

BOOSTER CLUB MEETING MINUTES - Wednesday, August 4, 2010

Jammi Welter called the meeting to order and lead the prayer at 6:30 pm in the DB office.

Present for the meeting: Jammi Welter, Shannon Hames, Trina Becker, Dawn McMahon, Connie Mangrich, Stephanie Gardner, Trudy Breitbach, and Kim Rottinghaus.

Minutes from the June meeting were read and approved by Jammi Welter and seconded by Connie Mangrich. Minutes approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Payments to the building campaign will be as follows: \$15,000 now and the \$10,000 balance after the raffle for a total payment of \$25,000 in 2010. For 2011, our plan will be to pay the entire amount in the spring.

Softball tournament profit @ \$5,854; last year was @ \$5,700. Golf Outing, final profit to be reported at next meeting.

Concessions

Kim Rottinghaus will coordinate VB concessions for both IC and DB for this fall. Leigh Anne Schares will coordinate concessions for football for this year. Discussion on needing a new grill – does the FB program use it also for FB games? Jammi will check with Jane or Leigh Anne. We need to put notice out that we need a new grill for the ball diamonds concessions.

Merchandise and Apparel

Flags – we have car window flags for sale - \$12/each.

VB and FB designs were shown. Stephanie is working with Mona Rottinghaus on various generic items for sale. Order forms and samples will be available at Registration. Orders will be due back by Aug. 18th at Orientation, with delivery around Aug. 26th. Suggestion was made to ask Mona to offer an inexpensive generic DB crew sweatshirt in a few color options – something the kids can wear in school. Stephanie will check on that.

Discussion on merchandise vendors – Eric has asked the BC to consider putting out a request to various vendors to give us a “bid” on pricing for shirts for the entire year. The goal is to get the shirts at a lower cost, thus increasing our profit. Discussion included the pros and cons to doing so:

Pro – lower cost for the year.

Cons – not all vendors can meet turn around times; we feel it's best to support local vendors; some may have shipping costs; relationships with vendors is important in knowing how they operate (do they get it completed on time as requested, etc.), and various qualities of merchandise. The general consensus was that we could end up working with a vendor who gives us the lowest bid but doesn't get things done on time or as requested, or may not be able to meet all turn around times and deadlines. Everyone agreed that it would be great to get a confirmed lower price, but also expressed concern with being tied to one vendor only. We want to work with our local people who also support our school. Eric also indicated that some vendors, once they know they have your business for the year, will also offer various “extra” items to the school. It's nice to get “free” things. The question arose whether these free things are items we need or just additional things that we happen to get for free? And if they are items we need, maybe we are better off just paying for them as we need them? The issue at hand is making the job for the mdse and apparel volunteers as efficient as possible. This committee is very busy all year long and working with the right vendor can make this job easy or it can make things complicated.

At this time, we will not put out a request to all vendors. We all agreed that working with Gregg's Sporting Goods has worked well in the past. We will discuss pricing with Gregg to see what kind

of price he can offer us to become our vendor for the year. Gregg has always been a big supporter of Don Bosco and we all feel he will work with us on this so we don't have to open things up to other vendors nor will we have to get a bid each time from Gregg. We will also work with Mona's Originals for generic items. These items can be offered now through the order form and again in early November for Christmas items.

Stephanie and Shannon also expressed concern with "others" getting involved in this committee. Sometimes some of us are trying to help them out, but in reality we are making things more complicated for Stephanie and Shannon. The group also discussed making sure the order forms all go out together at the same time (Fall, Pre-Christmas, Winter, Spring, and Summer) with clear instructions on deadlines and where to pick up the orders, etc. This will ease the process in getting the job done. We will discuss this with others who could not be at this meeting.

FUNDRAISING

Softball Tournament concessions – next year Karen Paulsen, Julie Ortner, and Linda McGarvey have agreed to coordinate the concessions for the DB softball tournament.

Golf Outing – committee is working on prizes, sponsors, etc. – more information at the next mtg.

Fall Programs – Dawn McMahon is working on getting all the sponsors, ads, and copy for the fall sports program (Football and Volleyball). She asked the group to review the list of contacts for any updates.

Shopping Extravaganza – Jammi Welter is coordinating this event for Saturday, Oct. 30th from 9am – 1pm. We will have concessions open for this day. Jammi has emailed various vendors and will make contact with those who participated last year to let them know the date and get them signed up.

OLD BUSINESS

Rock around Ball Diamonds

Second load of rock has not been done – wait until spring?

NEW BUSINESS

Recycling Fundraiser

Jammi brought information from an organization that recycles electronics, etc. We believe the PTO is already coordinating this. Jammi will contact Jennifer Kelley to confirm.

Budgets

Jammi will work with Jane Becker to get the information for the next meeting on the school's activity budgets for both IC and DB – that should be presented at the September meeting so we can make projections for things for this year. We will have to include the payment to the building campaign along with the activity budget contribution. From there, we will determine whether or not there is anything left for other projects.

Other Business

Weight Room/Fitness Room – Eric requested money from the BC to purchase additional weight equipment. Jammi will get back to him to let him know that we can't make that decision until after we review the activity budgets and know what our hard expenses are for the year (building contribution and activity budgets). We also will need to know what items are needed and how much they cost?

Lockers for new building purchased from Sumner HS – the plan is to use these in the new building/gym locker rooms but they need to be painted. Shannon Hames will talk to her husband Chris to see if he can help with this. They are being stored at Dick & Pat Becker's in Jesup.

Pep Rally for Homecoming – we are planning on Wednesday, Sept. 29th – we will further discuss homecoming plans and the pep rally next month. The BC will provide the food to sell at the pep rally. Kim will contact the Student Council advisor (Mr. Tovar) to let him know that.

Annual Raffle – tickets will be mailed out with the Bosco Bugle Alumni Newsletter next week. Tickets are due back to the DB office by noon, Thurs, Sept. 30th. Winners will be announced at the Homecoming football game on Fri, Oct. 1st. Kim will put out notice in the bulletins and newsletters that raffle tickets are available, drawing and deadline information, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 AT 6:30PM IN THE DB LIBRARY.

Respectfully submitted by
Kim Rottinghaus