

TRAVELING KNIGHTS OF OLD BRIDGE



Marching Knights

BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION

February 21, 2024

Meeting held at EMGNC

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting started at 7:41 pm

Approval of last meetings minutes

Motioned: Lisa Boelhower

Seconded: Vincent Deserto

Minutes Approved

Director's Report – Christopher Duffett

- ♦ After donations and fundraisers were made for Indoor only \$1000 is needed.
- ♦ Kids' rooms for Dayton are being worked on.
- ♦ Lisa Brennan-it's important to respond Chris's message to reserve a room for Ohio as soon as possible
- ♦ Double is \$179 and Kings are \$159
- ♦ 30 double rooms and 20 king rooms are available

Treasurer's Report-Carolyn Holguin

- ♦ Profit/loss overall income in the negative only because band tech checks (\$15,900) went out and were cashed.
- ♦ Balance sheet \$7,1761.87 for both accounts. \$3700 check was from US Bands. They had paid 7187.97 (\$ 5000 + ½ police bill) but the school had a balance for police for ticket sales. So instead of school sending in money and us waiting to get it back the school paid us the difference.
- ♦ \$24,730.16 was made from home shows
- ♦ Made \$7 from spiritwear \$623 profit made but invoice was \$616. This is for the clothing that parents buy for shows. Discussion that we either make it a fundraiser by upcharging or strike it from next year's budget
- ♦ Giving Tuesday \$5,984.18
- ♦ Wendys \$538 from December and \$530 for January. As voted last meeting ½ will go to indoor fund, not prop
- ♦ Request to create expense line for Indoor to write checks to Chris Duffett. Approx \$500 from two restaurant nights. Christina Spiro motioned. Michelle Deserto seconded. Motion approved
- ♦ Pizza kit \$100 profit
- ♦ Indoor props \$2000 was budgeted. \$569.78 over budget going forward we increase budget & fundraise. Sam Arabia motioned to add a line item for indoor props to cover what we are spending for next year and request budget for next year's Indoor season from directors/techs; also to move \$2000 from Marching to Indoor. Andrew Nocera seconded. Motion approved.
- ♦ Marching Band Techs season payments came in \$100 under budget.
- ♦ Super Bowl pool profits going to Indoor.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motioned: Sam Arabia

Seconded: Al Wester

Report Approved

Membership– no report

Committee Reports

- ♦ Nominating Committee will start accepting nominations for 2024-2025 Executive Board. All positions open. Nominations will be accepted by the band or an alumni parent in order to make nominations. There will be a link for members online, but it won't be anonymous. Committee is Michelle Deserto, Donna Gillick, and Fawn Nocera. List of paid members was provided to the committee; if someone is not a member they can pay dues tonight. Question: why isn't membership included with the fundraising commitment? Answer that \$200 is the fundraising commitment and this is for membership. We can't combine them.
- ♦ Bundt Cakes Jenna Franzese suggested selling Nothing Bundt Cakes & Bundlets. We will do it in March for Easter.
- ♦ Somerset Patriots we have opportunity to volunteer for portable carts and concession stands at the games. 3 game commitment. Portable carts need 2 volunteers per cart. Large concession stands need 23 volunteers. \$900 potential per event. Volunteers have to go to 1 hour training class. Volunteers can be 16 at concession or non alcohol carts. Shift length 4 ½ hour shift for volunteers, and 5-6 for group leaders/managers. Beer stands are extra training and pay \$15.13 per hour. We could team up with middle schools and split profits. We could wear our own band shirts or they provide pullovers. Cahren will set up an interest on the band app
- ♦ Wine and Dine off of the calendar. Cahren spoke with another vendor and was told it's not profitable enough for them because they can't sell wine at the event by law. He would have to give out flyers and hope that people came back and buy the wine. Spoke with 2 different liquor store owners who stated they don't want to deal with licensing. We would have to apply for a temporary ABC license. She is having difficulty finding liquor stores that will participate. If we can get a partnership with another organization we might be able to get another vendor to participate.
- ♦ Golf outing called back and won't do any other outings.
- ♦ Wendy's nights are 2/28, 3/27 & 4/24
- ♦ MJ's Buttonwood 4/30. 15% back from the whole day including alcohol but have to show a flyer.

New Business

- ♦ Suggestion made: TKOB ought to communicate the message of what we are and do during Friends & Family show to reach the parents who aren't involved.
- ♦ Suggestion made: we should capitalize on the fundraising commitment check from the parents who don't/can't fundraise. If parents don't fulfill fundraising commitment senior students won't get a scholarship. Question raised: why is it not called a work bond? Julie Formica, past TKOB president, was called and explained that it wasn't originally meant to be a work bond. This was originally a fundraising commitment and encouragement to get people involved selling tickets for large fundraisers. Later parents were allowed to "work it off" by participating in fundraising events.
- ♦ Suggestion made: A chair for the publicity committee (as per the by-laws) and a fundraising strategy and committee is needed. Sam Arabia offered to make a motion to create a fundraising committee tonight if someone would volunteer to chair it and encouraged members to go for it and take action. Discussion ensued that while we have several small fundraisers that are minimally successful, larger events (casino nights, tricky tray etc) are needed to raise enough funds. We should look back into past years to see which fundraisers were successful. They are in Quickbooks and the files can be pulled up. A welcome wagon committee, call bank, and welcome event were suggested to try to reach the other parents because it is always the same people that are involved. Not everyone can plan a large fundraising event but we should encourage, welcome, and accept any help whether it's 2 or 20 hours. E-board clarified that fundraisers are not generated by them or need to be approved. Anyone with ideas was encouraged to "run with it." Before a fundraising committee is formed we should review the bylaws and be clear on what authority they have, what approvals are needed, and what support they will have. It can be presented at a meeting and then it sits for 2 months, then it will go to a vote (as per TKOB bylaws). If 2/3 majority approves, it goes in. E-board also clarified that there doesn't have to be a single chair person but can be a group of people exchanging ideas.

- ♦ A by-laws committee needs to be formed to look at the bylaws to make some needed changes. Carolyn will be the chair and will put on the band app looking for people to join the committee. Members are encouraged to send suggestions.
- ♦ Indoor props. Lisa Brennan talked about selling props at the end of the season. She asked Chris Duffet if she can take ownership so that they can be sold and any profit made gets allocated to Indoor. It was suggested that the sale of Indoor props gets rolled into the funding for props for the next year. Lisa Brennan made a motion. Tom Boelhower seconded. Motion approved.
 - 7 members on Zoom call. Said it ws difficult to hear discussions.

Adjournment

Motioned:

Seconded:

Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 2024. 7:30 in the EMGNC.