

TKOB – Band Parents Association

General Meeting Minutes for November 11, 2020

Virtual Meeting using Zoom

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting started at 6:35pm

Approval of last meeting's minutes:

Motioned by: Kerryann Silvestri

Seconded by: Donna Tropea

Minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Report:

Motioned by: Donald Bennett

Seconded by: Tracey Paul

Report: Approved

Director's Report:

- Tonight's percussion practice was cancelled. Friday we will assess and see if percussion will arrive an hour early at 10am for practice instead of 11am.
- Friday's field usage is all clear for us to use. However if school goes remote because of quarantine, there will be no marching band this weekend. We will look to do something in the future.
- To give students back as much as we can, we will try to do a senior run through on Saturday. We will try to do a drill in there.
- Varsity letters – Discussed with athletics. Letters will be handed out to students who participated in the virtual season. They don't qualify if they didn't participate. Each student will be assessed. We will try to get them their letters sooner than later since we might not have a banquet. Especially the second year students so they can get their varsity jackets.
- Indoor Percussion – We are still waiting to hear. Nothing has been said about indoor practices yet. This will guide us to see what type of show and music for the kids. We can't plan for it. If not in person, we will continue virtually.
- Playing in Class – Wind instruments are not allowed to be played in class. We are able to play outside weather permitting, but not much longer. Once it gets cold the instruments don't play as well. This is for the wind instruments only: Clarinets, trumpets, etc.. Percussion is not included.
- We moved to 1-on-1 lessons because group calls were not working. We are doing individual private lessons. The silver lining is I am able to tailor the lesson for each student.
- Performances – We might propose small group performances which will have 5-6 students with a small audience.

Committee Reports/General Fundraising:

- Memberships – No new memberships since the last one the day after the last meeting.
- Panera Fundraiser – To be held on Saturday 11/28 4-8pm. We get 20% of the sales. Please print the flyer or show the flyer on your phone. Enter the code on the flyer for online orders. If successful, we can do this fundraiser once every 30 days. It is the Panera Bread in the Shoppes of Old Bridge.
- Sweetheart Super 50/50 – We are waiting for Games of Chance. Once we have the paperwork, we can proceed.
- Tour Shirts – Melissa has the shirts and will hand them out on Saturday.
- Spirit Wear – Order form will be put on the Band app. All items are still available. There are some outstanding items from 2019. We owe over \$400 to the vendor. Sam Arabia will look into it.
- Question from Layla Diab: Indoor percussion – Will we have some sort of a season? A letter came out from DiMino about winter sports. If indoor sports can happen, we should happen. A discussion needs to take place so we are not forgotten.
 - Melissa: I am in constant communication with Mr. DiMino and Ms. Keiller about indoor. DiMino just sent out an initial letter. If indoor activities happen then indoor percussion will happen.
- Question from Al Wester: How many members do we have so far?
 - Tracey: We have 44 membership forms which translates to 28 students.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm

Motioned by: Al Wester

Seconded by: Donald Bennett

Next meeting: January 13 at 7:30pm via Zoom