

TKOB – Band Parents Association

General Meeting Minutes for July 14, 2021

Virtual Meeting using Zoom

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting started at 7:33pm

Approval of last meeting's minutes:

Motioned by: Sam Arabia

Seconded by: Donald Bennett

Minutes: Approved

Director's Report: Given by Nancy Arabia

- Season fees, jacket order form and apparel forms due by 7/19.
- Physical forms due to the school nurse due ASAP. Forms are on the Band app. If you had a physical done September 2020, you don't need another for this season.
- We have the first football game on 9/3. We will have a small rehearsal before.
- We will have mandatory fun on 8/27 at 3pm and end rehearsal at 9:30pm.
- We will have a pasta night as well.
- Band camp is the weeks of 8/23 and 8/30.
- 9/2 might be the pasta party.
- Question from Tracey Paul: Are they playing at all games including away games?
 - Nancy: I can ask Melissa
- Question from Rosie DeSimon: I have left over money from last year, who do I ask about that?
 - Nancy: That would be me. I will send you a chat through the Band app.
- Question from Kellie Schmalz: When is the commitment check due?
 - Julie Formica: \$200 is due by the October meeting, 10/13. Postdate the check to May. Make the check payable to TKOB

Treasurer's Report:

Motioned by: Sam Arabia

Seconded by: Lourdes Kingston

Report: Approved

Committee Reports/General Fundraising:

- Membership:
 - We have 30 paid members so far.
 - We accept checks, cash and Venmo
 - \$25 for family, \$15 for individual members
 - Tracey will be at practice 5:30-6pm and 8:30-9pm for any membership forms. You can also give the form to Sara Paul in pit or Nancy.
 - Any questions, email membership@tkob.org
 - Tracey will also take commitment checks and will deliver to Donna Tropea.
- Question from Kathy Frudden: The Mailbox in the band room is not there.
 - Nancy: We are getting a new one with a lock.

Old Business:

- Super 50/50 brought in \$2370 profit. We bought 1000 tickets and sold all 1000 tickets down to the wire. Congratulations to Aida Duffet for winning 1st prize. She is donating \$500 back to the band for any members that cannot afford the season fees. Get in touch with Julie if you need help paying the fee. It is \$50 this year.
- Clothing drive brought in \$700.80. This will go towards the general fund. Thank you Rosie DeSimon for arranging it.

New Business:

- Budget:
 - We looked at the 2020 budget for 2021.
 - We kept the Home Show the same as 2019.
 - We kept pocketbook bingo at \$15,000.
 - Everything else stayed the same.
 - All other fees are in line with last year.
 - Accounting fees went up.
 - Tech fees are the same
 - We are running on a deficit.
 - We need to ramp up fundraising this year otherwise we won't have enough money for next year. The board can't stress enough how much help we need to fundraise
 - Pocketbook bingo was \$10,000 each, but was held at the high school. We have not heard from David Cittadino whether we can hold any events inside the high school. Because of the gaming license, Pocketbook bingo must be held on school property. If we can't get into the school, we might hold a tricky tray. That, we would need a lot of help for.
 - Question: Can we do it virtual?
 - Julie: We would need a different gaming license for pocketbook bingo vs. tricky tray. It would have to be noted as virtual. We need people to get donations and are businesses willing to donate after the pandemic?
- Sign-up committee forms only have two people for fundraising. We need more than that. We need the following:
 - Fundraising chair
 - More fundraising people, 19 more!
 - Bake table chair
 - Question from Rosie DeSimon: You might be able to raise me to Bake table chair. I just don't know what to do. Someone would need to show me what to do.
 - Julie: You just need to make sure there is enough baked goods on the table to be sold. Make sure there aren't too many cupcakes, but enough brownies, etc.
- Question from Al Wester: Taking a look at the fundraising commitment, is it \$200?
 - Julie: \$200 per family
- Question from Al Wester: Same for memberships. Are we looking at low numbers?
 - Tracey Paul: We have quite a lot of members. Last year we had 18. Membership is usually lower than the number of kids in the band.

- We are hoping the home State show will bring in more money. We have more bands. We are hosting 1-6 Open class.
- Julie will need to meet with the OEM about logistics if we have that many bands.
- Question from Sam Arabia: Can we sell cool shirts that we make up at the State Home show? Just a suggestion for raising money
 - Julie & Tracey: usually US Bands brings in their own shirts to sell
 - Julie: Maybe we can get someone to do shirts on demand.
 - Tracey: I might have someone from Taekwondo that does it.

Budget for 2021-22 Year:

Motioned by: Lourdes Kingston

Seconded by: Sam Arabia

Budget: Passed

Discussion:

- Committee sign-ups needed! We need a lot of volunteers
- Question from Michele Hernandez: Is there a way to get more info about these roles for these volunteer positions?
 - Tracey: Do you have a specific Role?
 - Michele: Not really, everything.
 - Julie: I can write something up
- We can't stress enough to keep your band app notifications on.
- For the fundraising commitment, we have a lot of events. You can sell \$200 in tickets and your commitment will be fulfilled. For Super 50/50 tickets, this works differently. We only count money that is pocketed by the band. So if you sell \$200 worth of super 50/50 tickets, your commitment will only be reduced by \$100 because that is the profit the band would take from your sales.
- Question from Sam Arabia: Did we get a vendor for Oktoberfest?
 - Julie: Oktoberfest didn't do as well as Wine and Dine in February. We don't have a vendor yet. If someone has a liquor vendor they deal with that is willing to help, that would be great.
- Commitment check is \$200 postdate 5/11/22 which is the last meeting of the year. It is due by 10/13/21.
- We will have a meeting with the fundraising committee.
- We have a finalized football schedule. Season at a Glance is on the tkob.org website under forms:
 - 9/3 – Senior night
 - 9/10 – Youth Football night
 - 9/24 – Tailgate
 - 10/8 – Pink Out
 - 10/29 – Homecoming
- Nancy Arabia – I got a message from Melissa.
 - For away football games, we are moving forward as if the band is going until we hear something different.
 - Pasta night will be 8/27
 - Mandatory fun will be 9/2

- Question from Al Wester: Do we have flyers we can hand out during rehearsal about TKOB to new students?
 - Julie: We can do that
 - Tracey: We have 22 paid family memberships so far, not including individual members
- Question to Nancy from Julie: How many band members do we have?
 - Nancy: 75 so far
- Question from Al Wester: What is the cutoff for Class 3 and Class 4?
 - Julie: Maybe low 70's.
- Question from Christina Spiro: Can you repeat the football schedule?
 - Julie: I put Season at a glance in the Zoom chat
 - Karen Bennett: I can put it on the tkob.org website too
- Question from Christina Spiro: What is mandatory fun?
 - Julie: The Band sergeants set it up. It is when they play games and let off some steam. Water balloons, tug of war. They also have spirit week. Dress like your section leader day.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm

Motioned by: Donna Tropea

Seconded by: Al Wester

Next meeting: Monday 8/9 at 7:30pm via Zoom