



CUMBERLAND VALLEY BAND BOOSTERS

Cumberland Valley Marching Band

P.O. Box 173

New Kingstown, PA 17072

Band Booster Meeting
Thursday, May 22, 2025
7:30pm
CVHS Band Room

Attendance:

Board Members: Nicky G., Kelly K., Bob T., Courtney O., Greg S., Nate B., Amanda A., Cindy V., Eric F.

Other Attendees: Julie B., Jill M., Maureen D., Linda N., Eileen P.

Call to Order- 7:39 PM

- a. A Motion for the Call to Order was Made by Kelly K. and was Seconded by Maureen D.
- b. The Motion was unanimously approved.

1. Band Director's Report

- a. Rookie Camp
 - i. Pretty good turnout for the first two days
 - ii. Last year was a drumline of 7; looking like a possible drumline of 15
 - iii. At least 23 new windplayers so far; will have some drop offs for those that decide it's not for them but will also have some kids who weren't able to attend and want to join
 - iv. Section leaders are getting contact information from interested rookies and adding them to group chats to communicate
 - v. Mr. Farkas will create a new band and parent BAND app groups before band camp, once he has a better idea who is officially joining/returning
- b. Mr. Farkas added a 7th competition to our schedule for next year because we will likely cancel Echoes in the Valley; there are still only 4 bands registered
 - i. October 18th at Conrad Weiser (near Reading)
 - ii. If we end up keeping Echoes, we will probably drop the Conrad Weiser competition
 - iii. Will decide during band camp whether to cancel Echoes so that we can plan accordingly
- c. Mr. Farkas said that we may start a week early with summer practices; probably won't but it is still being discussed.

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. Current account balance is \$61,297 as of 4/30/2025
- b. We've had two Fry Wagon events this month; Cindy V. has not received the information yet to determine profits on the events.

- a. Welcome to new board members Cindy V., Nate B., and Amanda S.!
- b. Board Meeting Announcement
 - i. Board meetings will move to Tuesday Evenings, beginning with the July Meeting.
 - ii. It will still be on the third week of each month and at the same time.
- c. Rookie Camp Reminder
 - i. Rookie Camp is tonight from 6-8:30PM and will be held next Tuesday, May 27 at the same time.
 - ii. The executive board will be in the stadium at 6PM on Tuesday in case any new parents have questions. Mr. Farkas will communicate that to the students.



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d. Trailer Updates

- i. We have a new trailer for the band!
- ii. Dennis G., Mark V., and Nate B. did the customization work on the trailer including proper shelving to fit the instruments. It is mostly complete, with just a few small things to finish. Many thanks to them!
- iii. Mark VanHoy and Bobby Rahal are sponsoring decals for the white and black trailers. Thank you! This is an exciting upgrade to our previous trailers/box truck.
 1. They also cleaned up the black trailer and it looks really nice.
 2. Will send an official thank you note to them.

e. Band Camp

- i. Schedule
 1. Will be held July 28-August 8, 2025
 2. Times of camp
 - a. 1-9PM Monday-Thursday
 - b. 9AM-12:30PM Fridays
- ii. Megan Sporcic Photography is doing band photos this year.
 1. Currently looking at the second Wednesday of band camp (August 6)
 2. Individual photos will be inside and group photos will be outside this year

f. Committee Chair Needs for Upcoming Season

- i. We will be looking for people to take a lead role, preferably 2-3 people to spread the work
 1. No one person should be or will be doing all of the work; that is not the point of the lead roles; the leads will connect with and have support from the board and other parents
- ii. Nicky G. will put together a list of committees and send it out
- iii. More immediate needs are for uniforms and fundraising
 1. We are looking for someone to take point on the fundraising efforts, particularly to organize when fundraisers should happen and to help decide which ones make sense
- iv. Courtney O. with the help of Jerry O., will be leading concessions again this year
 1. Jerry O. will likely be focusing on Visitors for home football games
 2. Courtney O. explained that she will not be leading it next year, so we need people to shadow her some this year to learn the ins and outs of the stand. She will still be around to help the following year but will not be taking point.

4. Committee Reports

a. Fry Wagon

- i. Upcoming events
 1. June 28 @ Hampden Township Fun Food Festival - TENTATIVE; not locked in



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5. Secretaries' Report

a. Contact records

- i. We will be updating our contact records to remove graduating seniors over the next month or two and will move them to the alumni list that we are building. If you are graduating this year but are still receiving emails in July, please send us an email and we will get you moved to the correct list.
- ii. If your child is not graduating but not planning to return next year, please email and let us know so that we can adjust the list accordingly.
- iii. If you know someone who is joining marching band and are not receiving our emails by mid-June, please encourage them to contact us via the corresponding secretary email.
 1. Each year we seem to struggle to get all of our new members on the current contact list and it causes some confusion.
 - a. A parent suggested having it added to the CV Weekend Roundup
 - b. A parent suggested a QR code for information gathering at Rookie Camp instead of a paper form, which can sometimes be difficult to read the writing of students
 - c. A parent suggested creating a Google doc to gather contact information and sending it to the middle school and CV9 band teachers to send out to all of the band students. They would ask them to fill out the form if they are considering marching band so we could add them to our contact list in advance of band camp.

b. Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2025

- i. A Motion to Approve the Minutes of the April 24, 2025 Band Booster Meeting was made by Nicky G. and Seconded by Bob T.
- ii. The Motion to Approve the Minutes of the April 24, 2025 Band Booster Meeting was unanimously approved.

6. New and Other Business

a. Disney

- i. A parent reported that when paying the deposit for Disney in the old system, it was clear that a fee would be added when paying by credit card; it is not clear with the new system. However, according to the touring company, there are still fees when paying with credit cards, but they will not be applied until the final payment. You can avoid these fees if you pay by check and mail them.
 1. Courtney O. will email out the address of the touring company.
- b. A parent asked if we are planning to do an online merchandise store this year
 - i. Yes and with the intent to have merchandise received before the season starts



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7. Adjournment

- a. Hearing no other business, a Motion was made to adjourn by Maureen D. and seconded by Kelly K.
- b. The Motion to adjourn was unanimously passed.

The next Band Booster Meeting will be held on June 19, 2025

Executive Session - 6:30 pm

Band Booster Meeting - 7:30 pm

CVHS Band Room