



General Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2022

Meeting held at Ellen McDermott Grade Nine Center band room

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting started at 7:32pm

Approval of last meeting's minutes:

Motioned by: Lisa Brennan

Seconded by: Sharon DeGregory

Minutes: Approved

Director's Report – Nancy Arabia:

- The indoor home show is Saturday, 3/12.
 - Winter guard will perform at 4:20pm
 - Indoor Percussion will perform at 6:35pm
 - We still need volunteers and donations. It is posted in the band.
- All fundraising money has come in. Final payment amounts will be sent.
- Overnight trip forms are due Monday, 3/14.
- Melissa won't be at the home show this weekend until halfway through. If you have any questions ask Julie, Nancy or Tracey.

Treasurer's Report – Donna Tropea:

Motioned by: Donald Bennett

Seconded by: Al Wester and Sam Arabia

Report: Approved

Committee Reports/General Fundraising:

- Membership – Tracey Paul:
 - No new members
 - Starting in July we will collect memberships for the 2022-2023 season.
- Tricky Tray – Kerryann Silvestri:
 - We are sold out. We had to turn away a lot of people.
 - We could have changed the venue and sold more tickets, but the license is tied to the location and getting prizes has been a struggle. We didn't want to have a 300 person tricky tray and only 100 prizes. Then we would have a reputation of having a bad tricky tray.
 - We need more prizes. Anything you can do to get more prizes is much appreciated. Kerryann and Lucy, a previous band parent, have been emailing companies to get donations. Businesses aren't giving as much as they did in the past.

- We don't want to be running out getting prizes and cutting into profits. So anything you can do is really appreciated.
- Question from Nancy Arabia: Do you need volunteers to make a basket?
 - Yes. What we were actually going to do is have every section make a basket and donate. For example, guard would do a beach basket, etc. I will put that in the band app if that seems reasonable. Disney is not giving out tickets anymore. Big prizes are getting hard to come by.
- Question from Lisa Brennan: Can we have the parents donate towards a Visa gift card?
 - Kerryann Silvestri: I would love that, but I don't know in the past if that has been received well.
 - Sam Arabia: A donation to TKOB is tax deductible. So if someone wants to make a cash donation we can give them a receipt through the 501(c)(3)
- I may have been too ambitious with the three levels of prizes, but that is what we marketed and that we sold tickets for, so we have to just go with it.
- Question from Lisa Brennan: If we donated baskets, what are the tiers?
 - Kerryann: \$25-\$50; \$50-\$150; \$150+
- Question from Donna Tropea: For the PTSA the school donates prom tickets or student for a day. Do you think they would be interested in helping us out?
 - Kerryann: We could ask Mr. Cittadino.
- Question from Tracey Paul: Do we have a lot of school parents coming to the Tricky tray? Are there a lot from the schools and band? Or is it a lot of outside people?
 - Kerryann: A lot of it was from posting on Facebook and it was on fire. I was getting so many calls and emails. But I wanted it to be open to our band parents first. I wanted our parents to be able to fill their band commitments. So it is about 50/50 split.
- Mayor Owens Clean Team Park Cleanup – Kerryann Silvestri:
 - Dates for spring were released today.
 - Put in for three potential Saturdays in May, 9-11am
 - Need 10-15 people to do it and we get \$500.
 - Question from Tracey Paul: Is that just parents, no students?
 - Students may be able to do it now. 14 years and up.

Old Business:

- Bylaw's review – Sam Arabia:
 - Just about done, should have it by the next band meeting.
- *The Nerds* Fundraiser – Lisa Brennan:
 - Julie Formica put out a sign up. Nancy and I are co-chairing. We have a few volunteers. There's still two more volunteers needed. I'll give it another week.
 - We're thinking a September back to school event.
 - Question from Tracey Paul: Do they still have dates available?
 - Lisa: For weekdays and Sundays, yes. Those are the cheaper dates, so that's what we would be shooting for anyway.
- Clothing Drive – Rosie DeSimon:
 - We should be getting a check soon mailed to Donna Tropea's house. They usually send a check a month after pickup.
- Krispy Kreme:
 - Orders weren't as big as the last one.

- We made a profit of \$553. \$414.75 went to the student's accounts. \$138.25 went to Indoor percussion.
- MAPS Indoor Percussion Show was a success. Thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered.

New Business:

- Sam Arabia: I have a motion.
 - Last year TKOB incorporated Winter Guard and Indoor Percussion under our umbrella. During the marching season, we pay the techs. I would like to put a motion on the floor to continue that. To pay the techs for indoor percussion and winter guard.
 - Some background: the techs put in about 20 hours a week, that's 80 hours a month. For the Indoor and winter guard season, that's 400 hours of volunteering to make our kids as good as they are. The amount we pay techs for marching band is \$1000 each. That's only \$2.50 per hour. It's a nominal amount of money, but it is recognition for what they are doing for our kids.
 - Talking to Melissa this, she is willing to split the cost of props for the marching band season. So we don't have to absorb all that money. The Band parents would be paying the techs, but they won't be paying for all the props in marching season.
 - Nancy Arabia: It's actually more than 400 hours. They do Zoom calls with the kids and work on the show at home.
 - Question from Tracey Paul: What about Winter Guard?
 - Sam: I included them in this discussion.
 - Question from Donna Tropea: How many techs for Indoor and guard?
 - Sam: There's 10. Melissa has a list
 - Tracey: Three for Guard?
 - Nancy: Melissa may have included them in the count.
 - Sam: The 10 techs incorporated the guard.
 - Question from Donna Tropea: We would have to do more fundraising then.
 - Sam: We would have to do whatever it takes.
 - Donna: What we spend on props is not \$10,000. I know Melissa is going to split it and that's great, but we're still going to be more in the hole. We will have to make up more money to pay the techs if we decide to do this. Which is fine, but I wanted to point that out.
 - Tracey: We have two home shows in the fall as fundraisers and two home shows for indoor percussion shows as fundraisers.
 - Lisa: We are looking for more large scale fundraisers to bring in more money going forward.
 - We need to recognize the techs for what they are doing for our kids.
 - So my motion on the floor is that we pay the Indoor percussion and Winter Guard techs this season just like we do during marching season.
 - Donald Bennett and Lisa Brennan 2nd the motion.
 - Motion passed.
- Nomination Committee:
 - We have three people who volunteered and there are two spots left open if anyone is interested. Thank you do Kerryann who offered to chair the committee.
 - Nominations are being accepted through 3/23.

- The new officers will be presented at the April meeting.
- Tracey is the only board member that can be nominated. The other three senior board members cannot be nominated.
- USBands Home show this weekend:
 - We still need volunteers and donations.
 - Signups are on the Band App.
- I would like to recognize the Indoor Prop committee. They have knocked themselves out with all the props. The flames, cauldrons, poles are all amazing.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm

Motioned by: Rosie DeSimon

Seconded by: Donna Tropea

Next meeting: Wednesday, 4/18 at 7:30pm at the Grade Nine Center band room