

# Mankato West Booster Club Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 23, 2009

The Booster Club met on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 in the West cafeteria. Members present included Pres. Barb Kaus, V.Pres. Lisa Haman, Joan Untiedt, Ken Essay, Todd Weber, Stacy Svir, Lucy Nelson, Paul Jakes, Lori Jakes, and LeAnn Mages.

**Secretary's Report** - The minutes from the October meeting were distributed and approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report** - Joan Untiedt reported a balance of \$64,000, \$14,345 of which is committed. Concession revenues are up from last year as are Scarlet Saver revenues. Merchandise sales are down, mostly due to weather limiting sales opportunities. Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept report as written. Barb Kaus presented Joan with a floral arrangement in appreciation of her exceptional contribution as treasurer of the West Booster Club.

## **Committee Updates:**

**Concessions:** Lucy Nelson is now in charge of coordinating volunteers for concessions, as Sandy Guhlke has resigned. The concession committee (Judy Long, Lucy Nelson and Pat Nelson) has had its first meeting. There will no longer be a paid position for concessions. East will be sending \$125.00 for our work at the East/West football game.

**Elementary Public Relations:** There were 33 T-shirts sold at Garfield. The committee is now working on promoting winter sports, exploring the possibility of youth program participants playing at half-time at West events.

**Membership:** Still looking for four board members. We should have no less than five, and no more than nine.

**Merchandise:** A personal website for merchandise sales was discussed. The merchandise committee feels it's too much for them to maintain, so Stacy Svir will work on setting up a site with an order form, although it won't have the capability of direct ordering and paying on the site. A motion was made, seconded and approved to proceed.

**Scarlet Savers:** Todd Weber reported that sales are up about 175 from last year. There are seven students who haven't turned in cards and/or money. DMMS will no longer be participating in the sales of cards, so there needs to be more cooperation between the two schools in light of the \$5000 contribution the Booster Club makes to DMMS athletics.

**Website Update:** Stacy Svir introduced the G-mail system which can be used for contacting Booster members as a whole or in groups. Will be trying it out for concession volunteers.

**Advertisement Update:** Brian Fowler is doing a mock-up of signage for outside fences. There is a question of whether we keep the funds, or if the district takes some, depending on where the signage is placed.

## **Ken's Report/Requests:**

Submitted bills for hockey, \$1700, which was less than the approved amount, and software for basketball, \$179.99. Hockey helmets are on order. Boys golf jackets - bid is revised to \$750.

**Requests:**

Water bottles - a safety issue. **Board approved.**

Ski team requesting \$1200 for gates at meets. East has approved their half. **Board approved.**

Choir robes - not currently in the Booster Club by-laws to fund non-athletic groups, but by-laws could be amended.

Honoring section champions: Brian Fowler makes posters for the foyer at a cost of \$50 to \$150 per poster. **Board approved.**

The All-Sports Banquet has become increasingly expensive, and most Big 9 schools do not have one. Discussed finding another way to honor athletes, such as an honors assembly.

**Old Business:**

Soccer sign is being completed by LaDon Henderson under cost.

By-laws: Lisa sent an e-mail for suggestions and is awaiting responses.

We need a fundraising committee. Ideas brought up were banquet events and a recycling bin.

**New Business:**

We need a volunteer for a newsletter. Stacy Svir is checking to see if we have software.

Future of West Booster Club - think about our goals for the next five or ten years.

Carlson is offering a 30% off sale on stationery, cards, gift bags, etc. to West families with 15% of the sales donated to the school. It will be up on the website until at least February.

Barb showed mock-ups of a Booster Club Christmas card.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is Monday, January 25, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,  
LeAnn Mages, Booster Club member