

Brazoswood Band Booster Meeting

Tuesday, April 8th, 2025

This meeting is the monthly Band Booster Club Meeting and is held for all parents/guardians of Band and Color Guard to be a part of what goes on in the Buc Band Family. For all information and dates regarding the Buc Band please go to www.bucband.org.

The booster club meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm in the Brazoswood High School Band Hall on Tuesday, April 8th, 2025 by Nicki Schuerg.

President

Nicki Schuerg

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Band Director

Nicholas Shurtleff

- The jazz band tour is now complete, and three championship trophies were brought home. He felt the tour was a success and good for the band program overall.
- UIL Concert and Sight Reading is coming up this week. Itineraries went out by email.
- Next week leadership meetings begin, and boot camp will begin soon also.
- Jazz-o-Rama and Band-o-Rama are coming up. Band-o-Rama will be held in two staggered events on the same night. We will move the event to Gym B but Clute Intermediate and LJI bands will be split. Specifics are still being worked out and details will be provided as soon as everything is decided.
- The next booster meeting will coincide with the parent meeting on April 29th and the show reveal will also be done that night.
- A parent raised a question about some rumors heard from students about changes/reductions in the number of blue team/marching spots for the marching show this fall. The directors assured the parents that there was absolutely no truth to the rumor.
- A parent raised a question about the bond elections and how much will go to the band. Mr. Shurtleff explained how the band would benefit. Mr. Granado also noted that the detail of the allotment of bond funds can be found on the district website.

Secretary

Laura Arthur

- The minutes for the March 18th, 2025 booster club meeting were posted to the bucband.org website and the link was emailed to the membership.
- A motion was made by Nicki Schuerg to approve the March 18th, 2025 Buc Band Booster Club meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Kathy Daniels. A call for any discussion was made, but there were no questions, and no discussion was needed. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.
- The next booster club meeting will be held at the beginning of the mandatory parent meeting on Tuesday, April 29th at 7:00 pm.

Treasurer

Jim Heil

- Reviewed the current financial status:
- Account Balance Summary

- Starting Checking Balance (5/31/2024): \$49,578
- Current Checking Balance (4/7/2025): \$60,994
- QuickBooks Balance (4/7/2025): \$52,403
- Income (6/1/2024 – 4/5/2025):
 - Band Fees Received - \$65,970 (\$76,500 goal)
 - Color Guard Fees - \$13,686 (\$17,425 goal)
- Expenses Since Last Report:
 - UT Arlington Jazz Band Trip Fees Collected \$15,287 (Total Expenses \$19,058)
 - Kemah & UT Essentially Ellington Jazz Festivals \$4,727
 - Concert Clinicians - \$1,350
 - Percussion Audio Engineers/Recording - \$1,750
 - Band Choreography (Fall Season) - \$3,000
 - Solo & Ensemble Piano Accompaniment - \$1,040
 - Legacy Fundraising Gold Cards (Color Guard) - \$2,000
- Expected Expenses
 - UIL Fees - \$1,000
 - Winds 2 Contest - \$600
 - Jazz-O-Rama Fees - \$3,000
 - Percussion Concerts Fees - \$1,500
 - Jazz Studio Album Recording - \$1,200
 - Concert Band Clinicians - \$1,500
 - Drum Major Podiums (2) 72” - \$4,310
 - Equipment Carts (4) - \$936
 - Band Banquet \$3,000
 - Show Design Fees - TBD
 - Show Reveal Video - \$200

1st Vice President - Chaperones

LeeAnn Juarez –

- Thanked everyone for all their help and wished both 1st Vice President candidates best of luck.

2nd Vice President – Merchandising & Fundraising

Keri Deatrick – not present

- Nothing to report.

Food & Beverage

Kendyl Warren/Michelle Shockley

- Boot camp is quickly approaching, and water brigade will be set up to hydrate the students. After the first session, she is requesting that underclassmen parents come out and work so they will be prepared for summer band. She welcomed any volunteers who would like to help.
- They would like to have at least 2-4 people at each event. She especially would love to have dads who can help with the heavy lifting.
- Signups will be requested through the Band app. Boot camp will be held 3 consecutive Tuesdays beginning with April 22nd at 5:30 pm.

Loading & Equipment

Brody Thompson – not present

- Nothing to present.

Uniforms

Adie Walls (not present)/Kristen Winters/Kathy Daniels

- They are working with the directors on a turn in date for the concert uniforms.
- They are requesting senior students to donate gently used marching shoes, pirate shirts and tuxedo shirts if they are able.

Color Guard

Jennifer Valencia

- Guard auditions are coming up from April 22nd-25th
- The Gold Card fundraiser will be going on the following week.

Hospitality

Kristin Fournier

- Banquet information will be emailed out over the next few weeks. Invitations will go out soon. The event is on Saturday, May 10th.
- A Signup Genius link will be sent out for those who want to chaperone and help.

Band Fee/Presto Chairperson

Kelly Lackey

- She is looking for an assistant to work with her over the next year. Please reach out to Kelly at bucbandpayments@gmail.com if you are interested in helping with this.

Scrip Cards

Renee Schuster/Kristen Winters

- Nothing to report.

Photography Coordinator

Jennifer Graves

- Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- 2025-2026 Board Elections
 - Ballots were handed out for 1st Vice President at the beginning of the meeting.
 - Review of the candidates and those present introduced themselves:
 - Nicki Schuerg - President
 - Jamie Butler - 1st Vice President
 - Tami Simmons - 1st Vice President
 - Keri Deatrick – 2nd Vice President
 - Jeremy Arrambide - Treasurer
 - Heather Emens - Secretary
 - Michelle Shockley - Food & Beverage
 - Brody Thompson - Loading and Equipment
 - Reviewed non-standing committee chair positions.
 - Hospitality coordinator – **to be vacant next year**
 - Uniforms coordinator – Adie Walls/Kristen Winters/Kathy Daniels
 - Color guard liaison – Jennifer Valencia
 - Photography – **to be vacant next year**
 - Band fee chairperson – Kelly Lackey; **needs assistance**

- Chili supper coordinator – Nicki Schuerg
- If you have any interest in these positions or assisting/shadowing the current coordinator of a particular position, please reach out to a board member.
- After the ballots were counted, Tami Simmons was announced as the winner of 1st Vice President election.
- All the remaining uncontested elected positions are effectively elected to their positions.

New Business:

- None

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Nicki Schuerg and the motion was seconded by Tami Simmons. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 29th, 2025, 6:30 pm

Next Booster Club Meeting: Tuesday, April 29th, 2025, 7:00 pm