# WTMBA General Membership Meeting Minutes

**September 1, 2026 7:30 pm**

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| **Meeting Focus** | General membership updates and COB planning |
| **Primary Topics** | Ohio trip, Thursday game logistics, Supper Club, fundraising, financial update, Sept. 19 COB event, volunteers, donations, and upcoming dates |

## Band & Schedule Updates

- Practice ended at 8:30 p.m. due to weather. The group had already completed approximately one hour of stadium rehearsal before lightning moved rehearsal indoors.
- The band is preparing to put Part 3 of the show on the field for the upcoming Thursday game.

## Ohio Trip

- The trip is approximately one month away. The first payment and the required permission slip were due at the time of the meeting.
- Families should have submitted two Centennial School District permission slips: one specifically marked for the overnight Ohio trip and one general field-trip form to keep on file for possible short-notice opportunities.
- Missing forms were identified by the executive board; extra copies were placed with show-shirt bags and were also available at the meeting.
- Families needing additional time for the first payment should contact the boosters. The group indicated that reasonable payment timing accommodations can be worked out.
- The primary trip hotel was reported as sold out. A nearby Holiday Inn was reported to still have availability for additional family members traveling independently.
- Chaperones are being coordinated through a group chat. Chaperone rooms have two beds; room pairings will be finalized after chaperones coordinate preferences.

## Thursday Night Game Logistics

- Because the game replaces the regular Thursday rehearsal, students will rehearse after school before the game.
- Students will change into full uniform for inspection, then remove jackets and rehearse in half uniform before moving directly from the practice field to the stadium for pregame.
- The visiting band is expected to attend the game, so the schedule will include the full game-night sequence.
- Families needing dinner for students may use Supper Club. Orders are $10 and are delivered to the school.

## Supper Club

- Approximately 25 people had signed up as of the meeting.

- Students may also bring a packed meal from home. On some Friday game days, students may remain at the band room between school and call time; on other days they may go home and return.
- Meals are delivered to the school by the participating pizza shop, making it convenient for students who stay after school.

## Fundraising & Student Accounts

- Friday Night Lights apparel generated a reported profit of $727. Student accounts receive 90% of applicable fundraising profit, with 10% going to the general fund.
- The TopGolf fundraiser generated a reported profit of $1,157. The same 90% student-account / 10% general-fund split applies.
- Another TopGolf fundraiser may be considered later in the year, potentially during the winter.
- Gift-card fundraising remains available, including Giant and ShopRite gift cards.
- Two clothing drives are planned in coordination with football: September 19 in the bus loop before the COB event, and May 8 in conjunction with the spring festival.
- The general account balance was reported as $54,766.94 as of the day before the meeting. The transcript also references a student-account total, but the exact figure is unclear in the recording.
- Families may use student-account funds toward Ohio trip payments; timing can be adjusted while recent fundraiser allocations are finalized.

## COB Event - September 19

- The event is expected to include approximately 679 marching students when the host band is included.
- Event flyers will be available for members to post at workplaces, libraries, grocery stores, and other community locations.

### Concessions & Hospitality

- Planned menu items include pulled pork, macaroni and cheese, hot dogs, pickles on a stick, pizza, pretzels, empanadas, coleslaw, and assorted snacks.
- Additional volunteers are especially needed for midday food preparation and errands, approximately 12:00-4:00 p.m. Concessions are expected to open at 4:00 p.m.
- The group requested use of Instant Pots, crockpots, electric roasters, and large coffee makers to help heat and hold food safely. A consolidated equipment list will be prepared.
- Current Coffee, owned by a William Tennent graduate and former marching-band member, donated three pounds of fresh-roasted coffee for the event.
- One or two volunteers may be needed to pick up pizzas and other food orders during the event.

### Volunteers, Parking & Security

- Department chairs will receive volunteer contact information and will reach out with specific reporting times and instructions.
- Parking volunteers will direct buses, trailers, parents, patrons, and accessible parking. Temple University is expected to require separate space for coach buses and equipment trucks.
- A golf cart will be used to assist guests who need accessible transportation between parking and the stadium.

- Security volunteers will monitor the stadium and entrances, help keep aisles and entrances controlled during performances, and watch for heat/dehydration concerns.
- Ivyland EMS is expected to be on site for immediate first aid. The group noted that EMS on site will provide initial care but not transportation.
- Volunteers are encouraged to wear the teal show shirt for a consistent appearance. Security shirts and parking vests are also available for designated roles.
- Student volunteers may help as runners or with non-cash concession tasks. Students may not work in positions where money changes hands.

### Ad Book & Sponsorships

- The ad book had generated approximately $728 at the time of the meeting.
- Commercial ads were closed, but family ads could still be submitted through the following day at the reduced family rate discussed at the meeting.
- The booster organization is updating its corporate sponsorship materials, which had not been revised since 2019. Members with employer or corporate connections are encouraged to help identify sponsorship opportunities.

### Tickets & Donations

- COB tickets will be sold at the door rather than online. Cash and Venmo were discussed as payment options, and wristbands will be used to identify paid attendees.
- Members were encouraged to help secure grocery-store gift cards or other donations that can offset food costs. The group emphasized balancing donations with reasonable purchases rather than overburdening local businesses.

## Other Reminders

- Members should make sure they are connected to the appropriate SportsYou/group chats for updates and volunteer coordination.
- Road-game equipment volunteers will continue to be coordinated through weekly communications. Additional hands are always welcome.
- Senior families were reminded to submit senior photos for the program. At the time of the meeting, only 2 of 10 senior photos had been received.
- Show-shirt orders were sorted and labeled by family/student name; members should ask for help if they are unsure what they ordered or received the wrong size.

## Upcoming Dates

| Date | Event / Reminder |
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| September 19, 2026 | Clothing drive in the morning; COB event later that day |
| May 8, 2027 | Food truck festival and second clothing drive |
| Coming weeks | Homecoming, 8th Grade Night, Senior Recognition Night, Trunk or Treat, and States were identified as key upcoming events |

## Action Items for Members

- Return any missing Ohio trip/field-trip permission slips.
- Contact the boosters if additional time is needed for the first Ohio payment.
- Sign up for an open COB volunteer shift, especially midday food prep, parking, security, food pickup, or floating support.
- Offer loaner cooking/holding equipment (Instant Pots, crockpots, electric roasters, large coffee makers) if available.
- Post COB flyers in community locations.
- Submit any remaining family ad by the stated deadline.
- Share potential corporate sponsorship contacts or donation leads.
- Senior families: submit senior photos for the program.
- Watch email and SportsYou for department-chair assignments, reporting times, and weekly equipment/road-game needs.

**Meeting adjourned 8:05 pm**

**Next general meeting October 6th, 2026 7:30 pm**