

TKOB – Band Parents Association

General Meeting Minutes for November 10, 2021

Virtual Meeting using Zoom

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting started at 7:31pm

Approval of last meeting's minutes:

Motioned by: Sam Arabia

Seconded by: Al Wester

Minutes: Approved

Director's Report:

- Thank you to everyone again! It felt weird not to send an schedule on Monday.
- It was a great season. The kids got better as the season progressed. I'm proud of them and couldn't ask for anything more this season.
- Coming up we have indoor percussion and winter guard. Meeting is 11/18 at 7:30pm. We're going to go over what that season is all about. I'm encouraging students to get involved because any musical skills gained from that organization or winter guard, will benefit them in the long run for the future of marching band. Just try it out and see if it's something they would like.
- There is also a lot of excitement for winter guard. I have a meeting with Ryan and there should be more information coming in the next week or so. We will post details.

Treasurer's Report:

Motioned by: Cahren Morris

Seconded by: Sam Arabia

Report: Approved

Committee Reports/General Fundraising:

- Membership:
 - We had two additional memberships since September.
- Bake Table:
 - We're finishing up the year and you guys did awesome!
 - The sign Cahren Morris made stepped up the bake table.
 - Thank you all for all you did!
- Spiritwear – Kerryann:
 - Customized sweatshirts are not done and need to be personalized.
 - Waiting for zip up hoodies that need to be personalized.
 - AJ and Kerryann will deliver them when done.

Old Business:

- Krispy Kreme Fundraiser had a profit of \$2660. All donuts were picked up and we had a lot of donated donuts for the US Bands home show.

- US Band Home show – US Bands owes us a payment of \$5000 for the use of our field. We still need to pay for the police. We will get a bill. US Bands will reimburse us up to \$1000 for the police.
- Thanksgiving pies – Deadline is tonight, 11/10. So far we have 91 pies. If you have any orders, please send an email to president@tkob.org and Venmo the money to @TKOB1.
- Trick Tray:
 - We have the date of Friday, May 6, 2022 at the Old Bridge Elks on Old Amboy Road.
 - The fundraising chairs have stepped down and Kerryann Silvestri has stepped up and accepted the position and will run the tricky tray. We will all support her.

New Business:

- **MOTION** from Sam Arabia: Have indoor percussion and winter guard be folded under the umbrella of TKOB.
 - Sam Arabia: As the season is winding down from marching band and rolling into indoor percussion and winter guard, both are available for all current members of the marching band. Indoor percussion and winter guard have never before been under TKOB and it's important because TKOB has a 503(c)(3) and indoor and winter guard don't. As a result, they find fundraising just about impossible to do because they don't have the right status as far as taxes and the federal government goes. So if we did this, they will be able to use our 501(c)(3) status. They would be able to do 50/50's at home shows. Any of the concession stand profits would go into the TKOB bank account just like marching band. It would be very helpful funding the props for indoor percussion and winter guard. That process is a long and painful process to have the school approve vendors. For equipment repairs, we beat up the equipment during the marching band season and they have to use them for indoor percussion. We can help the organization as a whole by folding all the organizations under TKOB. So I make a motion to fold Indoor Percussion and Winter Guard under the TKOB Umbrella.
 - Lisa Brennan: I second the motion.
 - Question from Donna Tropea: Who is going to be the board for this?
 - Sam Arabia and Julie Formica: Same board. TKOB is the board.
 - Question from Donna Tropea: All the money is going to be blended together or are we keeping them separate?
 - Sam Arabia: Blended together
 - Julie Formica: As I understand it, TKOB will be one organization with three marching arts. Putting all the marching arts under us.
 - Sam Arabia: There's a cost for marching band, a cost for indoor and a cost for winter guard which Mrs. Thatcher manages from her end. These fees are not a part of TKOB like the fees for marching band are not part of TKOB. But any kind of fundraising, concession stand sales or repairs or things that they need goes through TKOB just like marching band does because any kid in marching band can be a part of indoor percussion or winter guard.
 - Melissa Thatcher: A lot of kids from marching band are interested in indoor percussion and winter guard. More so this year. Marching band made them excited to continue on in the marching arts. It does seem like a great approach to

encompass all of them under the band program. In most high schools, the band parents fund all those programs because they all go hand in hand. It's mostly all the same kids, but we encourage all kids to join. This would be a stepping stone to grow each and every one of these programs for the future. And each one of them encourages the other to be more successful. Students' involvement in indoor percussion and winter guard can only make the marching band stronger. It's awesome for me to know that all these groups in the marching arts are supported by the parents and give us an opportunity for the indoor percussion and winter guard parents to want to do a big fundraising activity to benefit these groups and to really help fund these groups. They all go hand in hand and enhance each other.

- Vote: 10 for; 1 against.
- **MOTION PASSED: TKOB will now encompass indoor percussion, winter guard and marching band.**
- Tracy Paul: I want to thank Melissa for having a fantastic attitude with everything that was thrown at her this year. From quarantine during band camp to all the drama that was this season.
 - Melissa Thatcher: I want these kids to know we can't just harp on the negative. There's always a solution to every problem. We have to just keep moving forward. We can't just sit there and sulk because something happened and affected us getting to the next level. Things are always going to happen. That's why I'm so proud of them. They just kept going and they didn't give up. It wasn't just me. It was a team effort with the parents, with the students, with the staff. It's not me only and I can't take credit for all this. It's all of us striving for excellence together. I'm thankful for all the awesome people that I'm surrounded with because there's no way I could have done this alone. Thank you for that. I appreciate it!
- Julie Formica:
 - Thank you to all you parents. You stepped up working the home show. You had no idea what to do and what it entailed. Thank you for all the energy you put into it.
 - Melissa, three years ago we approved a gong for purchase. Do you want us to order that for you?
 - Melissa: I will look into that ASAP. Tony sent it to me a year ago.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm

Motioned by: Sam Arabia

Seconded by: Al Wester

Next meeting: Wednesday, 12/8 at 7:30pm at the Grade Nine Center band room. Since the PTSA and ROTC are having meetings in the building, so are we. We will need to wear masks inside the building, but we are having it in person