

Avon Grove Instrumental Music Boosters



General Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2026 at 6:30 pm, AGHS Cafeteria

<https://www.agimba.org/>

Attendees

Officers: Wendy Feller, Tascha Peterman, Shailendra Pendse

Directors: Kyle Christy

Members: Eric Peterman, Jason Feller, Bob Ruddy, Laura Chrobak, Liz Scheibe, Shannon Giordano, Heather Miller, Heather O'Neill, Harmony Laughlin

Call to Order

President Wendy Feller called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Minutes

April 2026 meeting minutes were approved. Minutes can be found here:

<https://www.agimba.org/meetings--minutes.html>

Minutes: Harmony Laughlin motioned approval; Laura Chrobak seconded

Director's and District Reports

- **Kyle Christy, Athletic and Activities Director**
 - Nothing to report
 - Wendy asked timing for percussion hire - Kyle says they are still in progress and need background checks and such

Music Department Directors Reports

- **Krista Umile**
 - PMEA 2026-2027 Audition Information will be posted as soon as it is released by PMEA District 12. Auditions will take place in November (location and timing of TBA).
 - General Instrumental Audition Info - 2 prepared excerpts, scales (by memory) - specific list of scales provided to prepare, & sight-reading
 - General Choral Audition Info - 2 prepared excerpts and sight-reading

Treasurer's Report -

- Wendy provided an abbreviated report from Treasurer Matthew Miller that was emailed to her right before the meeting, on the status of the budget, including expenditures and fundraising income. The overall budget status is good. If you would like to review the monthly summary, contact agimba.treas@gmail.com
- April total monthly expenses - \$11,099.24 \$2,770 – Indoor Percussion Drill Payment \$1,862.50 – AGHS Food Services Indoor Shows \$1,332.00 – Business Insurance \$1,120.00 – Jazz Night Cashbox withdraw \$1,000.00 – Indoor Percussion Arrangement \$1,000.00 – Indoor Percussion Arrangement
- April total monthly Income - \$1,187.18 No significant deposits

Truck Status:

- The truck is currently operational; still waiting for back ordered part

Shout out!

- Wendy gave shout outs to Shannon Giordano for a successful Jazz Night and to Tascha, Laura and Susan for their work on the Indoor Programs Banquet.

Old Business

- **Indoor Banquet Recap**
 - Largest group at 197
 - Bites and Delights food- so much food; all good feedback
 - Layout- photo ops maybe not as crowded as last time; maybe it was lack of props?
 - Format of program was good with “lumping” programs to themselves
- **Jazz Night Recap**
 - Food prep was good in regards to counts
 - Still waiting to hear from Kona to see how it went for them...
 - Weather- almost too cold...need to watch wind as it gets pretty bad out there
 - If we put out high top tables, maybe bring out chairs as well
 - Shannon is waiting for report on sales
- **Parking Raffle**
 - Currently out for purchases- \$10 each ticket
 - Available on our facebook page for advertising
 - Resend to Kyle to post on schoology
- **Fry Trailer Focus Group**
 - Reminder to contact Jason if you have interest in serving
 - Tasked with getting together or convening over the summer

New Business

- **Uniforms- garment bags and rain parkas**
 - The district has approved a 10 year cycle for uniform purchases and this year they approved the purchase of our designed uniforms.
 - While the district pays for the uniforms, they have informed us they will not purchase the garment bags or rain parkas to stay consistent with policies around sports teams as well. Wendy asked Kyle to explain reasoning and their comments.
 - Example- soccer doesn't pay for backpacks that jersey's go in; which would be similar to band garment bags
 - Compared to football- 85= \$21k for every 5 years; multiplied by two came out to \$43k. Current price is \$86k on a 10 year life
 - Comments from AGIMBA members:
 - AGIMBA pays to dry clean them annually- wouldn't the district want to protect their investment?
 - The rain jackets protect the very expensive uniforms as well

- If we sell the old uniforms, who gets that money? If AGIMBA, can we use that towards the rain parkas (Kyle is looking into it and will get back to us)
 - Wendy announced the garment bag expense is approximately \$2,000 and the rain parkas is \$14,000. Wendy has asked for more information from Davino on the rain parkas to justify the high cost and will plan to present at a future meeting.
 - Wendy suggested AGIMBA move ahead with agreeing to purchase the garment bags now and hold off on the rain parkas as we can use the ones we have temporarily until we can decide how to move forward (a suggestion to hold a separate fundraiser for this expense can be reviewed at future meetings)
 - Motion with full approval to purchase the garment bags (will make note to add into budget)
- **Prep for Marching Band Season**
 - Commitment Night- 5/18: same format as last year. Will need volunteers to “man” stations- Wendy will send out an email to organize.
 - Spiritwear- Jaime Laub will serve as new chair
 - Suggest adding a blanket as an option
 - Band Camp- Update: Penn Township building was confirmed to host dance on the first Friday
- **AGIMBA Volunteer Roles**
 - Elections- Nominations were presented as follows:
 - President- Wendy Feller
 - Vice President- Harmony Laughlin
 - Secretary- Erin Brotherson
 - Treasurer- Eric Peterman
 - Treasurer 2- Bob Ruddy
 - No nominations were announced from the “floor”
 - Wendy asked for a motion to accept the full slate of nominations as presented
 - Motioned, seconded and all approved
 - Chair/Volunteer Needs will continue to be announced via email and into next year
- **Budget Proposal 2026/2027**
 - Wendy presented the draft budget (email agimba.pres@gmail.com if you would like to view the proposed budget)
 - Overall 2026-2027 budget presented in DRAFT:
 - Income- \$98,545
 - Expense- \$102,312
 - Balance- (\$3,767.60)
 - Voting will occur at next month’s meeting
 - (note added- approved purchase of garment bags to be added to budget)

Committee Reports

- **RaiseRight**

RAISERIGHT REPORT for orders placed between 4/1/2026 - 4/30/2026

 - **20** families received gift card and non-gift card earnings during this time period!
 - Total earned in RaiseRight rebates was \$380.53.

- Boosters made \$192.36, with no shipping expenses. \$188.17 went to student accounts.
 - Total income for Fiscal Year (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026): \$4,476.93, which is split between Boosters and student accounts.
 - Total expenses for Fiscal Year: \$11shipping/ \$0 supplies (comes off booster rebates earned).
- **Policy Committee**
 - The Gift Card Request policy draft was shared last month. Additional feedback has been incorporated and Susan is waiting on review by a few people. The updated draft will be presented at the June meeting.
 - The volunteer policy draft has been completed and is pending review. If you would like to be part of a small group that will review this policy, please contact Susan Burns.
 - The student accounts policy is still pending development and will be a priority during the summer.
 - **Volunteer Committee**
 - Update from Bob on Volunteer Sign-Up geniuses: last two sign ups are posted now

Additional Comments from the “floor”:

Harmony shared that HS music students are being invited to “Be LOUD” and play music for AGI: May 18th from 1:30-2pm - Davino will work to recruit kids who want to participate (Rain date May 20th)

Next Meeting: Monday, June 8, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the AGHS Cafeteria (location may change) - meetings are open to all families with students participating in music programs.

Meeting adjourned: 7:39 p.m.

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