

Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2025 / 7:00 PM / OHS Band Room

Attendees: Mitch Piersma/Director, Jessica Grove/Director, Sarah Patin/Co-President, Tracy Marks/Vice President, Jena Jacobs/Treasurer, Jessica Wilson/Secretary

Absent: Tami Stout/Co-President

Agenda:

1. Approved August 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

2. Next Meeting: October 6, 2025, 7:00 pm

3. Fundraiser Updates

➤ Current

■ Gus Macker- \$7492, expenses \$3088, TOTAL RAISED: \$4,404.00

■ SnapRaise- \$18,000 raised so far, ends 10/2/25

➤ Upcoming

■ Band-A-Thon- Nov 21-22, 4:00 pm - 4:00 pm

- Raffle- items put together by students (by section), will need to start collecting items after marching season

■ Mattress sale - March 1, 2026

■ Cookie sale - March/April 2026

➤ Ongoing

■ RaiseRight

■ Amazon Wish List - <https://a.co/8Ee8U12>

➤ Other Ideas

■ Allegan Event Center- Consider Dec 11th or 18th (must be on a Thursday)

■ Klassic Arcade

■ Restaurant fundraiser (Pizza Hut, Culvers, Noodles)- Feb/March

■ WMU Tickets for an athletic event (hockey, basketball). We would receive \$6 from the sale of each ticket from the band.

■ A blanket/towel sale. This could be a fun item we sell to have a new towel for the beach or for the bus ride on the way to Florida.

■ Coupon Books for the Plainwell, Allegan, Kalamazoo and Battle Creek Areas. The books are \$25 each, we receive \$12.50 for each book sold. No upfront fees, sold on consignment. Would make great holiday gifts. If we run the sale before Thanksgiving they will arrive before Christmas. Decided not to do this for this year.

- Growlers Base Ball Game in the spring. The band would play the National Anthem before the game. Similar to WMU, we would receive a portion of the tickets our Otsego Bands sell. May be hard to do in May since it is already very busy.
- Book fundraiser

4. Bank Balances

Honor Credit Union (Updated 09/09/2025)

Savings:	\$ 5.00
Checking:	\$26,900.04
Marching:	\$ 44.45
Tengam Band	\$10,089.06
Tengam Choir	\$ 68.85
<u>Trip</u>	<u>\$70,331.99</u>
Total:	\$107,439.39

PayPal Balance: \$7482.42 will be transferred to bank account after noting payments for students/OBI entries/OBI ads)

TOTAL for all accounts (Bank and PayPal): \$114,921.81

5. Upcoming/Recent Purchases

- Grill: \$546.62: Royal Gourmet 8-burner event grill with folding side tables and cover, purchased 9/9/25, arriving 9/11-9/12, free shipping to the school
- Props cost to date: \$1692.43

6. Upcoming Events

- Sep 12, Home Football Game (Homecoming)
- Sep 20, Portage Central Invitational
- Sep 27, Otsego Band Invitational, Creative Arts Parade
- Oct 3, Home Football Game
- Oct 4, Hastings Invitational
- Oct 9, Elementary School Performance
- Oct 11, Kenowa Hills & Vicksburg
- Oct 17, Home Football Game
- Oct 18, Reeths Puffer at Mona Shores
- Nov 21-22, Band-A-Thon
- Dec 2, Middle School Christmas Concert
- Dec 4, Holiday Extravaganza Concert for Symphonic and Concert Bands
- Dec 6, Otsego Christmas Parade

7. Old Business

- Band Booster table at OMS open house went well
- Senior banners at the stadium are wonderful!

8. New Business

- Florida trip updates
 - Hotel: not finalized until Oct/Nov
 - Final Cost: Tentative: \$2178 for quad-actual final cost will be determined approx. 30 days prior
 - Universal: Possibly a Director decision-should be discussed with Jeff
 - Booster payment would be best if made by Oct/Nov to reduce the amount of refunds if students have overpaid
 - Medieval Times: Orlando location, April 7, tentative 5:15 PM
- OBI planning
 - Next meeting- Sept 16
 - OBI program
 - 24 business/36 student ads placed
 - Students have started asking businesses (Kelley mentioned she could push deadline out to 9/19)
 - Parking lot lighting/possible light rental
- A suggestion was made to invite the football team to watch our band at OBI
- We will plan for another pool party post-season

Reminder: When making purchases, please take a picture of the receipt and email to the treasurer@otsegobands.com so Jena can reconcile with the account as the charges come through.