

TKOB – Band Parents Association

General Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2021

Virtual Meeting using Zoom

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting started at 7:32pm

Approval of last meeting's minutes:

Motioned by: Al Wester

Seconded by: Sam Arabia

Minutes: Approved

Director's Report: Nancy Arabia

- It is important that all members arrive 15 minutes before the start of rehearsal to ensure that you will be on time.
- Since we are in competition band season, the only excused absences are sickness, a death in the family or quarantine. No other excuses will be accepted.
- Senior night is Friday. Senior parents are to meet under the goal post at 6pm.
- We may host another show on 10/23. This was the East Brunswick show. Their field sustained damage from hurricane Ida. We are awaiting approval from the township.
- Each weekly schedule will be posted Monday or Tuesday of that week.
- Melissa is requiring all wind instruments (except flutes) to buy a bell cover for their instrument. Melissa will order them and the parents can pay her back. The cost is \$13-\$17. Please speak to Melissa if there is an issue with funds.
- Question from Brian Grimes: Since East Brunswick is not hosting the show on 10/23. Are they using our facilities and hosting at Old Bridge?
 - Julie Formica: No, Old Bridge will host the show with all proceeds going towards Old Bridge.
- Question from Brian Grimes: Are the wind instrument bell covers related to Covid or are they in general?
 - Nancy Arabia/Julie Formica: They are used for reducing the transmission of Covid during football games and for the safety of the kids. Since the kids play and don't use masks, some band members sit below the wind instruments while they are playing and the bell covers will reduce the spread of Covid while they play above them.

Treasurer's Report:

Motioned by: Kerryann Silvestri

Seconded by: Sam Arabia

Report: Approved

Committee Reports/General Fundraising:

- Membership:
 - We had one additional membership this month
- Spiritwear:

- Kerryann – We only have a few orders so we might extend the deadline. I think the apparel order was too close to the Spiritwear order so we didn't get many.
- Suggestion from Sam Arabia: Maybe wait until after the first competition to order. After parents see apparel worn by other parents, like the pit parent shirt, they may want to order.
 - Kerryann – Good suggestion, I will look at the calendar and extend the deadline.
- Question from Tracey Paul: Do we have any pictures of the Spiritwear to show? I have the Pit parent shirt and sweatshirt and can put them on the band app.
 - Kerryann – I can ask John to see if he has any pictures.
- Bake Table:
 - Rosie DeSimon – I am planning on getting there a little after 5pm since you said drop off was at 5:30pm.
 - Julie Formica – Make sure maintenance drops off three tables. We put on the Band app the sign-ups for baked goods. We could use more since we go into the stands and sell in the stands.
 - Rosie DeSimon – I will coordinate a group chat with all the bake table ladies to get more baked goods into the stands.
 - Question from Nancy Arabia: Are you still doing concession orders?
 - Julie Formica – Yes we are, more on that later.
 - Question from Sharon Degregory: It's my first year. I'm helping with the bake table. Where do we meet, at the band room or at the table?
 - Julie Formica – At the bake table. Admission should be free if you are helping with the bake table. If not, it is about \$5 to get in. But I will talk to them to make sure.

Old Business:

- Fundraising meeting was held on 8/31 in the band room.
 - Jack Gillick and Rosie DeSimon will help with corporate sponsorship.
 - Kerryann Silvestri has volunteered to head up the tricky tray. We hope to have it around May.
 - We have a Krispy Kreme fundraiser coming soon.
 - Looking to have a Thanksgiving Pie fundraiser. Looking into a vendor and someone to run it.
 - Pasta night and Family BBQ were cancelled due to Covid quarantine.
 - Question from Julie Formica: Nancy, is Melissa still having the Family show on 9/11?
 - Nancy Arabia – I don't think so since we don't want to bring people together. Also, the kids may not be ready. I will ask Melissa.

New Business:

- Football Home Game Concession orders – We preorder concession food for the kids so they don't have to wait on line during halftime. They only have the third quarter to put away their instruments and get their food. It saves them time. Print out the Football Food Order form (tkob.org/forms). Fill out what they want. Send the form and exact

change in an envelope. Hand it to Karen Bennett or Donna Tropea when they check in at the band room. Don't forget to put the type of drink they want. i.e. Coke, Sprite, etc.

- Ad Journals and Boosters – This is for the home show. We sell a program during the show. Ads are \$25-\$125 depending on size. If you sell an ad, ½ the money goes towards your student's account for band fees and ½ the money goes to the band. You can sell to any business. Bring them the form and they email it to Robin Giraldo adjournal@tkob.org. Ad journals need to be in by 10/8/2021 to get into the 10/30/2021 program. Boosters can be done for a parent to student, student to student, etc. Those are due by 10/8/2021. There's a 51 character limit.
- Senior baby pictures are due to Robin Giraldo by 10/1/2021. They can be emailed or texted to Robin. Contact Julie for Robin's phone number to send the picture to her cell phone.
- Tricky Tray – Kerryann Silvestri is looking into venues. We will need people for solicitation. We will have people cover parts of Old Bridge so we don't duplicate efforts. After cleaning out the loft, we found gift cards that came in after the last Pocketbook Bingo. We also went through all the free purses and we found purses that we can use as prizes. We have about a dozen prizes already.
- Krispy Kreme – Karen Bennett is heading this campaign. We will start the fundraiser on 9/18. This is after the OBHS field hockey's Krispy Kreme fundraiser. Customers will order by 10/17. Money and orders are due to Karen by 10/20. Delivery will be Thursday, 10/28. We will need several minivans and SUV's to transport the donuts back to Lombardi field for parent pickup. We will have donuts ordered for the 10/30 home show.
- Question from Donna Tropea: Will we be doing another clothing drive? Someone is asking.
 - Julie Formica – We don't have one slated, but can try to get one going. It is hard with the band season schedule since competitions are on Saturdays. Usually we have two. One in August, before band camp and one during Indoor.
 - Our last competition this season is 11/6
 - Indoor percussion starts 11/20.
- Question from Kerryann Silvestri: Is the last competition the week of NJ Teacher's convention?
 - Tracey Paul – Yes it is. It is USBands nationals 11/6 at Met Life Stadium.
- Question from Brian Grimes: When are the apparel orders coming in?
 - Nancy Arabia – Even though the order deadline was July, I didn't receive all the orders and didn't place an order until well into August. I can't control when they come in. Hopefully they will come in before the first competition.
- Question from Brian Grimes: Is there a requirement for uniform if the order doesn't come in on time (i.e. if the shoes don't arrive)?
 - Nancy Arabia/Julie Formica – There's no requirement for this week's football game. Only Seniors are required to have their uniform. The rest of the band needs their tour shirts, jeans and sneakers. Melissa will send out weekly updates.
- Question from Brian Grimes: My sister is an OBHS Marching band alumni. Can she become a member with an individual membership?
 - Julie Formica – There's nothing in the bylaws to say that she needs to be a parent of a student in the band. We have a few people who have previous students in the band that are still members. So, yes, Your sister can join.

- Donna Tropea – You can send the form in and make payment by Venmo
- Question from Michele Deserto: For the concession orders, can we send our kids with their own food?
 - Julie Formica – Yes, you can send in your own food. We do concession orders as a courtesy to save time for the kids so they don't have to wait on the long concession line to get food.
- Rosie DeSimon: If anyone can help with the bake table, I'd really appreciate it.
- Question from Al Wester: Who is Melissa waiting to get approval from for the 10/23 home show? We need to keep OEM in the loop.
 - Tracey Paul – She is waiting for approval from Facility Use Fulfilment.
- Question from Donna Tropea: How much are the fees for hosting the show? We would keep the concession stand money? We make a nice profit from home shows.
 - Julie Formica – We don't know the fees yet for the new circuit, NJMBDA. We don't even know the fees yet for USBands for the state home show yet.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Motioned by: Donna Tropea

Seconded by: Sam Arabia

Next meeting: Wednesday, 10/13 at 7:30pm via zoom again since we can't have indoor gatherings inside the school.