

Western Wayne Band Parents Association

WWBPA – Minutes

Date: November 24, 2025

Location: WW High School Band Room

Attendees: Kate Bronson, Emma DeNunzio, Frank DeNunzio, Kaitlyn DeNunzio, Rhonda DeNunzio, Adam Erb, Phil Erb, Gideon Jezorwski, Hope Jezorwski, Gina Knecht, Roslyn Knecht, Makeia Pearson, Becky Rinella, Kathy Shaeffer, Chris Shaeffer, Amanda Wilbur

Board Members Present → **President Becky Rinella**,
Vice-President Amanda Wilbur and **Secretary Frank DeNunzio**

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1. **Call to Order** → Meeting was called to order by **Becky Rinella** at 7:18 PM
2. **Parliamentarian** → **Phil Erb** appointed by **Becky Rinella**
3. **Meeting Minutes** → [**Frank DeNunzio**] presented for review - **Becky Rinella** submitted a correction to the October 27th minutes - Section #7 Old Business Item #F Senior Night – Remove current statement that the Potato bar ran out – Change noted and accepted - Will be updated in the online archive of minutes → Motion to approve made by **Phil Erb** and second by **Gina Knecht**.
4. **Treasurers Report** → [**Amanda Wilbur**] → presented for review → Extra copies of current & previous Financials are available from the treasurer → Motion to approve made by **Chris Shaeffer** and 2nd by **Rhonda DeNunzio**
5. **Old Business** →
 - a. **Purse Bingo** → 50/50 sales totaled \$590 → WWBPA profit was \$295 → Raffle basket profit was \$716
 - b. **Penguins Game / Dave & Busters Trip** → **Friday April 4d** → Students will be at Dave & Busters Price TBA → Tentatively students should receive information by the end of January → estimating cost being between \$100 to \$125 → waiting on waiting for final quote from bus company → Students tickets for hockey game are included in their package price and includes food and 2 hrs unlimited play time @ D&B → sale of tickets to general public will be fundraiser for WWBPA → we make \$4/ticket profit
 - c. **Railriders Game** → Waiting to discuss pricing info and date → **Mrs.Ort** will discuss after reviewing available dates for the spring if it will happen
 - d. **Wake in the woods** → Would be Sat Dec 13th at former Lake Genero on Rt 590 opposite The Hideout main entrance → No announcement so we are assuming that we are not participating
 - e. **Email to WW School Board and their Response**
 1. **Senior Night Program** → **Principal Gregorsky's** response was that the Grid Iron Club was responsible for the program book and they decided not to include the Band → **The Grid Iron Club** response was that the book was made on their behalf by the school and they had nothing to do with the band's exclusion from the program → The schools response raised a question at the meeting that if the school had no involvement, why then would the Grid Iron Club thank themselves in the program book → was decided to drop the issue as we have been given conflicting responses
 2. **Band Pictures Missing from 2025 Yearbook** → **Principal Gregorsky's** response was that there was a new teacher overseeing the yearbook and that is why pictures of the band were not taken nor included
 3. **Assistant Superintendent Cindy Larossa's** response was that the district holds music to be of the same value as all other programs at Western Wayne. She stated that she will be looking into additional info.

4. **Superintendent Dr. Mathew Barret's** response was that he is going to reach out to the WWBPA Board to further discuss
5. **Cavalcade Invites** → inquiry regarding why the football coaches never relayed the invitation info to the football team was never addressed by the school → was decided to drop the issues
6. **Hope Jezorwski** requested that we reach out to the school board next year to make sure that the band is included in next year's program.
- f. **Bonding of Board Members** → upon investigation it was discovered that the WWBPA does in fact have a policy with a bonding company

6. Committee Reports

- a. **Chaperone Coordinator - Devon Norris [Presented by Amanda Wilbur]** → no updates
- b. **Hospitality Coordinator - Rhonda DeNunzio** → Nothing to report
- c. **Publicity Coordinator - Frank DeNunzio** → Penguins Ticket Sales Link has been posted onto the WWBPA and Fan Pages as well as the 2 main WW Parents FB Pages and Flyers have gone out to the schools
- d. **Color Guard Liaison - Emma DeNunzio** → Nothing to report
- e. **Fundraising Coordinator - Gina Knecht** → Dave & Busters fundraiser → \$10 & \$20 cards → Kids make 50% → Sales end Dec 8th and pickup Dec 12th at the Winter Concert → Spring Concert Program Book Advertising fundraiser starts in January (Date TBA) and runs thru February → Students make \$\$\$ from advertisements sold under their name → Krispy Kreme Donuts → end of Feb? During March?
- f. **Craft Fair Coordinators - Hope Jezorwski & Amanda Wilbur** →
 1. **Craft Fair 2025** → Outstanding Bills \$\$ from school for services have not been received from the school → **Frank DeNunzio** suggested we just run with the billing figures from 2024 and set aside that much money. That way we can calculate how much per hour that students will be credited. We can payout the difference once bills are received and not change the student pay → no decision was made regarding the suggestion → **Hope Jezorwski** noted that besides the issue with tables being taken by vendors that didn't pay, there was an issue with a vendor who stated they put a payment of \$40 cash into our lock box but we are not showing it as being received → decision has been made to no longer accept cash from vendors for payment
 2. **Craft Fair 2026** → Going back to holding the event on the 3rd Saturday → Saturday October 17, 2026 with setup on the 16th → 32 Vendors have submitted applications → As suggested by **Devon Norris** @Oct meeting, we will consider having a WW student created craft vendor section in a hall
- g. **Apparel Tent Coordinator - Kevin Wilbur [Presented by Amanda Wilbur]** - no updates
- h. **Website Coordinator - Phil Erb** → D & B Fundraiser is up on webpage as well as link for hockey ticket purchase by the public → Band sponsors will be listed on webpage for extra fee plus automatically have an ad in our spring concert ad book
- i. **Directors Report - Mrs. Ort [Presented by Becky Rinella]** → Thank everyone for their help during this game season → will announce confirmation of the upcoming day trip(s) once they are approved

7. New Business

- a. **Letterman Jackets** → **Chris Shaeffer** asked if it was decided at a meeting that students would be having their jackets paid for by the WWBPA → **Becky Rinella** indicated that it had been decided by 2024/2025 board → unsure of when it was announced to the membership → **Chris Shaeffer** stated that the decision was not fair to those students who already paid for their senior jackets because they only got a \$25 gift card as a senior gift while spending \$200 on their own jackets, whereas other students received a \$200 jacket for free → **Becky Rinella** stated that from here on out the WWBPA would purchase the jackets and that it was decided a year ago → **Chris Shaeffer** stated that all the seniors should have had their jackets paid for or have been reimbursed for the amount that they paid for them personally, that would be the fair way to have dealt with the issue → **Phil Erb** made a motion that WWBPA board present the total cost for a jacket and that amount should be reimbursed, minus the \$25 gift to those

seniors who did not have their jackets paid for by the WWBPA and an additional motion made that there be no senior gifts at the banquet. Motion presented and passed by the membership.

- b. **Phil Erb** stated that regarding the whole Senior Jacket issue, decision should not be made by the board, regarding such issues, without also presenting them to parents for discussion.
 - c. **Winter Concert** → Dec 12th → will need help to sell chips and sodas
 - d. **Purse Bingo 2026** → Buy purses earlier and during end of season clearance events in order to make more of a profit → Discussed possibility of a 2nd purse bingo in 2026 or holding off until 26/27 school year to start holding 2 purse bingos → 2nd Purse Bingo this year school year may not be feasible
 - e. **Penguins Game** → **Hope Jezorwski** asked who choose where the seating is → the arena selected the reserved section based upon the ticket prices → we have no involvement with the seating section → **Phil Erb** asked who received the proceeds → all proceeds go into the WWBPA general fund
 - f. **Craft Fair Coordinator** → We will be accepting letters of intent from persons interested in the volunteer position of 2026 Craft Fair Coordinator → please send an email to **Frank DeNunzio** [secretary.wwbpa@gmail.com] indicating your interest and intent to run, by the January 27th 2026 meeting.
 - g. **Six Flags/Great Adventure Trip** → no updates yet as the 2026 schedule and pricing is not updated until January 2026
 - h. **Band Bowling Night** → being held @ South Side Bowl on December 20th → **Band Student Board** will announce price and sign up to students soon
8. **Other Business** → **Membership Suggestions, Questions, Concerns, Announcements**
9. **Adjournment** → Motion to adjourn made by **Phil Erb**, 2nd by **Gina Knecht** →
10. **Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm**

Due to Christmas Holiday, there will not be a December meeting
Next Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 27th @ 7pm in the Band Room

More information and volunteer opportunities are always available.

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Volunteering? Donating?

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Assistant Craft Fair Coordinator → **Amanda Wilbur** → treasurer.wwbpa@gmail.com

Apparel Tent Coordinator → **Kevin Wilbur** →

Website Coordinator → **Phil Erb** →

Color Guard Liaisons → **Students** → **Kaylin Martin and Emma DeNunzio** →

Website → wwband.org

WWBPA Parents & Students Private Facebook Page → www.facebook.com/groups/wwbpa

Public Facebook Fans Page - WWHS Band and Color Guard Fans

www.facebook.com/groups/wwhs.band.and.colorguard.fans

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