# William Tennent Music Boosters Association

## General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** August 2026
**Meeting Type:** General Membership Meeting
**Meeting Began:7:00 pm**
**Attendees:** Members of the WTMBA, including parents/guardians, Nicholas Deifert, and executive board members

### 1. Welcome & General Updates

- Members were welcomed to the general meeting during the first week of band camp.
- The Music Boosters were introduced as an organization of parents, guardians, family members, and friends who support both the **Marching Band and Jazz Band programs**.
- Booster meetings and activities continue beyond marching band season to support Jazz Band.
- Meeting presentations/slides will be made available online when possible so families unable to attend meetings can review the information.
- Members were encouraged to become involved not only as volunteers but also socially. Informal parent gatherings during Thursday rehearsals are being considered.

### 2. Committee & Volunteer Leadership

Several leadership and volunteer opportunities were reviewed:

- **Food Truck Festival:** Sam Heron
- **Senior Recognition:** Volunteer/committee lead needed
- **Equipment:** Current leadership in place
- **Photography/Videography:** Mike Binder; additional photographers and videographers are welcome
- **Publicity:** Tanya, Becky, Stacy, and Mike are assisting; additional help is welcome
- **Webmaster:** Volunteer needed to eventually take over management of the WTMBA website; training will be provided
- **Spirit Wear:** Mary Rooney
- **COB:** Mike
- **COB Ad Book:** Tanya
- **Fundraising:** Staci
- **Uniforms:** Martha
- **Bylaws Review:** Volunteer(s) sought, particularly anyone with legal or policy-review experience

- **Audit Committee:** Will be needed later in the school year
- **Nominating Committee:** Will be organized around January/February.

## 3. Weekly Parent Communication

- Families will receive regular emails containing upcoming events, deadlines, forms, sign-ups, and parent-specific information.
- Booster communications will focus more specifically on information families need rather than duplicating information already distributed through the director's weekly communications.
- Anyone not receiving Booster emails should contact the corresponding secretary.

## 4. Friday Night Supper Club

The **Friday Night Supper Club** will return for the 2026 season.

- La Vera Pizzeria is working with the Boosters to provide approximately **$10 meals** for students.
- Meals are expected to include a sandwich, fries, and a drink; final menu details are being completed.
- Meals will be delivered to the school at approximately **2:45 PM** on game days.
- The option will be available for both home and away football games.
- Orders will generally be due **Wednesday evening** before the game so the group order can be placed Thursday.
- Information and sign-ups will be distributed shortly.
- The early-season Thursday game will also have a meal option even though it is not technically a Friday game.

## 5. Football Game Volunteers

Parent volunteers will be needed throughout football season.

Volunteer responsibilities will include:

- Setting up protective mats/stands for the band seating area
- Serving as rope watchers to protect the band's equipment and designated area
- Assisting with other game-day needs

A **SignUpGenius** will be distributed listing games and available volunteer positions. Training/instructions will be provided for volunteers.

## 6. Football Game Fundraising & Activities

- **Kona Ice** will attend home Friday night football games and donate **20% of proceeds** to the Music Boosters' general fund.

- Cheerleading has arranged for a coffee truck at games as well.
- Families often informally gather after games; information may be shared as plans develop.

## 7. Uniform Information

Uniform expectations and procedures were reviewed.

**Instrumentalists**

- Receive a moisture-wicking performance shirt to wear under the marching uniform.

**Color Guard**

- Will receive a long-sleeve bodysuit to wear beneath the show costume when needed for colder weather.
- The bodysuit will remain with the student for future seasons.

**New Members**
Students receive their initial required personal uniform items as part of their first-year dues, including applicable items such as:

- Performance/undershirt
- Polo
- Socks
- Gloves
- Shoes/Dinkles
- Water jug

Replacement items needed after the initial issue are the responsibility of the student/family.

## 8. Shoes/Dinkles

- Shoe fittings are taking place during band camp.
- Families should immediately notify the uniform team if a student needs shoes but was not fitted.
- One initial pair of Dinkles is supplied to new marchers.
- Replacement shoes are a family expense; the estimated cost discussed was approximately **$40**, subject to confirmation from the current invoice.

## 9. School-Owned Uniform Pieces

- Bibbers/pants, jackets, and overcoats are school/Booster property and remain at the school.
- These items are cleaned and stored on racks.

- New removable name labels will help identify each student's assigned pieces.
- Students should immediately report stains or cleaning needs to a uniform parent so items can be cleaned before the next performance.

## 10. Shakos & Performance Items

- Students are responsible for bringing their shakos to required performances.
- Front ensemble generally only uses shakos for parades.
- Tuba players are issued berets.
- Students will receive/finalize uniform pieces during band camp.
- Returning students who need a uniform size check should see Martha.
- **Black half-height socks, water jugs, and required headwear are part of the pre-performance uniform check.**

## 11. Student Pickup Safety

Families were reminded of an important safety procedure:

- **Do not park or wait along the hill directly outside the band room doors when picking up students after rehearsals, games, or performances.**
- Families should park in the **student parking lot up the hill**, preferably near the stairwell, and meet students there.
- This procedure is intended to reduce pedestrian and vehicle hazards in the area outside the band room.

## 12. Outstanding Payments & Paperwork

- Families with overdue paperwork or payments were asked to complete them as soon as possible.
- Families were encouraged to follow the Boosters on Facebook for reminders, event information, band camp updates, and other announcements.

## 13. Spirit Wear/Fan Gear

- A general William Tennent Marching Band spirit wear store is being finalized.
- A preview is expected shortly, with the store anticipated to remain open for approximately two weeks.
- Merchandise will include general band apparel and items rather than show-specific merchandise.
- Additional sales may be considered later in the year.

## 14. Varsity Jackets & Letters

- Marching Band is recognized as a varsity activity at the high school.
- Varsity jacket information/order forms will be distributed.

- Orders submitted by approximately **October 15** were expected to arrive before the winter holidays.
- Jackets were estimated at approximately **$215**.
- Students receive a varsity letter after completing their first year.
- Families may purchase jackets during any year of participation.

## 15. Show Shirts

- Every marcher receives a **black show shirt** as part of annual dues.
- An optional **teal version** was offered for families/supporters this year to coordinate with the Carnival show colors.
- More than 100 additional show shirts had been ordered at the time of the meeting.
- The show shirt sale closes tonight.
- The competition schedule printed on the shirt was adjusted because the **Great Valley October 10 show was canceled and replaced by Unionville**.

## 16. Student Accounts & Fundraising

The student account system was reviewed.

- Student accounts are **not separate individual bank accounts**.
- Funds are tracked through a separate ledger within the organization's QuickBooks records.
- A student account is established once the student becomes part of the organization/pays dues.
- In qualifying circumstances, funds may be held for younger siblings in the district for up to five years after the older student's graduation.
- Most fundraisers this year are expected to use a **90% student account / 10% general fund** distribution.
- Families may contact the treasurer to request their student's balance.
- Current balances may temporarily lag while active fundraiser totals are being calculated.

## 17. Friday Night Lights Shirts

The combined Friday Night Lights shirt fundraiser with football and cheer was very successful.

- The marching band sold approximately **92 shirts**.
- Football sold approximately **54 shirts**.
- Additional shirts were ordered for sale at home football games.
- Proceeds from the extra game-night inventory will be shared among the participating organizations' general funds.
- Pre-sale fundraising proceeds followed the student-account/general-fund distribution.
- Approximately **$7.50–$7.75 per shirt** was generated for participating student accounts through the presale.

- Parent volunteers will be needed to staff the sales table at selected games; these slots will be added to SignUpGenius.

## 18. TopGolf Fundraiser

- Registration remained open at the time of the meeting, with the formal deadline identified as **August 14**.
- The fundraiser involves multiple participating organizations.
- Cost is **$30 per participant**.
- Approximately **$15 of each registration** returns to the participating organization.
- Families were encouraged to register and participate even if they are not active golfers.

## 19. Grocery/Gift Card Fundraiser

- Families may purchase grocery/gift cards through the fundraising chair as an ongoing passive fundraiser.
- Families interested in purchasing cards should contact the fundraising committee.
- A portion of purchases is credited back toward the student's fundraising account.

## 20. Clothing Drives

Two clothing drives are planned this year in partnership with **football and cheerleading**.

- One will be associated with **COB**.
- Another will coincide with the **Food Truck Festival**.
- The organizations will work collaboratively and share proceeds rather than holding several competing clothing drives within a short period.
- Volunteers will be needed to assist with loading donations.
- Football players and cheerleaders may also be invited to assist with event-day needs and earn volunteer hours.

## 21. Payment Procedures

When submitting cash or checks:

- Clearly identify the **student's name**.
- Clearly indicate **what the payment is for**.
- Cash should be placed in a labeled envelope.
- Checks/payments should include sufficient identifying information so funds can be credited correctly.

## 22. Band Camp Activities

- Uniform fittings - Thurs 8/13 and Mon 8/17
- Shoe fitting - Tues 8/11

- Pool Party - Friday 8/14 (Guard/perc practice will end at 4:30)
- Kona Ice - Monday 8/17
- Movie Night Tuesday 8/18
- Water Fight Friday 8/21

## 23. Pool Party

- WHERE: Maplewood Swim Club, 1169 Rozel Ave, Southampton, PA 18966
- WHEN: Friday, 8/14, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm (pizza served at 6 pm)
- COST: $10 - bring payment with you to the event
- Check make out to WTMBA
- Venmo- please comment "Student name - pool party"
- If you are a member of Maplewood, simply bring your membership card with you

## 24. Friends and Family Football Game and Show Preview

- Football game is early around 10:30 AM-band will play stand tunes
- Show will be approximately 4 pm with picnic to follow
- This event is bring your own picnic, also bring a chair/blanket
- Bring a dessert to share-Shannon Mickle bringing a sheet cake as it is Amelia's bday!

## 25. Celebration of Bands Update

- General membership received an overview of:
- Currently have 9 bands not including WTMB and Temple Exhibition!!! Approximately 440 Marchers, their friends and families, 63 WTMBA and all of us….plus Temple and their families!! Quadruple what we had last year!
- Many Volunteer opportunities/needs
- Need for continued volunteer recruitment-ask that at least 1 family member per Marcher volunteer
- Sign up genius has been emailed
- Concessions-largest need!!!
- Menu ideas discussed included:

  -Marching tacos (italian, salad, Mexican), pizza, tater tots, pretzels, nachos, coffee, carmel apples, mac n  cheese, pulled pork, pickles on a stick and popsicles

## 26. AD Book

- Going well! Continue to sell! Easiest way to ad money to your student account
- ½ price family ads now available

- Ads due by 8/31

## 27. Directors report

- All design and guard equipment is purchased
- Guard costumes and flags have mostly arrived.
- Winds and battery have music to entire show.  Front has movements 1 and 2
- Part 1 drill is written, 2 in progress.
- Final staff position has been offered and accepted - just needs to get district approved

  Goal:  Parts 1 and 2 move and play, part 3 standstill for friends and family.

- 10/10 Great Valley Show has been canceled and we are going to Unionville instead
- Membership was reminded to turn in Paperwork/PIAA forms as well as activity fee, if activity fee not received any payment/fundraising will be applied to activity fee first

## 27. Sports You Communication App

- Families were encouraged to join the Sports You communication app.

  -Mr Seifert shares communication via this app for arrival times, change in schedule, etc

- Additional communication groups will be created for:
  - Roadies
  - Chaperones
  - Volunteers
- Photos and videos will also be shared through the app.

## 28. Buckeye Invitational October 2-4

- Ohio trip planning continues-handout given.
- Hotel information is Best Western In Columbus Ohio
- Cost per student is $350.00. Able to split into 2 payments (1st $175 due 9/1, 2nd $175 due 9/22)

  -Can use Venmo, cash/check, or student account

- Chaperones will be selected by the Band Director.
- Current district clearances are required.
- Decision on transportation (school buses vs coach buses) is still pending
- Itinerary is shared on handout.

  -plan to pack trailer with instruments and luggage Thursday evening 10/1

-Plan to depart 10/2 1:30 pm and return 8:30 pm 10/4

## 29. Upcoming Important Dates

- 8/22/2026 ~ 9am call time - Morning Football Game
- 8/22/2026 ~ 4:30pm - Picnic / Family and Friends
- 8/23/2026 - TOP GOLF
- **9/19/2026 ~ All Day/Evening - COB COB COB**
- 10/16/2026 - Homecoming and 8th Grade Night
- 10/30/2026 - Senior Recognition Night
- 10/29/2026 - Trunk or Treat
- 10/31/2026 - STATES!!!!

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST - 7:30PM**

# Action Items / Upcoming Communications

- Distribute football game volunteer SignUpGenius.
- Send Friday/Thursday Night Supper Club ordering information.
- Recruit volunteers for Senior Recognition, webmaster duties, photography/videography, publicity, and bylaws review.
- Complete shoe and uniform fittings during band camp.
- Release the general band spirit wear store.
- Distribute varsity jacket ordering information.
- Send reminders for TopGolf registration.
- Add Friday Night Lights shirt-sale volunteers to game SignUpGenius.
- Coordinate clothing-drive volunteers for COB and the Food Truck Festival.
- Continue weekly parent-focused Booster communications.

**Adjournment:** 8:10 pm