

TRAVELING KNIGHTS OF OLD BRIDGE



September 13, 2023

Meeting held at Sandburg Cafeteria

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting started at 7:35 pm

Approval of last meetings minutes

Motioned: Lori Laflower

Seconded: Al Wester

Minutes Approved

Director's Report – Melissa Thatcher (presented by Nancy Arabia)

- ♦Thursday night is a home football game. The drumline will report at 4:30 to march football team in, everyone else will report at 5:30. Will be wearing uniforms for the game.
- ♦The band will be wearing full uniforms while marching in the San Gennaro parade, guard will wear tour shirt and leggings. There is an 8AM report time for Saturday, September 16th, 10AM load and leave for NY at 11AM. Students should bring money for food after the parade. The parade route is Houston Street, across Mott to Mulberry, and back up. Students will have 2 hours after the parade to wander in a designated area. We will bring gatorade bottles with water for parade route.
- ♦Hawaii payment due on September 18th with final payment due October 2nd. Should be paid up to \$3100 for the land and air package.

Treasurer's Report-Carolyn Hogue (presented by Tracey Paul)

- ♦ We have only received 4 commitment checks to date. There is still time to get it in. This directly affects seniors and their eligibility for scholarship..
- ♦ Licenses for off-site raffle were approved as well as for first home show on the 21st. Working on a license for the 28th.
- ♦Bank accounts were consolidated so we have only 2 now. Funds were transferred from one of the accounts being closed. Breakdown on deposits as follows: \$23.69 Saltwater Day donations, \$470 Spirit wear, \$13,351.15 transferred from closed account (shows as misc. expenses), \$921.76 restaurant fundraisers, \$25 Membership, \$2500 from sponsorships, \$2600 for student Hawaii accounts, \$500 from Mayor's clean up, and \$32.32 settlement from Zoom class action suit. \$86.27 was spent on flowers for Senior night.
- ♦Carolyn has been researching event day insurance and the only thing companies cover is rain and only for personal events like weddings. Carolyn sent quotes to Sam Arabia. Our contract with US bands provides a payment to us in the event bands cancel.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motioned: Gwen Giannina

Seconded: Cahren Morris

Report Approved

Membership-Cahren Morris

- ♦22 total memberships. Membership is required in order to vote on motions. \$25 for family membership, \$15 for single.

Committee Reports

- ♦Restaurant days are set up for the rest of 2023. Nicolo's on September 19th (Flyer must be presented), Wendys on October 11th, November 15th, and December 20th (no flyer needed). Average proceeds from previous Wendy's nights is just under \$500 per night.
- ♦There will not be a chartered bus for San Gennaro. There were not enough people committed to make it cost effective. We needed 56 people to fill the bus we only got 29.
- ♦Clothing drive is Saturday, February 3rd at GNC (lot across from the bus lane).
- ♦Sponsorships are winding down. So far they have generated \$6,250; of that \$550 will go to the members who sold the sponsorships. \$80 will go to sponsor signs, the rest is profit. Wingstop recently came in as a sponsor. NJ Sports Spine & Wellness will hold a 30 minute presentation for the band members to show them ways to prolong their health through their music career because the band does not have access to a trainer on hand. They will break down into sections and discuss what needs are specific to each group. Parents are also asked to come for the presentation. Fawn will

take photos for social media and the more people we have in attendance, the better it is. NJ Sports Spine & Wellness wants to be a large sponsor every year as long as we can prove the sponsorship model to them. Their presentation was originally scheduled for Sept 27 but needed to be rescheduled due to a conflict with elementary back to school nights. Students should arrive the day of the presentation at 5:15, and representatives will speak with parents after, around 6:15.

- ♦Laurita winery is the day after San Gennaro. We still have slots open for the 4-7 shift. The event is 10AM-7PM. We receive \$14.13 per hour per person.
- ♦Tara Banez is most likely handling the ad journal for the home shows. Tracey will confirm.
- ♦Wine and Dine: Cahren is trying to connect with Nick at Adelpia wines to set up them up as our vendor. Panini bistro is donating trays of food (with the option to purchase more at a discount) and that came about through the sponsorships. So far the only cost for the wine and dine was \$63 for the event space supervisor. Tickets will be \$55 person and flyers will be distributed as soon as the vendor is secured.
- ♦Kastle Creations (Lisa Brennan) Chocolate bar sale will start mid-October. We kindly request each family sell one box (\$60) There is a \$24 profit per box for the band. Melissa may open the sale to indoor and symphonic like she did last year. The sales will be credited to the kids accounts. The rest of Kastle fundraisers (cookie dough, popcorn) will start in January.
- ♦Battleview Orchards Pies fundraiser is booked with a distribution date of November 21st. Price per pie is \$14.50 for the band (up 25 cents from last year). We will sell them for \$19 for a \$4.50 profit per pie. The price usually requires a minimum order of 100-150 pies, which we can meet based on past sales, but we don't have to meet it, Lisa will combine our order with another group. Deadline for pie orders is November 8th. We also have a no sugar added apple pie this year that will cost us \$20.
- ♦November 8th will be the drawing for the Fall Frenzy Super 50/50. It is three-tiered with first second and third taking home money. Licensing is approved, tickets are printed and sales start on September 18th. Sales must end of November 5th according to the township. Tickets are \$5 each and come in books of 10. Profit will be split between individual and general accounts, and families need to sell 1 book of 10 tickets to qualify for the individual accounts. Families who sell more than one book can ask for additional books to be credited to students who weren't able to sell all of their tickets. Unsold tickets must be returned to be redistributed or voided; tickets have to be monitored. If we sell 500 tickets (1000 were sold during Covid) first tier winner receives \$750, 2nd tier receives \$325, and 3rd tier receives \$125. If we sell 1000 tickets, those prizes double. As incentive, top ticket seller receives a \$25 gift card and bragging rights. Payment must be in the form of cash or check written out to TKOB. We will not accept individual Venmo payments. If seller would like to accept Venmo and then turn in cash or check payment to Lisa Brennan, that is ok. Lisa is trying to get the flyer posted on the township TV channel. Sellers need to make sure that the ticket stub is filled out completely and the seller's name is included. If we receive sales from the TV flyer, that money will go to the general fund, unless the buyer specifically mentions a band member.

New Business

- ♦ Motion: Arny Appleton suggested TKOB pay for the shirts the kids wear to the airport for Hawaii. Estimated cost is \$650. This money can come out of sponsorship funds.

Seconded: Lisa Boelhower

Approved

- ♦Gwen Giannina asked how much money Sara Paul received for her work on the Hawaii videos. She was venmoed \$270. Tracey thanked everyone who donated on Sara's behalf.
- ♦Chris Hahl requested another round of tour shirt orders because of sizing issues. Nancy explained that the shirts were ordered from Pakistan and another order would not arrive in time.
- ♦Bake table items needed for Thursday night football game.
- ♦Concession stand orders for the football game need to be handed in at drop off. Forms are available on the table and we ask that payments be cash in a sealed and labeled envelope.

Adjournment

Motioned: Christina Spiro

Seconded: Lori Laflower

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 8 7:30 in the GNC band room.