

Peters Township Music Boosters General Meeting Minutes for
September 16, 2020 Virtual Zoom Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Rochelle Koerbel. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rochelle and approximately 20 participants were in attendance.

MINUTES

Ria Kartsonas motioned to approve the previous month's minutes. Elizabeth Hardy provided a second to the motion. Approval passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Michelle Skillings shared her screen and presented the Treasurer's Report.

The General Account balance as of 8/26/20 was \$80,717.10. The Color Guard byline balance was \$5,502.59. Rowdy Rhythm byline was \$1,205.61. Ending General Account balance as of 9/16/20 was \$82,789.84. Michelle explained the various deposits and expenses which included PayPal transfers to offset Color Guard Purchases on e-Commerce. Rochelle explained that orders were placed for Color Guard items, except for pom-poms, as it hadn't been decided if they were needed. If not needed, charges on PayPal would be reversed, reimbursing those who ordered. Other items noted were a deposit from the Sarris Candy fundraiser, reimbursement checks to Rochelle Koerbel, a purchase of puppy pads (COVID precaution for wind instrumentalists), and fabric for bell covers and split masks (COVID precautions). Ria Kartsonas asked and was informed that reimbursement forms are available on the PTMB website, which can be submitted via e-mail.

Rochelle took a moment to recognize and appreciate the efforts of Michelle Skillings and Ria Kartsonas who sewed all the needed masks and covers in such a short time. The cost would have been over \$1,000 and they made them all in four days.

Additionally, Michelle Skillings is making black masks for all instrumentalists to wear at performances, which will be handed out at Friday's game. The PTMB sends their gratitude to Michelle and Ria!

Rick Rothhaar motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report with a second from Tracey Collins. It was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Openings: Suzanne MacKay explained that we are still in need of a Yearbook Editor and a Band Banquet Chair (Carol Aurin, who has been Banquet Chair has a graduating senior). The date for this year's banquet is 4/29/21 (see e-Blast). Next year's banquet has already been slotted for 11/14/21.

Rochelle said that yearbook pictures are being taken by directors at practices and encourages parents to take lots of pictures at games. Typically, yearbook pictures are accumulated from the various camps throughout the summer, so we need as many as we can get. The Brag Book, which is typically a separate publication, was chaired by Alicia Olaide (also has a graduating senior), however, may be merged into the Yearbook this year, which would save some costs. Elizabeth Hardy mentioned that some pictures in the Brag Book were in color. Rochelle is going to look into this and final decisions will be discussed.

SCHOOL SPONSOR UPDATE

Milt Barney explained that the Marching Band will be playing outside of the fence this Friday (visitors' side). He is hoping that next Friday they will be allowed to play inside. Chaperones will be senior parents for this game with the hope that parents will be able to sit in the visitor bleachers for the October games. The band's performance will not be on TV, however will be live-streamed for both pre-game and halftime. Justin Piles (Associate Athletic Director) will set up the camera and will provide a link to the live stream. Milt is in charge of the video camera, but if there is a chaperone volunteer, he will ask them to watch the camera while he is able to take video on his own.

Rochelle mentioned that for this game 5-6 chaperones will be selected randomly from senior parent volunteers. She will draw the names on Thursday, September 17, so those wishing to be in the drawing should text Rochelle by 8:00 a.m. that day. Rochelle spoke with Brian Geyer, and is looking to 10/16 for Senior Rec Night and will send an e-Blast when we have tentative plans. She will also be scheduling the Parent Preview once the limit of 250 people is lifted. Tracey Collins has asked Brian Geyer about allowing parents to attend the game, and he said that it needs to wait until the ban is lifted. Milt further explained that as soon as Gov. Wolf vetoes the bill, the Senate will vote to overrule and he thinks he has the votes to be able to do it.

Milt answered questions about indoor practice (not foreseeable), how games will be streamed (Twitter?), and if games will be televised. He mentioned that televised games have commentary during halftime and will not show the band's performance. Karen Ferrari asked if community TV might televise, and Brian Geyer is working on this.

Milt offered that it looks like the band will be performing at a Pirate game in the spring and hopefully the Memorial Day Parade.

Rochelle stated that the football schedule is currently 9/18, 9/25, 10/1, and 10/16 (planned Senior Rec Night). She will be distributing theme shirts to the group at the end of practice on 9/17. Polos have not been ordered yet, as it was to be determined if they are needed.

Fundraisers:

Meatballs and Music – Rochelle and Lynn Willison discussed that April 17, 2021 is the reschedule date. Rochelle will meet with Elizabeth Hardy in November to talk about baskets.

Pies and Stromboli – Katie Clark will contact the stromboli people and figure out the dates. Once decided, an e-Blast will be sent. Usually pies/stromboli are distributed in the middle of November.

Lottery Calendars – Rick told the group that the job has been submitted to the printer and should be done by Friday, September 17. They will then begin to bundle and put together the information sheet for distribution on October 1.

Spirit Wear – Annie Doty is getting images for items for Room 100 and Rowdy Rhythm. She is looking to have socks available as they have been requested. Mr. McGough is getting ideas for orchestra items.

Funnel Cakes – There will be no funnel cakes as Trax has cancelled its Fall Festival. There will also be none at the games as concessions are cancelled as well.

Sarris Candy – Sue Dietzel explained that although we had not previously planned, once paperwork is complete, we will resume Sarris Candy orders for October. Peters Township has noted that there will be Trick-or-Treat this year and we have been successful selling candy in time for Halloween.

NEW BUSINESS

Suzanne MacKay is asking for two volunteers to perform the audit. It is an informal audit where two volunteers are asked to go through the treasurer's books and make sure the paperwork lines up with the bank statements. Ria Kartsonas and Joanne Giancola volunteered.

Additionally, Rochelle explained that Bob Racko had volunteered for the audit but has been ill. We sent some cards and balloons to him and received a lovely thank you. Rochelle will provide the address should anyone want to send their good wishes to Bob.

ADDITIONAL MEMBER DISCUSSION

Rochelle reiterated that 5-6 chaperones will be chosen at random for Friday's game. This will be limited to Senior parents (unless there aren't enough volunteers). She asks chaperones to please take as many pictures (particularly candid) for the yearbook. Ria Kartsonas will hand over the red bag to Rochelle and have chaperone tags made.

Elizabeth Hardy mentioned that chaperones must have clearances.

Milt was asked and said that a Disney trip is highly unlikely.

Rochelle said that formal pictures have yet to be scheduled, as we held off on distributing Uniforms. It is likely that we will be doing single and sibling photos, but not groups. If at some point we are allowed to do group photos, we will have them scheduled.

Mr. White asked if the balance of the General Account could be put in a better-earning account.

Michelle Skillings asked if any indoor practice is allowed. Milt explained that at the August 31 School Board meeting, the superintendent said that singing is a "super-spreading" event. Milt and Ryan Perrotte are looking for any post-PPE/social distancing data to support that this is not true or can be mitigated. Michelle offered to create a prototype singing mask.

Carrie Williams asked to add Color Guard items to spirit wear. Rochelle will forward this request to Annie. Carrie offered to help with yearbook. Rochelle is going to get her in contact with Erin Campion for more information.

Deanna Gallagher asked how the performance streaming will work on Friday. Milt will send out the link via Rochelle/PTMB. The link will be on the Band app.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Tracey Collins made the motion to adjourn at 8:31, and this was seconded by Ria Kartsonas.

Motion was passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Wednesday October 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Sue Dietzel (Secretary)