

TRAVELING KNIGHTS OF OLD BRIDGE



Marching Knights

BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION

July 19, 2023

Meeting held at GNC Cafeteria

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting started at 7:45 pm

Approval of last meetings minutes

Motioned: Lori Laflower

Seconded: Fawn Nocera

Minutes Approved

Director's Report – Melissa Thatcher

- ♦Band Room cleanout Saturday, July 22 10-12pm. Assistance requested to help sell unused band equipment.
- ♦Monday, July 17 was the Hawaii trip meeting. Students need a school ID. Students 18+ need a government issued ID. Trip is under budget. Breakfast is provided by the hotel. Travelers are responsible for lunches and one dinner. Zoo and aquarium are within walking distance from the hotel. Snorkeling trip is \$40 per person if there is enough student interest and a parent chaperone. Parents can take their child on their own excursions, but not anyone else's child. July 31 is the cutoff for the land package. Band is responsible for checking instruments. Students are in charge of checking their own baggage and personal items that get checked. Baritones, Tubas, and Drums get checked all other instruments are carry-on.
- ♦San Gennaro Festival Saturday, September 16 we are the only marching band in the parade.
- ♦Home show is on October 21. Sam Arabia went over our contract. US Bands did a Zoom meeting with both him and Mrs. Thatcher to go over questions. An addendum will be added to our contract that if a band cancels last minute we would receive the \$250 cancellation fee, and they will reorganize the schedule so that large and small bands alternate. During this meeting we were offered to host the State Championships on October 28.
- ♦ US Bands State Championship 28 high schools would be participating with a 2-session show. We would get \$5000, concession profits, candy grams and \$1500 towards expenses. US bands keep ticket sales and registration fees. The field has been secured and Mrs. Thatcher has to meet with the police and OEM. This would be the next weekend after our home show and Pink-Out football game. There is a potential to make \$10,000 profit between both shows. We would need a task force of several committees for a show this big. We have documents for sign ups and committees. Motioned by Cahren Morris and Seconded by Lori Laflower. Motion approved.
- ♦We will perform on Saturday, September 23 for Old Bridge Day

Treasurer's Report-Carolyn Hogue

- ♦ Profit-Loss were slow last month. Zoom membership was credited and the laptop came in. Scott will set it up and Indoor checks cleared. Net income (-\$2,847.25) Overall Final balance is \$46,866.89 Draft Budget E-board met 3 weeks ago and used estimates from previous years actuals to get a draft budget. We are at (\$-5000) overall.
- ♦ Questions/Comments from floor on Draft Budget: Is spiritwear is what we order or sell? Can we order more to sell to family/friends. Giving Tuesday donations may not be as high because we are fundraising for Hawaii and asking the same people. Talent show wasn't listed; the possible income is \$5000. It was suggested that proposed income be removed from the budget and instead list expected expense categories on excel sheets. Money needs to be put in for Indoor props. There are 10 seniors but all may not have met the requirements for scholarships. It was suggested that we don't pay for lunch for band camp. Took off sandwiches to save \$700, but kept themed meals since the food was donated. Band banquet expenses will be researched. Other expenses were based on last year's actuals; it was suggested that "other" expenses be re-labeled as petty cash.
- ♦Draft budget will be tabled until next months meeting.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motioned: Lisa Boelhower

Seconded: Sam Arabia

Report Approved

Membership—Cahren Morris

♦16 family and 3 single memberships.

Committee Reports

- ♦Laurita Winery was rained out the first day, and was shut down after the start of the second shift. We made \$177 out of a potential \$1000-1500. September 17 is the next one. This is a very easy and fun fundraiser.
- ♦July 26 is the next Wendy's fundraiser. We typically make between \$400-500 per night. Carolyn will try to set up September, October and November.
- ♦Clothing drive is Saturday, August 26 across from the school entrance.
- ♦Sponsorships Fawn Nocera gave a presentation at the Hawaii parents meeting. MTech OEM, Head over Heels Gymnastics, and All Star Family Dental were added as Silver sponsors. Candor threads bartered for the Hawaii shirts. We are at \$4250. Today is the deadline for having logos on 1 shirt. Sponsors cover fundraising commitment.
- ♦Spiritwear Cesarina Garcia working on clothing and hats for this year. Looking for a co-chair.
- ♦Murder Mystery Cahren Morris there are a few packages, and they can customize it. They have all props and can be done in the cafeteria. Lisa Brennen suggested having another venue where alcohol can be served to increase profits.
- ♦Ice Cream fundraiser Lisa Brennan. The owner has to update the website with flavors. 21 day window for sales. Suggested that we also do a pie fundraiser and charge \$2 more per pie.

New Business

- ♦Swearing in of new Vice President Cahren Morris
- ♦Cahren Morris students can get a non-driver ID if they are over 14. Register online and bring all points of ID, they take the photo and mail it to you. Cost is \$24. You can print out their report card for proof of address. Its a government issued ID.
- ♦Salt Water Day Saturday August 12 from 2-10pm. Sign up sheet will be put on the band app.
- ♦Band camp we will reach out to Giuseppes and Attilios to see if they will supply lunches for week. Cost will be approximately \$15 per child per day. Theme dinners for the second week of band camp with parent donations.
- ♦Friday, August 25 is a football game during the of the second week of band camp. Mrs. Thatcher will verify if the band has to perform.
- ♦Suggested that we create a donation log of what we have and what we ask parents' to donate.

Adjournment

Motioned: Fawn Nocera

Seconded: Kelly LaBarbara

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 16 7:30 in the Sandburg Cafeteria.