

TTBP Meeting Minutes: Monday, February 8, 2021

Call to order: 7:08 p.m. via Zoom, as schools are still closed due to COVID-19

Attendance: (9) Ben Lawson, Christina Zetterwall, Scott Luers, Vicky Persaud, Amy Robinson, Deb and Ryan Hessletine, Elise Rose, Louisa Bennitt

Approval of January minutes: Amy Robinson and Scott Luers

Vice President of Fundraising (Rachelle Eckman) - Ms. Zetterwall providing update

- Mod pizza (Newport News) fundraiser on Feb. 18. There will be curbside pickup, but you have to go inside to pay. More details to follow.
- Shoe drive will run from March 1-May 1.

Vice President of Community Outreach (Vicky Persaud)

The outreach drive for newborns is going on until Feb. 28. We're looking for new newborn outfits, diapers, shampoo, etc. This will help families in need with newborns. More info on the website and Facebook page.

Treasurer (Scott Luers)

- Checking balance is at \$26,233.77 - \$10K dedicated to future improvements for band room
- Money market account is at \$28,364.63

Secretary/Volunteer chair (Amy Robinson)

Nothing new to report.

Mr. Lawson

- Riley Warren received permission from the THS principal for the Eagle Scout project (making a 50x30ft crush and run driveway for the trailer); measurements have been taken and Mr. Rogers is providing assistance. There's a potential to lay some of the bricks that were purchased last year during this project.
- Friday is Mr. Lawson's last day before paternity leave, and he will return April 19. The long-term sub has met all students last week and this week - her name is Ms. Shannon Shuber.
- We are still going to do a spring concert of sorts - either virtual or in-person to the extent we're allowed based on COVID guidance in the May timeframe, hoping for an in-person concert.
- Percy Ironmonger scholarship sent out last week - due April 23 at 3 p.m. Any senior who is continuing to pursue music or color guard in some form in college is highly encouraged to apply.
- The March meeting will be conducted via email (March 8)
- The April meeting will move to April 19.
- Marching band update - the hope was to have more information by today, and although we're still waiting, the wheels are in motion right now; however, we don't know what the outcome will be.
 - Over the course of the next 2-3 months, we still plan to do an 8th grade night and a senior night, and there will be financial components to each of these.
- There is a football season and there are three home games. The consensus was that every school will decide what its band will do. It will be completely voluntary, and a survey will go out to the students to gauge interest in participating. Depending on guidance, students may also need to play in masks. We will be limiting building traffic, and there may be distancing protocols. If your student decides to participate, the goal is to ensure all of our students are as safe as possible.
- It is not in THS's best interest to start a band season in the next two months, so the current proposal is to start the outdoor band experience April 20, rehearsing on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-5 or 3:30-5:30. By starting in April, hopefully the weather will be better and guidance may change (with some restrictions)

possibly lifted). Regardless, we will operate within the constraints we're given.

- Although we're not sure what the performance(s) will look like (there's a potential to play at Bailey Field, at brick and mortar locations or possibly even neighborhood-type parades), the overall goal is a quality experience for the students.

- Mr. Lawson is meeting with Mr. Rice to discuss the potential for a pep band during the three home football games, but this is also dependent on guidance and restrictions. Again, this would be 100% voluntary and a survey would be sent out to gauge student interest.

TTBP President (Christina Zetterwall)

- Garage door - currently waiting on a number of factors - hopefully before next school year begins.
- Bricks - we're going to figure out where to lay some of the bricks with the Eagle Scout project and there will be another brick fundraiser this year.

- There will not be a yearbook this year.

- Some board members and chairs have graduating seniors this year, so these positions will need to be filled. Please consider volunteering.

- End-of-year awards and banquets will happen in some way/shape/form

- **Mr. Lawson:** We still have awards from last year to give out. There will be some kind of end-of-year celebration, whether it's virtual or in-person. Either way, it will look different this year.

- Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Any additional questions?

Meeting adjourned: 7:51 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Amy Robinson

The next meeting will be conducted via email Monday, March 8, 2021.