

CHANT BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Date: April 16, 2026

Location: Starbucks on Exchange Pkwy. Allen

Type of Meeting: Special Meeting

Jessica Vanderwel recording

- Called to Order: Called to order at 4:39 by Rena with Matt seconding motion
- Prayer: Matt Vanderwel
- Quorum Present
- Members in Attendance:
 - President: Rena Laymon
 - Vice President, Vision & Strategic Direction, Acting AD: Matt Vanderwel
 - Secretary: Jessica Vanderwel
 - Director of Information and Technology: Chris Laymon
 - Director of Ministry, Care, & Culture: Johnny Gonzales
- Financial condition of corporation by Matt Vanderwel
- Old News:
 - Interviewed Tanya Edwards for position of Treasurer. Board agreed to vote electronically by Saturday, April 18, 2026, at 5:00 pm
 - Updates on Spring Training registrations by Rena Laymon. All agreed to continue the model of \$25 discount per registrant if the fall fee is paid before the end of Spring Training (May 29th)

- Rena requested the pep rally on August 27th be moved to 7pm from 7:30 citing a concern for lower attendance at the later time. Matt will ask Coach Aaron.
- IT updates from Chris Laymon regarding website, calendar and emails. There is a calendar on the website, but any additions or changes need to go through Chris who will input each item manually. If Tonya Edwards gets voted as Treasurer, her email (it's already been set up) will be treasurer@ntxchant.org and Chris will get her set up with access. There is a scholarship form on the Board SharePoint. Chris Laymon will be the only Board member to have access to contact@ntxchant.org email from here on out to prevent confusion.
- Update from Johnny Gonzales on background check and training costs. Ministry Safe level one background check covers the state of Texas, and the cost is approximately \$15. Unless someone has moved from another state recently, all are in agreement that level 1 will suffice. If Tanya Edwards is voted in, she will need a background check as a Board member. Gene Keel will be our Defensive Coordinator for Middle School and will need one as well. All are in agreement that anyone who has a certificate from another organization (within the past two years) for this check can turn that in and we will not have them do another one.
- Johnny is working on fulfilling the things that are required for Fellowship of Christian Athletes and will check the church's availability for possibly meeting July 26 and August 30 as well as the last Sunday of the month for continued meetings. Jessica suggested activities over the summer for all athletes to participate in for fellowship until we get FCA going.
- Voting on changes to Article 3: Statement of Faith in the Bylaws was tabled.

- Discussion of changes to the Coaches Code of Conduct form was discussed via email since the last meeting as to whether or not this should be removed-
 - As it reads:
 - 16. Faith/Christian Principles:
 - B. I am not a believer in Jesus, but I agree to abide by the Christian principles that govern CHANT.
- Discussion will continue; should this be removed, revised (only Head Coaches need to affirm that they are believers), should volunteers need to adhere to this? Rena brought up examples of past helpers who were early in their walk that she did not want to exclude. She agreed that Head Coaches should be believers. It was brought up that this is a Christian organization. There was agreement that families and athletes are not excluded if they are not believers.
- Matt Vanderwel updated everyone on coaching positions; he spoke with Steven about new position as Middle School Head Coach and Offensive Coordinator and Steven will discuss a position Aaron Oberste has for him to assist with Varsity. Matt also interviewed and offered Gene Keel the Middle School Defensive Coordinator position. Matt Vanderwel will move to Varsity Defensive Coordinator. Matt updated the Board on a schedule change for the first game which will now be a home game. Rena is in contact with AISD regarding fields and will update that information.
- Rena Laymon will get details for a “tattoo the coach” fundraiser.
- New News:
 - One family filled out a scholarship application and asked for at least a partial scholarship based on hardship before the May 4th deadline for cheer payment of half.

Discussion of how scholarship works. Johnny asked if the parent is required to do anything extra in the form of volunteering. Rena said in the past, that family may be called on if there was a need to volunteer another shift above and beyond their requirement. Johnny asked if we could add something like, “if your situation changes, can you pay it forward?” Scholarship would not be dependent on that. Jessica asked if CHANT had the money in the budget. The scholarship amount would be covered by 10% of the cheer budget (based on the 5 cheerleaders registered) as per our financial model. All were in agreement to grant the scholarship of half the registration fee (\$550) to Hustedt family for Brynlee for cheerleading.

- Dates for future events at Hunters Glen Church given to Johnny Gonzales to check for availability-December 11th (first preference) or January 15th for the Banquet and July 26th.
- Rena Laymon suggested an earlier date for the Banquet and recognizing Seniors during that event with senior tables.
- Brief discussion of upcoming Parent Meeting and Family Cookout. Rena will have a QR code for registration and Jessica will bring the Clover devices to take payments. Rena will bring the speaker and wired mic.
- The next meeting is scheduled for June 2 at McAllister’s Deli in McKinney at 5:30pm pending Matt Vanderwel’s work schedule.
- Motion to close at 6:20 by Jessica. Rena seconded.
- Meeting closed at 6:20 followed by prayer by Johnny Gonzales