

# TKOB – Band Parents Association

## General Meeting Minutes for August 18, 2021

Virtual Meeting using Zoom

*Pledge of Allegiance*

*Meeting started at 7:37pm*

Approval of last meeting's minutes:

Motioned by: Donna Tropea

Seconded by: Lourdes Kingston

Minutes: Approved

Director's Report: Melissa Thatcher was not in attendance

Treasurer's Report:

Motioned by: Tracey Paul

Seconded by: Al Wester

Report: Approved

Committee Reports/General Fundraising:

- Membership:
  - We have 43 student's families paid out of 75 so far.
- Spiritwear:
  - Kerryann – Need orders by 9/11. Need minimum of 12 per style otherwise prices may fluctuate a little
  - Apparel order is different from Spiritwear. Apparel is required. Spiritwear is optional. The tour shirt is on the apparel order form. You can order extra shirts.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Fundraising meeting 8/31 at 7pm in the band room. Please wear a mask.
- Question from Ceserina Garcia – Will you have it on Zoom?
  - Julie Formica – We will try to have live zoom. It depends on WIFI access.
- Bake Table:
  - Home games are on 9/3, 9/10, 9/24, 10/8 and 10/29. We have a bake table at all home games and we need donations of baked goods. Package them individually each piece is \$1.
  - Sign up is for manning the bake tables. We need bakers to bake goods for the bake table. We need people walking the stands to sell.
  - Question from Rosie DeSimon – Will you increase the number of people to six, because we need extra people to walk the stands?
    - Julie Formica – We can increase the count

- Pasta night – Will be held on 8/27. Set up will be at 4pm. We don't know where it will be set up yet. The field looks complete. We will have tables. Food delivery should be at 4:15pm.
- 9/3 is an away game. The field is not ready yet, so the home game is changed to an away game. Will probably have the pasta night in the parking lot near the cafeteria. We need sternos and will get ice from the cafeteria.
- Family BBQ – Saturday 9/11
  - This is where the family is invited to view the show. Usually at the end of practice 4-4:30pm. Then we have the BBQ. Hamburgers, Hotdogs will be grilled. Desserts, drinks and sides are donated.
  - There will be a sign up for volunteers for desserts, sides, drinks, servers and cooks for the BBQ
  - We need permit from the Fire department and approval from Sodexo to get grills.
  - Do we know the perimeter around the BBQ grills? No, we need a manual to write up all these rules. Julie – I have been writing up everything as we go along.

*Discussion:*

- Selling Old Equipment:
  - We need someone's help in selling old equipment. Color guard flags, costumes, mixer, electronic equipment, possibly backdrops from indoor percussion. We need help to put pictures on a website and help coordinate the sale.
- Question from Al Wester – Does this take into consideration indoor percussion or just outdoor marching band?
  - Julie Formica – We will need to ask Melissa if we can sell the floors, backdrops. If we get permission, it would all go towards indoor.
- We got two new synthesizer carts, two new marimbas, vibraphone, mixer, synthesizer and a refurbished glockenspiel.
- Question from Al Wester – Did the new marimba and vibraphone come in yet?
  - Julie Formica – Not yet. Melissa checked.
- Al Wester – Scott Paul and I cleaned out the trailer in the back. We threw out a lot of stuff. The golf cart and ATV are good to go. The registration for the trailer is due in November.
- Run Through Home Football Games:
  - Game starts at 7pm.
  - Band arrives at the band room 4:30-5pm.
  - Hand in concession stand order form. Form will be posted as soon as we get prices.
  - Warm up in parking lot.
  - March to the stands with chaperones, no pep band this year.
  - Perform show at halftime.
  - Chaperones stay in the stands to watch belongings and instruments while the kids go to concession stand to pick up their ordered food.
  - Usually done by 10pm. Pick up is back at the band room.
  - Pink out is usually the most crowded.
- Since 9/3 is an away game, Julie will get in touch with Dan DiMino to see what the new schedule is for the themes.

- Away games – The band does not perform, only stand tunes. They dress and get on buses with chaperones.
- Competitions:
  - Usually a 9am report time at the band room.
  - Band members practice.
  - Parent volunteers load the truck before we leave.
  - When we get to the site, band members warm up.
  - Perform at designated time.
  - Parent volunteers and band members load the truck.
  - Arrive at the band room.
  - Parent volunteers and band members unload the truck into band room.
  - Band members are dismissed for the night.
  - Band members need medium long (crew) black socks. For colder evenings, leggings or Under Armor for under uniform pants. Sweat pants won't fit under uniform.
- Big shout out and Thank You to Donna Gillick for all the sewing and fitting of the uniforms. There are two years' worth of alterations that were needed.
- We need to wear masks in the building. Melissa will go over in more detail.
- We have a large pit this year:
  - Five marimbas
  - Four vibraphones
  - Rack
  - Timpani
  - Bass drums
  - Drum set
- Band Circuits for our competitions. They will have schedule and locations.
  - NJMBDA website - <https://www.njmarching.org/>
  - US Bands website - <https://usbands.org/>
- We have a very busy weekend of 10/29 – 10/31
  - 10/29 – Home football game
  - 10/30 – Home Show – US Bands State competition
  - 10/31 – NJMBDA State championships at TCNJ
- Home show 10/30 is US Bands NJ State show. It will have all open class bands. It will most likely start at 10am and end 11pm.
- Question from Al Wester – Has anyone reached out to Old Bridge OEM?
  - Julie Formica – We will. Most likely we will have time slots for schools to arrive. Unload and park at either municipal parking lot or High school and have shuttle buses.
- Question from Al Wester – When can we get a listing of the schools attending?
  - Julie Formica – We keep looking at the website, but nothing is posted yet.
- Question from Al Wester – Will there be a Director's kit?
  - Julie Formica – It has to be made up. We have a previous one.
- Question – 9/25 is Old Bridge day and CSMS is used as parking.
  - Julie Formica – Melissa knows. The band usually walks over during practice to perform. We are going to South Brunswick that day for a competition. The truck loads in front of the field house.

- Question from Jillian Johnson – Is there a way to get kids to practice? We work and cannot get her there every day there is practice. She is in the Clarinet section.
  - Julie Formica – After school there is a shuttle from the high school to CSMS. The band room might not be open, but can hang out there until it is. Also post on the Band app, there may be students or parents who can help.
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*Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm*

**Motioned by: Tracey Paul**

**Seconded by: Donna Tropea**

*Fundraising meeting: Tuesday, 8/31 at 7pm in the Sandburg band room with masks on.*

*Next meeting: Wednesday, 9/8 at 7:30pm hopefully in the Sandburg band room with masks on.*