Godwin Band Booster Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2025

Attendance

Officers	Band Director	Derek Ramsey
	President	Jen Joss
	Vice President	Allie Wright (absent)
	Secretary	Carrie Finch
	Treasurer	Tara Thurston
Committee Chairs	Chaperones	Melissa Winter
	Color Guard	Felicia Ainsa (absent)
	Equipment	open
	Fall Show	Elaine Hahn
	Game Day Meals	April Scott
	Hospitality	Aronne Brooks
	Photography	Nate Clark
	Spirit Wear	Diane Berger
	Uniforms	Christi Colavita & Elaine Hahn
	Ways & Means	Allie Wright (absent)
Booster Parents		Joanne Guce, Emilie Osterfeld, Ray Hahn

At 6:32 PM, the meeting was called to order.

Mr. Ramsey Update

- Car Washes for 2026-27 school year—will keep the 4 carwash plan
- Richmond Christmas parade on December 6—will need chaperones for this event

President's Report – Jen Joss

- No new updates
- Prior business

Minutes were approved and adopted from the July 17, 2025 meeting.

Vice President's Report – Allie Wright

- One large fall fundraiser this year—MoneyDolly—netted $12, 214
    - Will look into other online fundraisers for next year that keep less of a percentage (e.g. SnapRaise-used in 2020, VerticalRaise, etc.)
- Car Wash fundraiser- raised $3958 total. Clarinets/percussion/pit crew raised the most with $1300
- Amazon Wish List (to trial this year)—has gone well. Is on the Godwin Band Website and people can donate using the link throughout the year.
    - Does require someone to update the "Wish List" periodically as items become "fulfilled"
- Will hold an Invitational Sponsorship meeting

Treasurer's Report – Tara Thurston

- $2888 in revenue (United Way and carwashes), $13, 728 in expenses (show design, container, couple of last year expenses)
- Request to move banking to Truist (GAA uses this bank)
    - Will leave existing checking account open
    - Request to move banking approved by Board
- Open high-yield savings account
- Square—associated email of square.gbb@gmail.com with multiple invitations sent. Can use phones directly (vs only dongles, etc)

Committee Reports

Chaperones – Melissa Winter

- Sign-up for chaperones, pit crew and game day meals on website and in newsletter

Color Guard – Felicia Ainsa

- No new updates; need to find a new Color Guard Chair

Game Day Meals – April Clark (ordering meals)

- need volunteers to meet delivery guys or go pick up food on game days

Equipment/Pit Crew – open

- Chad can drive the trailer
- Brian Osterfeld, James, Ray helping with loading trucks, driving as able
- Mike Smizik making reservations for U-haul trucks

Hospitality – Aronne Brooks

- Planning for Hospitality tent for the Invitational—same menu as last year (BBQ)
- Parent volunteers to donate baked goods for judges' tent (Invitational)

- Wristbands—will get pink ones for judges and staff for Invitational

Photography – Nate Clark (absent)

- Goal Memory books to be ordered and available for the 2025-26 Band Bash (will be on January's agenda!)
- Nate to send link to Dropbox to include in the newsletter email (to maintain privacy) for parents/students to have access to this season's pictures

Uniforms – Christi Colavita & Elaine Hahn

- September 5—return bibs
- September 12—Dress in full uniform

Ways and Means / Fundraising – Allie Wright

- Spirit Wear—Diane Berger in charge of Spirit Wear for 2025-26; will use Disco Sports again this year—sold $431 in Spirit Wear (order is in)
- Other Band Merch—stickers and flags—sold $135 at the Parent Preview
- Will try selling flags and stickers at a couple of football games
- Will get the flags into the Cave to be available for purchase as well

Fall Invitational — Elaine Hahn

- Fall Invitational will be October 18, 2025—currently 18 schools attending
- Starting to work on logistics-will move volunteer check in this year to tennis area
- Work with Athletics re: concessions/food
- Traffic control signs—yes to 2 again
- Elaine is speaking to key people to volunteer in specific areas
    - Working on people for traffic control, equipment/trailers, buses—parking
- 5 judges
- To use a different trophy company this year (should reduce costs)

Calendar

All booster members should review the calendar on the website for key dates. Details can be viewed by clicking on the events.

The next band booster meeting will be held in-person on **Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6:30pm in the band room.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.