

05FEB2024 BRBB General Assembly Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

In person:

Calvin Munden
Karen Duffy
Tammy Aldredge
Neil Aldredge
Becki Ralston
Dan McDonough
Carla Vazquez

Online:

Ruth Divver
Christine Rueger
Adina Thomas
Carrie Skinfill
Tara Lowden
Bill Whites
Alex Lukens

- We have quorum -

Quorum

- Vote on January General Assembly meeting minutes (attached in meeting invitation)
 - Motion - Carla Vazquez
 - Second - Becki Ralston
 - Unanimous approval (12 votes)

President's Report

- Welcome! Thank you to all volunteers for the competition this past weekend.
- No rehearsal or prop-building meeting this Tuesday 2/6
- Watch GroupSpot app for any further updates
- Feb 10 is a guard competition (not drumline)
 - Need truck drivers to pull trailer; we can use the SASD Ford Transit to pull the trailer if we have a volunteer to drive it who doesn't have a vehicle with a hitch.
 - Without a truck driver, the guard can't compete this weekend.

1st VP Report

- Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be postponed until May to focus on other fundraisers; date TBD
- Bingo fundraiser to be held on Friday March 15 at St. Maria Goretti
 - 13 designer bags, ~\$1500 in sponsor donations, and > 40 businesses have donated raffles items
 - Prizes include tickets or gift cards for Dorney Park, Longwood Gardens, Cheesecake Factory, and wine tasting packages.
 - Silent auction includes a photo shoot package and a Day at Band Camp
 - DJ and Bingo Caller have been booked for the event
 - 81 tickets sold to date; goal is to sell max capacity which is 200
 - One person in a party can arrive early (doors open at 6:15 pm) and save seats for rest of party.
 - Students are able to volunteer at this event (though guests must be 21 and over; alcohol will be consumed by guests at this event)
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- Indoor Show April 20th
- Flower Sale Chair needed (sales begin ~ 1 month prior to Mother's Day)
 - The Flower sale is an opportunity for students to earn student credit that can be used for Disney trip!
- Volunteers needed to build props for Indoor Guard & Indoor Drumline

2nd VP Report

- no report

Director at Large Report

- SignUp Genius set up for all away indoor shows - volunteers needed
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F48ACA92DA46-46042038-indoor#/>
- Guard-only competition on Feb 10 (not drumline)
- Times will be added for competitions as we get closer to each event.

Treasurer's Report

- Budget (attached in meeting invitation)
- Fees

Secretary Report

- Please send any information you'd like included in the Important Information email to Secretary@soudertonbigred.org
- GroupSpot to be created for parents and students to share BRBB information, which may be easier for everyone to see than email.

Band Directors' Reports

Alicia Simpson - news about Fall 2024 Marching Band season

- Starting in the 2024-2025 season, Mr. Tucker will step down as Asst. Marching Band Director and Allyson Williams will be the new marching band assistant director.
- BRMB has received an invitation from Congresswoman Madeleine Dean to march in the National Independence Day Parade on July 4, 2025, in Washington DC. Post-meeting note: **Band will not be attending.**
- BRMB will be traveling to DISNEY WORLD in November 2025!
- A new multi-use turf field is planned for SAHS in 2025 - contingent on district vote - **post-meeting note: BRBB does not know the details of this vote.**
- Fall BRMB practices will be held at night M, W 6-9 pm due to staff availability (instead of after school)
- September 7 will be a home show/clinic.
- BRMB will be a part of US Bands in the fall, not Cavalcade, to enable more constructive feedback for the students on their performances.
- Band camp will start August 12; times TBD
- Try It Out Night will be Wednesday May 22 with a mandatory parent meeting at 8 pm.
- BRMB students will be asked to commit to Wednesday night summer sessions. Summer practice is mandatory unless on vacation or sick. Work is not an excuse.
- Memorial Day parade will be held on the Saturday May 25 of Memorial Day at 11 am. Weekend; 8th graders will be invited to participate.
- New uniforms are in the works. Budgeted to receive them for fall 2025.

Heather Fisher - Guard

- No report (not present)

Alex Lukens - Drumline

- Parent preview Thurs Feb 8 at 8 pm (post-meeting note - postponed until March 8)

Standing Committee Reports

- Technology and Communication - no report
- Social Media - no report

Quartermaster

- Completed work:
- Planned work:

Uniforms

- All Uniforms sent to dry cleaner

Band Store

- No report

Special Committee Reports

- RaiseRight was reviewed by Carrie Skinfill. All families reminded to consider using RaiseRight to earn money for your family. All funds you earn for yourself can be cashed out to you, or can be used to help pay for future band trips, like Disney World. There are roughly 1 ½ years from now until the Disney trip to build your earnings in RaiseRight so start now on things you buy every day like groceries!
 - Example: If a gift card is offering 5%, then on a \$100 card purchase, \$5 comes to the band, and of that \$5, 80% goes to you, and 20% goes to the Band Boosters. Spending \$200 on groceries each week in this example could earn you \$400 cash in one year. Special bonuses can give double the usual earnings. Everything can be done through the RaiseRight app so it couldn't be easier. See Carrie Skinfill for questions scrip@soudertonbigred.org
- Student Credit - There are 4 student credit fundraisers between now and Disney in Nov 2025 (2 wreath sales in the fall, and 2 flower basket sales in the spring) for students to earn money to use for band fees and/or trips.

Indoor Show

- No report.

Any other new business

- None

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Motion to adjourn:

2nd: