

TKOB – Band Parents Association

General Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2020

Virtual Meeting using Zoom

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Called to order at 7:36pm

Approval of last meeting's minutes:

Motioned by: Tracey Paul

Seconded by: Lourdes Kingston

Minutes: Approved

Director's Report:

- Sports teams are conditioning in groups of 10. Working out only.
- We can work out, but cannot play.
- The study out of Colorado State University recommended shields over the instrument bells, protocols for wind instruments to play safely, etc.. This still need to be discussed with Ms. Keiller, Director of Arts & Culture. It is still not decided that there will be spectators and band in the stands. They would need to be spread 6 feet apart. Not to mention some parents would not feel comfortable sending their child, so the quality of play would be affected.
- We are going to continue virtual practices.
- It is still important to have a performance. Melissa's nephews can put together a video with students in boxes on screen. This requires each child to play on their own with a metronome. This will make them better. The song was picked by the seniors. Each child will record themselves playing their part. It will be sent to Melissa and she will send to her nephews to put together the video. This will show everyone what they are doing.
- Question from William Walsh: Sophomores typically earn their varsity letters. Is that correct?
 - Melissa: We will need to get direction from the Director of Administration. If the athletic teams aren't giving them out, we can't either. They need direction from Administration first.

Treasurer's Report:

Motioned by: Kerryann Silvestri

Seconded by: Beth Cellini

Report: Approved

Membership:

- We have 30 paid members.
- The form is on the Band app.
- You can email the form to Tracey and Venmo the money using the QR code.
- You can mail the form with a check to Tracey's address.
- All information is on the form

Committee Reports/General Fundraising:

- Clothing Drive is 9/19 11-3pm.
 - We got a donation of 80 bags from a friend of Kerryann Silvestri.
 - Rosie will get confirmation on 9/18. She needs to know the size of the truck needed.
 - Signups will be sent out for help with loading the bags onto the truck
 - Tax exempt form will be available
 - Need a roster of students from Melissa to credit bags of clothes
- Tour Shirt for 2020 “The Season We Didn’t Compete” was created by Sara Paul. We are getting quotes.
- There are a couple of fundraisers we are thinking of doing:
 - 50/50
 - Virtual tricky tray
- We will have a fundraising meeting with the committee. We will need help with the tricky tray if we have it. So far we have the four executive board members and Lourdes Kingston.
- Committee chair positions are still open
- Question from Sam Arabia: How do virtual tricky trays work?
 - Julie: We open the doors and allow a certain number of people in for an hour to put in their tickets. After all tickets have been deposited, a Facebook Live feed is streamed to pull the tickets. Participants can wait in their car to claim their prize or arrangements can be made for pick up.
- Question from Sam Arabia: You still would need to use the school. People would be hesitant to opening the school. Especially with the kids and teachers. They would need to clean everything after we leave.
 - Julie: We don’t need to have it at the school. We can use another venue. Pocketbook Bingo has to be done at the school, but not the tricky tray.
- Wheel of Fortune – We mentioned this in the last meeting. We contacted Games of Chance and they don’t have a license for this type of game. So we are not going to pursue it.
- Question from Donna Tropea: Can we do a Clean Team for \$500 with a group of kids that clean the streets?
 - Sam: The township always scheduled this on Saturday mornings so the kids could never do it.
- Question from Sam Arabia: We have a substantial amount of money in the bank. The commitment fee originated because of the fundraising commitment needed. Since we can’t have any fundraisers, we should have some sort of discussion or vote to forgo fees this year.
 - Julie: This was discussed in July, we pushed it to August and then pushed the discussion to this month. A motion would need to be done to forgo commitment fees this year. In the Bylaws, the amount of the commitment fee is determined by the fundraising committee. The amount is sent in by the October meeting with a check post date of the May meeting. The amount has not been decided. We still have scholarships this year. We can discuss it. We have enough to cover the tech fees and cover the minimal amount we will use this year.
- Question from Al Wester: We still have the opportunity to fundraise in the spring.

- Julie: The tricky tray would be for the spring. We can't put together a tricky tray for this year.
- Question from Sam Arabia: Would we be able to do the Dunkin' Donuts cup fundraiser? That was successful.
 - Julie: All the people that arranged that are not working at Dunkin' Donuts anymore. I can go to the Route 34 store to see if they can do it again.
 - Donna: How would we sell them?
 - Sam: We would be able to work around that, social media and arranging pick up
 - Julie: We would get a shipment of minimum 1000 cups of the medium size. The larger size required 10,000 cup minimum.

New Business:

- Beth Cellini : Motion to suspend the commitment fees for 2020-2021 band season
 - Rose DeSimon: Second the motion
 - Passed by majority vote
- Question from Diab Family: How about Jersey Mikes [fundraiser]?
 - Rosie DeSimon: Will go this weekend to talk to them to get a month for the fundraiser.
 - Julie: Will provide a logo. Jersey Mikes prints the card for us.
- Question from Beth Cellini: Melissa, is there hope for an indoor season?
 - Melissa: They have already started planning to develop an idea. If they are allowed back in January, maybe they could have a season. They need to plan a performance with a shortened practice time and be flexible to enhance it. It helps that it doesn't involve wind instruments.
- Kerryann Silvestri: She has the spirit wear from Sandy. There were three outstanding orders. Emails were sent to all three of them and will email them again.
- Tracey Paul: If you have any ink cartridges, she found a website that will take them as a fundraiser. You can drop them off at her house.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm

Motioned by Donna Tropea
Seconded by Al Wester

Next meeting: October 14 at 7:30pm via Zoom