



General Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2022

Meeting held at Ellen McDermott Grade Nine Center band room

Meeting started at 7:37pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Director's Report:

- The indoor home show is Saturday, 2/12.
 - We still need volunteers and donations. It was posted in the band app and will be posted again.
 - The show is $\frac{3}{4}$ complete which is normal. Hope to have it done for Trumbull.
 - Friday night, we will have a run through with parents at 8pm. We will demonstrate how to get on and off the floor with parent help.
 - Report time on Saturday is 8am. We need some rehearsal time.
 - All our shows are early. For Trumbull on 2/26, we will leave around 5:30-6am so we can get to the school and start rehearsing. It is about a two hour drive. We will be performing prelims and possibly finals. Prelims are at 10:45am and finals at 5:30-7:30pm. We are solidifying a school to practice at during the day so we don't waste the day. I will solidify the schedule as we get closer.
 - Winter Guard is doing well. They are practicing at the main building.
 - We will hopefully be getting both floors soon.
 - Indoor uniforms hoping to get for Friday. Guard uniforms next week.
 - Friday, I'm asking all High school students to stay after school through to rehearsal to fit their uniforms. That is so we don't have to pull them during rehearsal. Even if the uniforms don't come in, they can stay through. Donna Miles-Gillick will be helping so we can have them for Saturday. Any middle school students, get to the HS ASAP to get their uniforms fitted.
- Marching Band:
 - We had a meeting with the current members yesterday.
 - We need to start bringing in the wind players to start practicing.. The show is written. It is called Turbines. Essentially, it is building turbines, creating electricity and eventually a city skyline will be lit up. It was originally the 2020 show before Covid. It is a difficult show. I would like to start rehearsals Tuesday, 2/22. Contact Melissa if there is a conflict with rehearsals. Last year was to get the marching band started again. This coming year we are going to start getting back into the swing of things. We had a lot of new members last year.
 - We will start with a Monday or Wednesday rehearsal once a week when Indoor ends. Then in May or June we will start with twice a week Mondays and Wednesdays.
 - On 3/3 7:30pm, I will have a Zoom meeting with all parents and students interested in the 2022 marching band season.

- For leadership positions this year, students will need to demonstrate leadership. They need to show me how they mentor, motivate and work with other band members. Previously, I had students write an essay and have an interview. I feel the students were just telling me what I wanted to hear. This year, they will have to show me their leadership qualities. This will be for all section leaders as well as drum major. All leadership positions.
- Band banquet is 2/24. Money is due by 2/14. Dani Formica is doing the video.

Approval of last meeting's minutes:

Motioned by: Donald Bennett

Seconded by: Al Wester

Minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Report:

Motioned by: Rosie DeSimon

Seconded by: Lisa Brennan

Report: Approved

Committee Reports/General Fundraising:

- Membership:
 - No new members
- Spiritwear:
 - All items should be passed out.
 - Sharon DeGregory is missing one hat. She received two, but is waiting on one more.
- Tricky Tray:
 - Back to the 80's theme tricky tray is on Friday May 6th.
 - Tickets are selling.
 - We need donations.
 - We need volunteers to solicit businesses. Kerryann is doing online solicitations to corporations. Julie will help if needed.
 - Question from Rosie DeSimon: Is there a signup?
 - Julie Formica: There is a post on the band app with signup genius. I will pin it to the top.
 - We may have each section donate a basket for the tricky tray. Pit may do two since they are so big.
- Krispy Kreme:
 - All orders need to be handed in by Sunday to be given to Krispy Kreme on Monday.
 - Delivery will be Friday, 2/18.
 - Pickup will be in the Grade Nine center band room that evening.

Old Business:

- Bylaw's review: We met on the bylaws and are making changes to bring in Indoor Percussion and Winter Guard under the TKOB umbrella and to tweak them.
- Joe Corbes Fundraiser – Rosie DeSimon.
 - It wasn't that great. Not many people participated.
 - Orders are in my car tonight

- *The Nerds* Fundraiser – Lisa Brennan:
 - A lot of people have reached out to me saying it is a great idea. Unfortunately, no one has offered to help plan it with me. All great suggestions, but no one to help plan.
 - Immaculata is having the fundraiser and is charging \$100 per ticket or to donate. Any fundraiser venue I have researched charges \$60 or more per ticket.
 - Nancy Arabia is interested in alcohol sales.
 - We would need a minimum of five people to help. Make phone calls to venues especially. Licensing is needed for games of chance.
 - We will make a SignUp Genius committee and post on the Band app.
 - If we have alcohol, we will need a police presence. That would add to the cost.
 - Question from Katie Barnett: Wouldn't it be better for families with kids? We could have it at the football field. The kids could "open" for them.
 - Julie Formica: That would limit what we could do for the fundraiser. We couldn't offer alcohol or tricky tray. We would get people from all over the tri-state area. They advertise on their website.
 - We need big fundraisers to replenish what we are spending on the shows. Our big fundraiser, pocketbook bingo, generates at least \$10k per event. We had three in the past years and brought in more than \$30k. We would rather do big fundraisers and not have to work all these little ones. Although, they are good too, but a lot of work. Covid prevented us from having Pocketbook bingo in the school. We still cannot have any event inside the school.
- We have \$45 per tech for tech gifts. Those will be given out at the banquet by Melissa.
- Nomination Committee: We need a committee of 3-5 people for nominations for the officer positions. It is an easy position. Just need to read the email of nominations and present them in the meeting.
- MAPS Indoor Percussion Show:
 - 2pm start
 - Old Bridge goes on at 3:55pm
 - We still need a couple more spots for volunteers
- Friday night we need help at Sandburg. People with big trucks to move supplies to the main high school. Meet at the band room at 7pm. We need to bring crock pots, hot dog pot, coolers, competition totes, soda, noodles, Gatorade, etc.
- We still need candy for candygrams. There is no separate bake table. Baked goods will be sold at the concession stand.
- USBands home show will be the same on 3/12.
- Dining Fundraisers – Donna Miles-Gillick:
 - Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza on Wednesday, 2/16 11am-8pm. We get 20% of sales. Can order online as well as in store.
 - Working on Buffalo Wild Wings and Scoop to my Lou Ice cream.
- Melissa is planning on an early afternoon rehearsal on 2/21. There is no school that day
- Question from Lisa Brennan: Does Melissa still need a nurse for trips?
 - Tracey Paul: We are working with a Sayreville nurse, but don't know how it is going.
 - Lisa Brennan: Two school nurses recently retired. Maybe they might want to go on an all-expense paid trip to Ohio. I don't know if they need to be approved since they retired, but it is worth a look at.

- Question from Donna Miles-Gillick: If anyone is available to help after school on Friday, I could use the help to sort through the uniforms. Melissa wants me to arrive at 1:45pm in the GNC band room.
- Question from Karen Bennett: After the home show, do the supplies need to go back to Sandburg?
 - Julie Formica: No, Mr. Lanzafama is letting us use his classroom (the old band room at the main High school) for storage so it can stay for the USBands home show.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Motioned by: Donna Gillick

Seconded by: Sharon DeGregory

Next meeting: Wednesday, 3/9 at 7:30pm at the Grade Nine Center band room