

# TKOB – Band Parents Association

## General Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2021

Virtual Meeting using Zoom

*Pledge of Allegiance*

*Meeting started at 7:02pm*

### Director's Report:

- We are moving forward with in-person practices for the color guard. Ryan can do in-person practices once a week. We are accepting new members. We can have only a maximum of 20 people. For indoor percussion, we will have two sessions since we have about 43 members. There is a color guard meeting tonight and an indoor meeting tomorrow night. We don't have any performances yet, but I'm working on it.
- For Marching band, we have booked our competitions. Except for Bands of America. We will push that off until next year. Nationals is booked. I put them into the marching knights calendar which is also in the Band app. No rehearsals yet, just competitions. We were asked to host states for US Bands. That will be on 10/30. Then we have a 10/31 NJ Championships show at TCNJ with the new circuit, New Jersey Marching Band Directors Association. We have seven competitions scheduled.
- We are meeting with the design team for Marching band. We can't do the 2020 show for 2021. It is intense and involved. We will come up with another show theme to be announced at a later date with all the members. We still don't know about practices and how many students we will have yet. We will start with design meetings first. Even though the competitions are booked, they are not set in stone. We need approval first, busing, practices, etc.. Also, the number of student members.
- Question from Karen Bennett: What is the name of the new circuit we are playing in?
  - Melissa: New Jersey Marching Band Directors Association. It is supposed to have lower fees and higher quality judges. A lot of high schools are jumping on board.
- Question from Beth Cellini: For current seniors, are their commitments done for the year? No parades, etc..?
  - Melissa: I haven't been in contact with anyone about the parade in Laurence Harbor. If something comes up, I'll let you know.
- Question from Donna Tropea: Are we only doing the new circuit or are we doing US Bands?
  - Melissa: Split. NJMBDA has high quality judges and lower fees. However, we will still do US Bands because the kids get to play at Met Life stadium. Also the home show makes money for the band. By hosting possibly two shows, it is a huge money maker for us. The goal is to do both, then next year three circuits. US Bands, NJMBDA and Bands of America.

Approval of last meeting's minutes:

Motioned by: Sam Arabia

Seconded by: Al Wester

Minutes: Approved

### Treasurer's Report:

Motioned by: Kerryann Silvestri

Seconded by: Beth Cellini

Report: Approved

### Committee Reports/General Fundraising:

- Gaming License: Donna received the license for the raffle. After all the paperwork is in, we will see if we can do an end of school year raffle.
- Fundraising meeting 3/18 at 7:30pm via zoom. We need to brainstorm for ideas for fundraising and we need help soliciting for gifts for a virtual tricky tray. We need a ton of help.
- Ink Cartridges: Tracey tried to send in the cartridges to the old company, but they needed a minimum of \$30 and with the number of cartridges they accepted (a lot they didn't accept), we only had \$8 worth. Instead, we are handing them into Staples. They accept all cartridges. But there is a maximum of 10 cartridges per month, all cartridges are \$2 each. So a maximum of \$20 per month per account. If anyone wants to help hand them in with their Staples account, you need to have purchased an ink cartridge within the past 6 months in order to get the \$20. Then we will purchase anything we need for band with the money from Staples.
- Mayor Clean Team: Kerryann is scheduling for Sandburg the Mayor Clean team where you get money for two hours of cleaning the streets. We need a maximum of 10 people 16 years and older. Kerryann will look into it for the Marching band.

### Old Business:

None

### New Business:

Nominating Committee: All positions are up for election for 2021-2022. Please send in your nominations to [nominations@tkob.org](mailto:nominations@tkob.org).

We have four people in our committee:

Rose DeSimon – Committee Chair

Ceserina Garcia

May Wong

Robin Giraldo

Deadline for nominations is 4/1. This will give the committee two weeks before the next meeting to meet.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm*

Motioned by: Donna Tropea

Seconded by: Sam Arabia

*Next meeting: 4/14/2021 at 7:30pm*