

BOOSTER CLUB MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2013

Members Present: Katie Bailey, Rick Blackwell, Hanna Corbin, Amy Frost, Shannon Hames, Tom Hogan, Missy Neebel, Karen Paulsen, Sheri Purdy, Blaine Rhoads, Patty Rhoads, Ann Schmitz

Shannon called the meeting to order and lead the prayer at 6:02 PM in the DB outer office.

Approval of August Minutes: Missy approved the minutes and Shannon seconded the motion.

Additions to the Agenda: Karen Paulsen asked to be added to agenda to discuss Campus Ministry Service Trip Transportation to Appalachian Mission Center. Katie Bailey asked to be added to agenda to discuss Dance Team proposal.

Committee Reports:

1. Finance/Budget: Missy presented the budget. Cash in bank as of Sept 30, 2013 (checkbook) is \$89,942.10. Net income for September was \$14,041.54. Rick approved the treasurer's report and Sheri seconded.
2. Merchandise: Patty reported that fall merchandise orders are done. This includes football, volleyball, cross country and band. She also reported they are still selling headbands (second order of these). The next upcoming merchandise project will hopefully be football playoff shirts. Patty has teamed up with Tiffany Moore who does the customized "bling" merchandise. The first order of items went well. Tiffany will be doing another order with some different/new items before Christmas. Patty also reported that this will be the current merchandise teams last year (Blaine & Patty Rhoads and Chad & Tammy Bedard). They will continue to coordinate the merchandise sales until the end of the baseball/softball season (July 2014). The ideal situation is for someone new to step forward and work with Patty to be able to step in for the 2014-2015 school year. Patty also mentioned that the vendor she works with (Elite Sports) is working to get online ordering up and running. This could be an option when ordering DB merchandise in the future.
3. Fundraising:
 - A. Titanium Necklace- Shannon received some information regarding selling titanium necklaces. All were in favor to not pursue this at this time.
 - B. Volleyball Tournament – Patty has coordinated this USA Volleyball tournament at Don Bosco over the last several years. We are in need of someone to take this over. Patty will assist them this year with the tasks so they can continue next year. There was also discussion that the DB High School Volleyball coaches need to get involved in this. The new coordinator will need to look at possible date(s) for the tournament, USA or AAU, etc.
 - C. Waffle Breakfast – The waffle breakfast was held on September 8. The profit from this breakfast was approximately \$3,500.
 - D. Alumni Football Night – The profit from the Alumni Football night was approximately \$3,200. There was discussion about coordinating this event in conjunction with Homecoming events next year.
4. Concessions:
 - A. Concession Punch Cards – Punch cards for the concession stands are currently being sold at the concession stand for home events. There was discussion on next year making the Activity Pass, Gate punch pass, and Concession punch pass all different colors to alleviate any question/confusion for workers.
 - B. Concession Stand Closing – There was discussion on the idea of closing the concession stand for sporting events during the middle of the 4th quarter (near end of the sporting event). This allows the concession stand workers to start cleaning up and putting things away inside the concession stand. Then once the event is over, they can assist with clean up outside the concession, bleachers, etc. which will allow everyone to be finished and leave sooner. Sheri approved this and Amy seconded this.

Old Business:

1. Strategic Plan Update - The Strategic Planning Committee met once last week and received information from Tom Hogan as reported to him by each coach/director. There are a few sports we are waiting for information on. It was also requested by the Strategic Planning Committee that Tom email all of the coaches/directors and ask them to prioritize their items. The Strategic Planning Committee will meet once all information is collected.

New Business:

1. Campus Ministry trip to Appalachian Mission Center – March 16-22, 2014 – Karen stated there would be a maximum of 15 people (12 students, 3 adults) going on this service trip. They would like to use the turtle bus so all could ride together. Two of the adults are licensed to drive the turtle bus. Rick will check with the state regarding the policy and legalities before we can approve this. Rick will let Kim know what he finds out and discuss at the next meeting.
2. Dance Team – Katie Bailey reported that there has been interest in starting a dance team. There are 8-12 girls that she knows of that would be interested. The only expenses foreseen at this time would be a coach salary (need to find a dance coach), and costumes. Once approved to start a dance team, they would like to do some sort of fundraiser to help support the expenses. The State Dance Competition is the first part of December. At this time, it would be too late to anticipate entering this competition for this year. However, if approved, this first year the dance team could perform at half-time of the home basketball games. Next year it could be expanded to performances at football and basketball as well as competitions. Hanna highly recommended having tryouts as she feels there will be a large interest in this. Sheri made the motion to approve the implementation of a Dance Team, Missy seconded. All in Favor. No opposed. Katie or a representative will take the proposal of starting a Dance Team to the School Board meeting next week.
3. Booster Club By-Laws – The Booster Club By-Laws were modified by the Booster Club Officers and Kim Rottinghaus. Members present at the meeting approved the By-Laws with the addition of Dance Team, once approved by the School Board. Sheri made the motion to approve, Amy seconded. All in Favor. No Opposed. Kim also created a document of Booster Club policies. Amy mentioned that we need to add to our policy information regarding the middle school and high school coach certification reimbursement. The concern is that the coach certification is a lot of money. Middle school coaches do not make very much money for coaching. There was discussion on various ways to possibly reimburse some of the cost for certification. Different ideas were discussed as far as adding \$50 each year they coached with the Bosco System to the coach salary, reimbursing a specific amount after a set period of years of coaching. Karen & Tom mentioned that a few years ago they thought the middle school coach salary was increased in part because of the high cost of certification. Tom will research this and report back before any decisions are made.
4. Homecoming – Prior to the meeting, Kim had emailed a “check-list” of Homecoming tasks that needed to be taken care of each year for a successful Homecoming week. The idea is to have the Booster Club assist the Student Council Advisors and Student Council Officers in events for Homecoming week. Ideas mentioned in the check list were also pertaining to choosing a theme, advertising events going on during the Homecoming week to get the community involved, etc. There was discussion at the meeting regarding when the crowing of the King/Queen and Prince/Princess should take place as well as various options as far as dates to have the pep rally, parade, etc. (Board approved Wednesday night, Friday after school, etc.) Hanna will discuss with the students and see what their ideas and preferences are and report back.
5. Sound System Equipment – Ann reported that she has been working with a vendor as well as speaking to other peers at Osage High School on sound system equipment and options. She is working on getting quotes for a sound system and sound panels. She also stated the importance of having adequate training on how to use the sound system the school currently has. She asked for permission to hire a professional to come and look at our current sound system and determine what works, what doesn't, and what can or cannot be fixed. A high-end quote for this technician to look at all of this is \$650-\$700. Training would be an additional expense. Sheri made the motion to approve the \$650-\$700 expense for a hired professional to look at our system plus training expenses. Shannon seconded. All in Favor. No opposed.
6. Baseball Items Needed – Blaine reported that he has been working with Steve Reiter on getting a well for the baseball/softball diamonds. Steve thought there would be no need for a well, but could instead have a sand point which will be half of the cost of a well. The estimated cost of a sand point would be \$3,000-\$4,000. Blaine has already received permission from the parish since it is parish grounds. Blaine has also talked to the Horticulture Science program at Hawkeye Community College as far as installing an irrigation system at the baseball and softball diamonds. Rick stated since this was something new and dealt with grounds keeping, Blaine should also take this proposal to the School Board. The irrigation system would be free labor and the only cost would be for the materials. Blaine has also been working with Greg Becker (Becker Four Seasons) in getting sod for the baseball

diamond. Greg can get the sod at cost. Tom said there is money in the Activity budget for field/maintenance expenses that will pay for some of the field maintenance, and any additional money needed could be covered by Booster Club. The estimated total cost for the sod/field maintenance is \$500-\$700. Blaine also discussed needing a short toss screen, new field screen, ball cart and mat over home plate. The estimated cost is \$700. Sheri approved paying money needed to cover field maintenance and new short toss screen, field screen, ball cart, and batting mat over home plate, and Amy seconded.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50PM

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 6 at 6:00PM in DB Outer Office.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Frost