

Al Fenton Big Band Inc.
Annual Meeting
January 15, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Neri , President at 7:30 PM. Seventeen members present with the exception of Greg Schmit who was excused.

Minutes from the 2025 annual meeting, previously approved, were reviewed.

Kathy Neri summarized the President's Report for 2025. Main categories included: community outreach through collaboration with the Hartt School of Music and the Carousel Museum; Performances and partnerships with municipal concerts at community events and fairs, monthly performances at two assisted living facilities; partnerships with the Geronimo Foundation and CT Valley Brewing Company (toys for tots). It was noted that the band has made substantial progress in maintaining a roster of substitute players, and Dom Tulota was welcomed as our new second trumpet. For 2026 plans consistent with the band mission statement include expanding educational collaborations and community partnerships via outreach, education and artistic excellence. It was also noted that in 2025 AFBB secured insurance coverage consistent with its activities. (See attached for full report).

Treasurer Ray McKay presented the financial statement for 2025. Gross income of \$17,607.82, Operating expenses of \$15,976.87 with a net income of \$1,630.95. the Board with member input will identify appropriate not for profit entities to receive a donation from the band.

A vote was held for board officers for 2026. The slate of Kathy Neri, President, Bruce Gianinni, Vice President, Ray McKay, Treasurer and Chris Apruzese, Secretary, passed unanimously. Additional board members representing their sections were also voted for one year terms: Les Bernstein, Rhythm; Lee Sohl, Trumpets; Mike Bryenton, Trombones and Gary Neff Saxophones.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.