

BOOSTER CLUB MEETING MINUTES – Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Trudy Breitbach called the meeting to order and lead the prayer at 6:40 pm in the DB library.

Present for the meeting: Trudy Breitbach, Patty Rhoads, Chuck Phillips, Colby Yoder, Karen Paulsen, Tom Hogan, Tina Hogan and Kim Rottinghaus.

Minutes from the February meeting were read and approved by Karen Paulsen and seconded by Kim Rottinghaus.

Agenda was approved with one addition: Stage Curtains – cleaning expense (Trudy B).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Current balance @ \$93,000. Will need to pay state wrestling expenses (more than last year due to the new state format).

Concessions YTD @ \$11,400 and Merchandise YTD @ \$10,660.

Middle School Basketball Tournament (final numbers TBD): 8 teams = \$640; paid out \$560 to officials and \$150 for medals. Income: gate \$285 and concession sales \$750 (does not include costs for concession items). May net @ \$500.

Merchandise and Apparel

Patty reported they are working on a wrestling state champion t-shirt with order forms coming soon. Also working on track and golf shirts.

FUNDRAISING

Volleyball Tournament

Patty reported there are 24 teams (LY we had 40 teams at UNI and paid \$1,600 to UNI to use the facilities, etc.). Discussed various options for this tournament for next year – maybe separate dates and more tournament dates if gym space is available. Shannon Hames has workers scheduled and is set for the concession stands in both locations.

Scratch Card Fundraising – Basketball Slam

Tickets need to be sold by the end of March. Unsure of the number sold, trying to get the tickets that are sold turned in so we know where we are for sales and number of tickets yet to sell. We need to sell all 500 tickets to generate the \$2,600 profit. Kim is working on getting these numbers and figuring out what tickets are unsold at this point.

OLD BUSINESS

Basketball Tournament

Discussion on changes for next year included: have some HS boys help officiate to reduce that expense. Tom reported that he had comments from some that they liked having good officials. We may use HS boys for lower grades to help and/or use one official and one HS boy for each game. We will hold this tournament again next year.

Dinner Theater – Spring Play

Kim reported that Stephanie Gardner, Leigh Anne Schares and Kim are organizing the dinner theater and the tickets, etc. for the Saturday night dinner theater. Tickets will be \$15/person – serving lasagna, salad, breadsticks, and chocolate trifle for dessert.

We are also working with the cast to promote the play to the K-5 students at St. Joe's, IC, and St. A's. The cast will visit the classrooms the week before the play to hand out candy bars to all and encourage them to attend the play. The candy bars will also have one golden ticket per

classroom that will represent a prize (free admission, backstage pass, candy bar, etc.). Kim and Stephanie are working on getting those done for the cast to make these visits Mon-Wed, March 26-28.

NEW BUSINESS

Stage Curtains

The new stage curtains are being installed and should be done soon. We also need to clean the front curtains. Karen received a bid from Harris Cleaning to do this for \$350. Expense approved by Trudy Breitbach and seconded by Kim Rottinghaus. Karen will set up the date and time to get this done before the play.

Football Field - Fundraiser

Colby Yoder and Chuck Phillips reported they are working on a field for the FB team for this year. We are going to 8-man football and need a place to play. The parish council and school board are working on plans and getting archdiocesan approval to move forward with plans to develop the area where the practice field is to create a football field and start fundraising for this project.

Fundraising – estimated costs to get the field ready (field, press box, concessions, bathrooms, bleachers, lights, etc. – all to be done in phases with the necessities done this year to be able to play this fall) approximately \$120,000. The FB group is working on trying to get this done as inexpensively as possible. Other schools are getting upgrades and we are trying to buy some of their “old” equipment/items such as bleachers, etc. Chanteil Becker and Pat Monat are working with Megan Monat on a fundraising website. This is being put together so anyone can make a donation online if they want.

The FB group is asking the BC to contribute to this project. Discussion included the following:

1. The football program joining the school's activity budget and operate under the BC as do the other activities rather than operate as in individual group.
2. The Booster Club moving the money set aside for the baseball/softball diamond lights to the football field project.
3. The Booster Club's pledge to the Building A New Legacy campaign (two more payments of \$25,000 each are still outstanding pending information on locker room improvements).

These three items are all associated. The BC cannot contribute to the Football Field project when the FB program operates separate from the activity budget. So the first item for discussion was #1 – should the FB program join the BC and the activity budget? The program has sustained itself each year for the past 8 years. The FB program fundraisers would become BC fundraisers with all proceeds going to the BC (gold cards, waffle breakfast, concessions, merchandise sales, etc.). The Booster Club would give the FB program an operating budget each year just as the other sports/activities get. Colby estimated that they would need \$8-10,000 each year to operate the program. The Activity Budget for 2012-2013 would need to be revised to include FB. The exact budget and expenses to operate the program will be reviewed and a budget will be approved. The Activity Budget will also include additional income from gate admission. The FB program currently has an account balance of @ \$20,000. Colby will continue to purchase items needed between now and this fall using this account. Effective July 1st, the account would be split up as follows: \$5,000 will go to the BC to start the FB uniform account (going forward the BC will put money into the uniform budget each year as is done for all other sports). Colby will probably spend @ \$5,000 on items needed and money will be set aside to pay coaches salaries for this first year. After that, coaches salaries will be paid by the school just as other high school coaches salaries are paid (this may need to be discussed further). The balance will go to the Football Field project. In the future, the FB program will continue to hold camps to put money into their side account and will operate the program using the activity budget given to them each year.

Motion to include the Football program in the activity budget, subsidized by the Booster Club, giving FB an operating budget each year (exact amt TBD), and starting the uniform account with

\$5,000 from the FB program's current balance. Motion approved by Karen Paulsen, Trudy Breitbach and Tina Hogan. All in favor, motion carried effective July 1, 2012.

Contributing to the Football Field Project

Discussion included moving the \$25,000 that is set aside for ball diamond lights to the Football Field project. We will first confirm what money was put into this account by the BC and what money was donated to this account to be used specifically for the ball diamond lights. If there was money donated specifically to the ball diamond lights then Karen will contact those donors to ask them for approval to put that money towards the football field project. If approved, the entire balance of the ball diamond light money account could be moved to the football field project.

Discussion also included the Building A New Legacy campaign pledge to the building project from the BC. When this pledge was made, it was contingent on completing the locker rooms in the high school. Since we have been told that there is not enough money in the fund to complete the locker rooms, the BC has not yet made the last two pledge payments to the building campaign, a total of \$50,000 is outstanding.

The BC ideally wants to make the final payments and complete the locker room project. We have not heard any additional feedback since the past meeting when Jeff Keen reported on the status of the project.

Further information on the locker room project is needed before deciding what to do with the \$50,000 outstanding pledge to the Building A New Legacy Campaign. Further discussion and updates will be requested of the Building Committee on the locker rooms. Trudy will contact Scott Reiter and Jeff Keen for updates.

Other Items

Tom Hogan will check on the status of the new scoreboards for the ball diamonds.

Trudy Breitbach reported that this year will be her last year to manage the softball/baseball diamond concessions. We will need to find someone to work with her this year to learn the ropes and take over next year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE APRIL 11, 2012 AT 6:30PM IN THE DB LIBRARY.

Respectfully submitted by
Kim Rottinghaus