

# TKOB – Band Parents Association

## General Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2021

Virtual Meeting using Zoom

*Pledge of Allegiance*

*Meeting started at 7:35pm*

Approval of last meeting's minutes:

Motioned by: Donna Tropea

Seconded by: Al Wester

Minutes: Approved

### Director's Report:

- Working on winter guard with Ryan. Need to discuss his availability.
- Indoor percussion has started and is in its second week of virtual practices. There are about 45 kids participating, which is large since it is now open to the middle schools. This year is an 80's theme. We don't know what shows they will be able to perform. We are leaving all options open. Hopefully when in-person classes happen we can see what opportunities are available. The same goes for winter guard.
- There was a pick-up of varsity letters for second year band members. Those who participated in the virtual season with no unexcused absences for their second year qualified. The in-person rehearsals and performance were excused absences.
- Melissa is pushing the festival, which has a May 15 submission date, in her classes this year. She wants the students to have a goal to shoot for. Only the wind ensemble needs to do something extra. They need to come up with a solo. She is seeing some lack of motivation. More so now than in the beginning of the year. They need to keep practicing. They were at a certain level and if they stop practicing, they will fall behind. Parents, if there are any concerns please reach out. If you can think of anything that will motivate them, please pass that along.
- Question from Kerryann Silvestri: For indoor. The Saturday component, would that be when school is in-person?
  - Melissa: Right now there is only Monday & Wednesday practices. You will have at least a month's notice for Saturday rehearsals. Anticipating three to four Saturdays maximum and they would be set dates way in advance.

### Treasurer's Report:

Motioned by: Kerryann Silvestri

Seconded by: Rosie DeSimon

Report: Approved

### Committee Reports/General Fundraising:

- Memberships
  - No new memberships
  - Question from Tracey Paul: Can we open memberships up to 8<sup>th</sup> grade?
    - Melissa: We can open it up to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We should post it on the percussion parent page as well.

### Old Business:

- Sweetheart 50/50: The Games of Chance paperwork is lost somewhere in the high school. Donna was able to talk to them into emailing the form when they get back into the office next week. We are hoping to get the game up and running for May, maybe Memorial Day.
- Spiritwear: We only have three orders for this last month. We are closing the store at the end of the month. If we don't have 12, then I will ask to maybe consider postponing orders until the fall.

### New Business:

- Next meeting the nominating committee will be formed. It has three to five people who take recommendations for all four officers since they are all open for next year. If more than one is nominated, there will be a vote for members only
- Website: The new [www.tkob.org](http://www.tkob.org) website is up and running. It is an updated version of the previous website.
  - Question from Melissa: Can we make it have several components like jazz band, wind ensemble, etc.? I've seen some other schools have websites like that. Westfield High school maybe?
    - Karen Bennett: If you give me an example, I can do it.
    - Suggested were the recruiting video, an alumni page and awards list.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm*

Motioned by: Tracey Paul

Seconded by: Donna Tropea

*Next meeting: February 10 at 7:30pm via Zoom*