

TKOB – Band Parents Association

General Meeting Minutes for June 9, 2021

Virtual Meeting using Zoom

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting started at 7:34pm

Approval of last meeting's minutes:

Motioned by: Sam Arabia

Seconded by: Ceserina Garcia

Minutes: Approved

Director's Report:

- A lot of people are joining the band. A Lot from current high school music classes. Mr. Buckle and Ms. Nee are sharing my emails and getting a lot of feedback. Membership might be better than expected for this season.
- Indoor percussion will be performing at both graduations. Rehearsal will be 6-8pm Wednesday preceding graduation.

Treasurer's Report:

Motioned by: Ceserina Garcia

Seconded by: Rosie DeSimon

Report: Approved

- Question from Sam Arabia: Melissa, do we have any idea for props this season so we can figure out the cost? If we have big props, we would like to know sooner than later in September.
 - Melissa Thatcher: We're not sure yet. We had our first meeting about the opener. Another meeting is planned for the design. We're thinking of making the Pit a part of the props and cable reels that Chris can get from his job. Also thinking of making human visuals instead of props.
- Question from Sam Arabia: Do we need to rent a Ryder Truck?
 - Melissa Thatcher: That's a hard no. We would be using something smaller, more attainable.

Committee Reports/General Fundraising:

- Summertime Super 50/50: We have collected \$3245 so far. Not all has been deposited yet, but collected. We still have 40% of the tickets out with parents. We have no more tickets. If we need more, we need to get them from parents.
 - With the money collected so far:
 - 1st prize: \$973
 - 2nd prize: \$486
 - 3rd prize: \$162
 - Our profit: \$1492

- We will do Facebook live in the OBHS parking lot. All ticket stubs and money are due back 6/18. We will post this in the Band app. Tracey will be at the clothing drive on Sunday where you can drop off money and stubs then.
- Question from Sam Arabia: What are the hours for the clothing drive on Sunday?
 - Julie Formica: 11-2pm
- Membership form for 2021-2022 season is in the chat. It gives the person(s) the right to vote in meetings. The money helps fund the band. The more members, the better. Julie emailed David Cittadino about opening the schools in September to the public to use. Then we can schedule pocketbook bingo. Julie is waiting to hear back from him. Then we could schedule a wine and dine (which Tracey Paul is looking at vendors), tricky tray and pocketbook bingo.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- We are in a new band season. We need new committee members. We have signup sheets. We need help with fundraising. As well as a committee chair, helpers and solicitors. The more people the more successful we will be.
- We are reenacting the fundraising commitment for the 2021-2022 school year. Last year we voted to forgo the commitment because of Covid-19. The commitment is \$200 per family. A check is postdated for 5/11/2022 is due by the October meeting. This goes towards senior scholarships. This year we had four scholarships. Next year we have quite a few graduating. To satisfy the \$200 commitment, you need to sell \$200 in tickets to any of our four fundraising events. If you sell \$200 in tickets, you will get your check back.
- Question from Rosie DeSimon: Is there going to be a bake table at football games?
 - Julie Formica: Yes, we have one definite home game. Dan Dimino's secretary will let me know if/when all games are confirmed. The first home game is 9/3 against East Brunswick. The war on 18. That is the only game that is set. We will have a bake table committee sign up sheet. We will need a chair, volunteers and bakers.
- Question from Sam Arabia: Are we going to have Band competitions?
 - Julie Formica: We are hosting States this year on 10/30. Actually that weekend will be a busy one. We have a football game Friday, 10/29. Home show 10/30. NJMBDA Finals on 10/31.
- Question from Donna Gillick: Does the 50/50 count towards the fundraising commitment?
 - Julie Formica: No, this is for this year. The fundraisers that will count towards the commitment will be determined.
- Question from Donna Tropea: What happened to the check from the Mayor Henry Owen's Clean Team?
 - Julie Formica: That is a question for Kerryann Silvestri. She handled that fundraiser.
- Question from Donna Tropea: Lombardi is closing. What are the plans for band?
 - Julie Formica: Lombardi field is closing for two months. The football field and track surfaces are being replaced. It hasn't been done in 12 years. It was

supposed to be done during Covid, but some board members were reluctant. It is considered a capital improvement. It should be done by the first football game on 9/3.

- Question from Julie Formica: Melissa, would we be using the practice field?
 - Melissa Thatcher: Yes, we will be using the practice field.
 - Al & Sam: The new turf field will be mushy and will stick. A lot of movement will be tricky at least for the first month or so.
- Question from Donna Tropea: Any plans to clean out the Band room?
 - Melissa Thatcher: Band leadership doesn't know this yet, but the first order of business is to clean out the band room. We will need parents to help. Especially parents who know what we need and don't need. We might start the first week of practice. I will be out 7/3-7/11.
 - Julie Formica: A lot of food needs to be thrown out. It is all two years old.
- Question from Sam Arabia: Will the gymnastics equipment and carpets be out of there by then?
 - Melissa Thatcher: The carpets hopefully. The gymnastics equipment usually doesn't get cleaned out until August. There's no band equipment behind it, we can work around it.
- Question from Al Wester: Did we get rid of the Styrofoam props? The black hole?
 - Melissa Thatcher: They wanted it out of the band room. I think it is in a trailer in the parking lot.
- Question from Sam Arabia: Can we use them for props?
 - Melissa Thatcher: Yes, we can use it in the future to prop up the kids
- Question from Al Wester: We have six staircases built for indoor. Can we use that too?
 - Melissa Thatcher: Yes
- Melissa Thatcher: Can anyone help me move a staircase to Sandburg? During the move, we didn't bring over any and I would like to use one for graduation. I would need someone with a pickup truck.
 - Katie Barnett: We have a pick up truck.
 - Melissa Thatcher: I will post it in the Band app. There are a lot of people that can help take it too.
- Question from Donna Tropea: Kerryann Silvestri said she gave Melissa the check from the Clean Team.
 - Melissa Thatcher: I will check my bag.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm

Motioned by: Al Wester

Seconded by: Sam Arabia

Next meeting: 7/14 at 7:30pm