all new posts/chats.
 - Email is sent out with all forms and important dates and the Sign Up Genius link
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F48ACA92DA46-50378671-marching#/>
 - Feedback provided that it would be more helpful to have one location for all forms, deadlines and Sign Up Genius
 - Secretary will work on ensuring links are in posts/Attachments/Files in GroupSpot.

Band Directors

- Megan Malmquist on behalf of Alicia Simpson
 - Nationals Championship on Saturday - open run-through at end of practice (2:30 pm)
 - All family invited
 - Can watch from the SAHS track
 - Arrive by 2 pm for signing the banner
 - Parades
 - Sat Nov 23 in Lansdale: 11 am report time; 1 pm step off
 - Sat Dec 7 in Souderton: 9:30 am report time; 11 am step off
 - Band Camp 2025
 - Band Camp Handbook to be finalized soon
 - Band camp will be changed to the 1st and 2nd weeks of August 2025 (weeks of August 4 and August 11)
 - Mini Camp June 17-19.
 - Summer Wednesdays 6-9 pm practice (except the 1st week after school ends and the 4th of July week)
 - 8th grade recruiting event to be planned
 - Disney 2025
 - Meeting to be scheduled prior to Thanksgiving; Travel company representative will be there to answer questions
- Heather Fisher
 - Indoor Season starting soon! Interest forms are being collected.
 - Drumline Try It Out Night - date TBD
 - Guard Try It Our Night - Thurs Nov 21
 - Any marching band musician or guard student can participate in either Indoor group.
 - Drumline will have a new GroupSpot site; Guard will use the same GroupSpot as last year.
 - Indoor Home SHow - April 5, 2025
 - 25 groups signed up already!
 - Seeking Home Show Coordinator volunteer → Tammy Aldredge volunteered
 - Indoor Competitions
 - TIA Championships in Wildwood held May 1-4, 2025. Kids will travel to WW on Wednesday night and are excused from classes on Thurs & Fri.
 - Wildwood parent meeting to be held the 1st week of Feb
 - Both groups will participate in TIA competitions but will also do a few non-TIA competitions like MAIN and MAPS.

Topics from any Special or Standing Committees? (if blank, then No)

Outdoor Show - no report

Uniforms - no report

Quartermaster -

- Thank You to Peter Lane for powerwashing and staining the utility trailer and donating a combination trailer hitch for Middle Red
- Repaired a broken resonator on one of the marimbas.
- This Saturday 11/9 will be returning the light tower to Rental World and will also attach blocking for the platforms so that they don't get stuck together again.

Technology & Communication - no report

Social Media - no report

By-Laws - **Vote on Amendments to** Bylaws deferred to the December meeting.

- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ypAQmCovgt0N0rbKsXmpYUrN8xrdrWoa/view?usp=sharing>

Financial Review - in President's report

RaiseRight - no report

Band Store - no report

Band Picnic - no report

Scholarship committee - no report

Indoor Show 4/5/2025 - in Band Director's report

Fundraising committees:

Car Wash - no report

Wreath Sale - in 1VP report

Bingo - Tentative Date is February 21, 2025. Lots of volunteers and ticket buyers needed!

Flower Sale - needs a chairperson

Fair Parking - no report

Restaurant Nights - in President report

NEW - 50th Anniversary Planning Committee - not discussed in meeting

AOB -

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.