

TKOB – Band Parents Association

General Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2021

Virtual Meeting using Zoom

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting started at 7:34pm

Director's Report:

- We are in the middle of Indoor percussion and Winter Guard practices. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday practices are going well. Hoping to have a performance on 6/4. Not sure of the number of audience numbers yet. 6/4 would also be a good time to move all the instruments down to Sandburg for the start of the Marching band season.
- We are going to have a competitive season. Band camp may be less hours than we usually have. We will be designing a new show. It will not be as intense as the 2020 scheduled show, but an attainable show given the reduced practices. Melissa asked for input from the students on the Band app member page. Anything fun and “wants” that can be done with the practices we have.
- There will be a new recruitment meeting and a parent meeting. Don't have all the information yet.
- For classes, Melissa is planning a performance opportunity. Classes have shifted to solos and small ensembles for the wind instruments. Planning for 4-5 weeknights end of May. Thinking of the courtyard for the performance with two family members per student to attend. Ms. Keiller and Dr. Sasso liked the idea. She is getting details together.
- Melissa is working with the TV studio to record “We Are One” video the end of May. This will be sent out so Mr. Cittadino can circulate to the community to show what the students have accomplished.
- Nancy Arabia is heading up the sweatshirt and t-shirts for indoor percussion. Ryan for winter guard. Students are drafting up a design. They will vote on a design, then orders will be take via Band app and by flyer. No jackets this year only sweatshirts and t-shirts.
- Question from Kerryann Silvestri: Are Saturday rehearsals set to start on the 24th?
 - Melissa: Yes, we are planning to have Saturday rehearsals starting April 24th. The posted time is 9-1pm. It might be less than that, but max is 9-1pm. It depends on what is needed and whether there is enough staff.
- Question from Robin Giraldo: SAT's are Saturday 5/8. Is that an excused absence?
 - Melissa: Yes, that is an excused absence. We can't be practicing outside during the test. So only some students will be asked to practice that day.

Approval of last meeting's minutes:

Motioned by: Donna Tropea

Seconded by: Beth Cellini

Minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Report:

Motioned by: Karen Bennett

Seconded by: Donald Bennett

Report: Approved

Committee Reports/General Fundraising:

- Clothing Drive – 6/13 11-2pm Grade Nine Center Door 5. These funds will go into the general fund and not into individual accounts.
- Super 50/50 – All new paperwork was dropped off at the township on 3/17. The Clerk's office has not gotten back to us. Then it needs to go to Games of Chance.
- Fundraising Committee Ideas:
 - Pasta – Donna Tropea will be heading up that fundraiser. A flyer will be posted.
 - Krispy Kreme – We are planning it for the fall coordinating around the marching band home show to sell some at the concession stand. Sam Arabia – Don't underestimate the amount we can sell. Buy a lot!
 - Car Wash – Question for Melissa – Can we do this this year? Melissa – Thinking we can do this in June. Would need to run it by Ms. Keiller first, then see what she thinks.
 - Flowers Sale – Rose DeSimon's vendor is no longer doing it. Melissa and Nancy used Farmer Al's, but might be too late for Mother's Day. If we do it, we cannot have pick up at the school. Maybe Gasko's for flowers too.
 - Lottery Ticket Basket – We would ask parents to donate lottery tickets. We would need licensing. This is for a future date.
 - Pocketbook Bingo – We don't want to plan for the future because we don't know what the capacity of the school will be. This must be held on school grounds.
 - Virtual Tricky Tray – This requires a different licensing, We are limited to the kind of virtual fundraising we can do. Rosie DeSimon volunteered to head up this fundraiser. We know what to do. We just need to people to help solicit and get prizes. At least 10 people. Beth Cellini – Local businesses have been hit hard so there may be less donations.
 - Golf Outing: We were thinking about this
- Question from Sam Arabia: Can you look into our finances? Can we cover expenses for the next year or two?
 - Donna Tropea: We have enough to cover one year, but just enough. We won't have enough for two years. The problem is getting people to help.
- Small fundraisers are a band-aid. We need to think bigger!
- Question from Lourdes Kingston: Some companies match donations and some donate money for volunteer hours. Maybe we can ask parents for donations from their companies.
- Mayor Henry Clean Team – We are scheduled for 9/18, but the date may change. Kerryann Silvestri will keep us updated. This gets us \$500.
- Question from Julie Formica: Melissa, how many scholarships for seniors this year? Melissa will look into it. We gave Melissa five names, maximum of \$2500. Five out of 13 senior parents did the fundraising commitment.

New Business:

Nominations for Next Year's Officers:

Rosie DeSimon: We received two emails, both had identical nominations

President: Julie Formica

Vice President: Tracy Paul
Secretary: Karen Bennett
Treasurer: Donna Tropea

Next month they will be sworn in

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm

Motioned by: Donna Tropea

Seconded by: Rosie DeSimon

Next meeting: 5/12 at 7:30pm via Zoom