

Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2025 / 7:00 PM / OHS Band Room

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

Absent: None

Agenda:

1. Approved November 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes
2. Next Meeting: Wednesday, Jan 14, 2026, 7:00 pm
3. Fundraiser Updates
 - Recent
 - Holiday Concert: **\$278** (ornaments, slapstick raffle)
 - Received a grant from Parker: **\$300**
 - Value-Added Food Sales volunteering total: **\$1824**
 - 11/8/25, 1232 boxes packed, raised \$924
 - 11/15/25, 1200 boxes packed, raised \$900
 - Band-A-Thon total raised: **\$12,795.32**
 - Pledges: \$9752.32
 - Cash donations/sales at event: \$642
 - Silent auction raised: \$1881
 - Donation from Becky Bohl (for cookie sales and tips): \$520
 - Student basket that earned the most money (\$130) and pizza party winner: Lions One Pride basket
 - Upcoming
 - Culvers fundraiser- Tues, January 13th, 5-8pm (sales $<\$2500=5\%$, $\$2501-\$5500=10\%$, $>\$5501=15\%$)
 - Mattress sale- March 1, 2026
 - Cookie sale- March/April 2026
 - Other
 - Allegan Event Center- Feb 5th is available, 4-9pm (there is no school on Friday). When 20+ sign up, we receive 20% from the entire admission paid that night.
 - Growlers baseball team is planning a "Battle of the Bands" at the stadium with kids playing pre-game, during, and post-game, with the bands entertaining before fireworks. Band admission is free, and we would receive \$5 for each ticket sold.
 - Sounds like a fun opportunity, but a date has not been confirmed. This could be a benefit if scheduled during the school year.
 - Annual Crafting Day- planning has started, HS cafeteria is

reserved on 5/2 (prom is 5/9), will use Sign Up Genius for food donations and volunteers to help set-up/take down. Will also need band students to valet (help bring participant's items from the parking lot to the cafeteria).

- Towel sale (anytime)- Fun idea to purchase before our Florida trip. It would be a design of our choosing, and available 3-4 weeks after order is received. Towels are 30" X 60", cotton terry back and velour front.
- Klassic Arcade, WMU athletic event
- RaiseRight
- Amazon Wish List - <https://a.co/8Ee8U12>

4. Bank Balances

Honor Credit Union (Updated 12/14/2025)

Savings:	\$ 5.00
Checking:	\$36,690.01
Marching:	\$25,049.61
Tengam Band	\$10,089.32
Tengam Choir	\$ 68.85
<u>Trip</u>	<u>\$19,688.51</u>
Total:	\$91,591.30

PayPal Balance: \$11,794.62 (Student coat \$/ad \$)

TOTAL for all accounts (Bank and PayPal): **\$103,385.92**

Plan to move \$12,000 from Band-a-Thon into trip account

5. Upcoming/Recent Purchases

- Payments of \$700 were paid to all of the registered students for the trip. Payments were added directly to the student accounts at Bennett Travel. If the remaining students that are not registered still plan to attend, \$700 will be added to those accounts as well.

6. Upcoming Events

- Jan 13, Culver's Dine to Donate fundraiser
- Jan 31, MSBOA District Solo & Ensemble
- Feb 15, Pre-Festival Winter Concert- Sunday Spectacular
- Feb 24-27, MSBOA District Band Festival
- Mar 1, Mattress sale
- Mar 21, MSBOA State Solo & Ensemble
- Apr 6-11, Band Florida Trip
- Apr 21, Side-by-Side Concert with WMU Symphonic Band!
- Apr 22-23, MSBOA State Band Festival (at OHS)
- Apr 27 & 29, Collage Concert Rehearsal
- Apr 30, Collage Concert #39
- May 2, Annual Crafting Day fundraiser
- May 5, Band Awards Night
- May 15, Jazz in the Park (at Top Pavilion)
- May 19, Swing Out Performance
- May 20, Graduation Performance
- May 25, Memorial Day Parade

7. Old Business

- Band jackets- Jena will find out from Cronen when they will be done
- Florida trip updates
 - Drivers (tentatively Matt Begeman and Terry Thomas) will need Class C CDL
 - Band will be marching in Magic Kingdom parade on 4/8/26
 - Tami scheduled to meet with Superintendent regarding insurance
- OBI program final revision has been submitted, tentative delivery date is 12/29/25

8. New Business

- Hoping for a Jazz Band concert in cafeteria end of Jan
 - Band Boosters to provide refreshments

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.