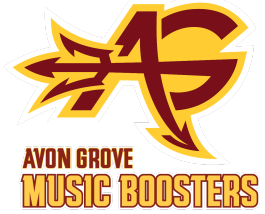


Avon Grove Instrumental Music Boosters



Parent and General Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2025 at 6:30 pm, AGMS Cafeteria
<https://www.agimba.org/>

Attendees

Officers: Wendy Feller, Matthew Miller, Shailendra Pendse, Susan Burns

Directors: Kyle Christy

Members: Amy Brunnuell, Natalie Campbell, Jason Feller, Michael Hill, Kate Kemelis, Heather Miller, Brian O'Neill, Eric Peterman, Chantel Peterson, Bob Ruddy, Elizabeth Schiebe, Jess Wolf

Call to Order

President Wendy Feller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

August minutes were approved.

Director's and District Reports

- Kyle Christy shared that a sign is being ordered for the parking lot at the Engle Education Center to alert people not to park there when rehearsal is in that space. In addition, the lines in the parking lot are now brighter and have reflective glass. The next step is new lighting.
- Ashley Hemlock is Kyle's new administrative assistant.
- Homecoming submissions should be reviewed and responded to in the next few days. We are good to move forward with our raffle baskets.

Music Department Directors Reports

- Krista Umile, orchestra director, sent the following report to be shared:
String Orchestra:
 - PMEA District 12 Honors Orchestra auditions are on November 22. Students need to be registered BY THEIR DIRECTOR by November 7. Please ensure students are communicating with the appropriate director about auditioning.
 - If students audition for more than one ensemble, there are not multiple fees. The fee is only paid once no matter how many ensembles a student is auditioning for:
 - For example - a student will audition for both orchestra and jazz ensemble and only one fee.
 - Questions? Please reach out to your child's music director! Thanks!
 - Philadelphia Orchestra Trip - details are going out to Orchestra members this week. Please ask about the informational letter and payment. Thanks!

Full Orchestra:

- If there is interest in being a part of the AGHS Full Orchestra (woodwinds, brass, and percussion), please have your child/student reach out to Mrs. Umile and express interest. Students are selected for the ensemble based on their

performance and behavior the first semester of the school year as well as past experiences in working with the orchestra

- Full Orchestra begins in January 2026.
- Questions? Please reach out to Mrs. Umile directly. Thanks!

Chamber Ensemble:

- Tentatively beginning on 9/16/25. Sign ups for the group are through Umile.
- If there are special events in and around the school and community that you think a smaller string group would be great for, please reach out to Mrs. Umile to see if the AGHS Chamber Ensemble is the right fit!

Treasurer's Report

Sep Financial Report

August total monthly expenses - \$9,964.70

- \$4,211.98 – Percussion maintenance for the year
- \$2,240.00 – Penn Wood Football start up cash

July total monthly Income - \$1,981.92

- No significant deposits

Fundraising

- Fry trailer
 - o Penn Wood Game 8/29 raised \$3928
 - o Boyertown Game 9/5 raised \$4291
- Spirit Wear Booth
 - o Penn Wood Game raised \$213
 - o Boyertown Game raised \$151
- Show shirts
 - o Through the Fundraising committee raised \$1000 through advertising

Budget review.

- Marching Band: Budgeted for \$22500
 - o Profits - \$17,302.40, approximately \$5900 more than expected (positive)
 - o Expense - \$13,162.54, approximately \$9300 less than expected (positive)
 - o Balance gain of \$15,100 or a profit of \$4100 (positive)
- Band Camp – Budgeted for \$800
 - o Expense - \$775
 - o Balance gain of \$25 (positive)
- Signup Night – Budgeted for \$150
 - o Expense - \$67
 - o Balance gain of \$83 (positive)

Truck Status:

- New Mechanic
- Being Inspected
- Requires new brakes, lines, and an oil change

Old Business

- Wendy gave a shout out to Serafina for helping with band camp activities, to the Fry Trailer team for the preview for the students, and to those who donated ice pops and tents for band camp.
- **Spiritwear** - the spiritwear sale was successful with 41 orders for over \$4400. The items should be in this week and then a message will go out about pick-up during rehearsal. There will be another sale prior to the holidays. Natalie will review the items and logos with the vendor to determine if set up fees can now be waived.
- **Band Camp Week Activities** - Thanks to the parents who chaperoned the band camp activities. Both the bowling event and the pool party were a success and the students enjoyed them. Please provide feedback, if any, to inform planning for next summer.
- **Parking lot lighting** - The Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) has plans to update the lighting in the Engle Education Center Parking lot where the band sometimes rehearses. In the meantime, AGIMBA has 4 cage lights in the storage trailer if needed.

New Business

- **Show props/equipment**
 - Prop frames are basically finished, the team is waiting for the vinyl sheets. They may not be ready for the first competition, but will be by the second.
- **Volunteer Status**
 - All marching band sign up genius links are on the AGIMBA website and are live. <https://www.agimba.org/ways-to-volunteer.html>
 - There have been 53 unique volunteers, 28 of which filled roles that required clearances.
 - 2 chaperones are still needed for this Friday's away football game.
- **Senior Night (10/17)**
 - There are 10 seniors in the marching band. We are still looking for someone to lead this one-time event. Last year we had flowers and a card for each parent/guardian. Last year one of the students suggested that we hand the flowers to the students to give to their parents/guardians.
 - Liz will take pictures.
 - If you are interested in organizing this, please let Wendy know.
 - In addition, we are looking to fill the volunteer slots with parents who do not have a senior, this way the senior parents can enjoy the event with their student.
- **Committee Expectations/Requests**
 - Consider your marketing audience and any requests you will have, including email, facebook, and website posts. If you need a sign up genius, contact Bob Ruddy, he may already have a template!
 - If a budget, petty cash, or a square is needed, please connect with Matt early (a month in advance if possible) so he has time to make the necessary arrangements.
 - Update the Executive Committee on plans and collaborate with other committees as needed. Provide updates at general meetings.

Committee Reports

- **SCRIP** - no report this month.
- **Policy Committee** - The updated bylaws will be up for a vote next month. They will be sent with the agenda for review prior to the meeting. We will be requesting approval with a plan for them to go into effect in January 2026. The committee is also working on policies related to student accounts, make music happen, and volunteer clearances. More to come on those. Contact Susan if you would like to join the committee.
- **Homecoming** - tables are free this year and we will have 2. The email went out to solicit volunteers. The table will include raffle baskets, AGIMBA merch, devil fries, and boba tea if all is approved. The raffle basket themes by section are:
 - Percussion - photo memories
 - Brass - music
 - Woodwinds - fall
 - Color Guard - movie night
- **Fry Trailer** - Jason thanked all the volunteers. There are 24 slots per game and everyone is needed and appreciated. The new point of sale system is helping with sales. They have sold roughly 725 orders of fries thus far. Brian and Jason will be compiling a repair and maintenance list for future planning. The grills are not functioning at peak level any longer and need to be replaced.
- **Band Banquet** - Jess Wolf and Laura Chrobak are the banquet co-chairs. The format will be similar to previous years - eat in the HS cafeteria then move to the auditorium for a recap, to watch the first and last performances, and for awards. There was discussion about having the slide show play throughout the dinner portion of the event on a loop. This can be done on the screens in the cafeteria
- **Santa Breakfast** - Save the date - 12/13/25!
 - The committee has started meeting and sponsorship information is being updated. Let Wendy know if you have a business and would like to sponsor. The sensory Santa event will be the same day again, following breakfast. This is led by Amanda Wilcox.
- **Indoor Shows** - The Color Guard Indoor showcase is scheduled for 2/14/26 and the Percussion Indoor Showcase is scheduled for on 2/28/26. These are both competitions that we host for other schools to come and compete. It is a great opportunity to raise funds and showcase all our school has to offer. Eric is the logistics chair. More information will come on this as the committee begins to meet. Please let us know if you are interested in being on the committee.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the AGMS Cafeteria - meetings are open to all families with students participating in music programs.

Meeting adjourned: 7:49 p.m.

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