

# TRAVELING KNIGHTS OF OLD BRIDGE



**Marching Knights**

**BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

February 8, 2023

Meeting held at GNC Band Room

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Meeting started at 7:38pm**

Approval of last meetings minutes

Motioned: Lisa Boelhower

Seconded: Lori Laflower

Minutes Approved

## **Director's Report – Tracey Paul**

• No word from Melissa but home show is coming up and we are in need of student escorts. We have lost two lines for the home show so we are down to 12 and that means Old Bridge will perform earlier.

## **Treasurer's Report–Rosie DeSimon**

- There is a typo in the report. The tech fees are for marching band, not indoor. That will be corrected.
- \$1000 deposited from Venmo. This was money that came in for the Super Bowl pool. \$1000 remind in Venmo to pay out to winners during the game.
- There was a check for Cybergram
- Chocolate Sale money was paid to individual kids accounts
- Balance paid for meals at Nationals
- Payment was made for banquet gifts
- There is still \$5000 in outstanding tech checks that haven't been cashed yet.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motioned: Cahren Morris

Seconded: Lisa Boelhower

Minutes Approved

Requested financials were given to Sam.

We will be using Army's trailer Friday to transport all of the supplies from Sandburg to the Main Building for the home show.

## **Membership–Sharon DeGregory**

No change. Membership remains at 37

## **Committee Reports**

• Sign Painting Fundraiser We had 25 people participate and we made \$260.

• Pocketbook Bingo

need a lot of donations for the tricky tray portion of the even. We need approximately 50-60 baskets and we currently have 4 or 5.

• Calendar Raffle

In order to make the calendar raffle successful, we to sell 180 calendars. If we can't hit that target we will have to refund the money. Many people have already asked for additional calendars. As an incentive there will be a competition for selling the most raffle tickets. Top seller will receive \$50 and if there is a tie there will be a draw for the winner.

158 raffle tickets have been distributed and 20-25 have already been sold.

- ♦ Casino Night (Lisa Brennan)

We need two big fundraisers per year to bring in big money. One should be planned for September at the beginning of the school year.

Casino Night includes completely legal Vegas-style tables. Each table holds 12 attendees and are certified games of chance with licensed dealers. The company supplies fun money (imprinted with anything we want on it) to gamble with that evening. A pit boss will run chip deals throughout the night encouraging people to spend money. Passed hors d'oeuvres are a better option than a buffet or sit down meal so it doesn't take away from gambling. When the gambling portion of the evening ends, money that was won is exchanged for tickets that can be used for the basket raffle portion of the night. We will need 25-30 higher end baskets. The tables cost \$4500 just to get them in the room. Each table should be sponsored by a corporation, business, or family. Tables can have multiple sponsors and will have a sign that night acknowledging the sponsors. It is a huge event and we will need a LOT of people to make it successful. It will have to be held at the Reception Center or a similar venue that can hold 150-180 people. Games include Black jack, craps, single or double roulette, 3-card poker, Let it Ride, Caribbean Stud, and Texas Hold 'Em and a Money Wheel. There is no charge to us for the raffle tickets, they are included. Lisa has a mock contract that includes a music box to save money on the cost of a DJ, funny money, and she might be able to get a photo booth thrown in as well. The event requires special licensing that the company will help us with. It is good for 2 years so we would be able to host another casino night without reapplying. We would charge \$100 admission fee to cover the \$45 the reception center usually charges. We need to move on this and book a date so we can make sure the dealers are available. There is a shortage of dealers right now. We will have to put down deposits for tables and facility. The casino company will also help with reporting to the state for taxes when the time comes.

Question from Tracey Paul: Would we consider doing another Nerds concert next year? Lisa said we could but not with the same band. It doesn't have to be a casino night but it does have to be a big event that will bring in a lot of money.

Question from Donna Gillick: Would Lisa be willing to talk about Casino Night again before the Friends and Family performance? Lisa agreed but would also be distributing any remaining calendars that evening.

- ♦ Cahren making calls to get a vendor for a possible wine and dine. Lisa mentioned a vendor in Milltown that was a vendor for the police department. Also making phone calls about a potential golf outing in September.

- ♦ Nominating Committee

Jenna Franzese, Kim Leon, and KerriAnn Silvestri volunteered for the nominating committee.

Jenna clarified that people can nominate themselves or someone else.

Nominations will only be seen by the nominating committee, no one else. It will go to a vote at the April meeting

## **New Business**

- ♦ Home Show

We still need food donations and volunteers. Hot Dogs are covered, we don't need any additional. We are also in need of student guides. Tracey will be at the HS at 9AM to set up.

- ♦ Hawaii is a go. Melissa will be depositing commitment checks and next payment is due February 13th.

Question from Donna Gillick: Any word on the indoor gear? Nancy got word that they are 93.5% sure it will be available on Friday.

## Adjournment

Motion: Lisa Boelhower

Seconded: Sharon DeGregory

Meeting adjourned at 8:12PM

Next Meeting April 12th 7:30 at GNC Band Room