

Mankato West Booster Club Meeting Minutes

Mon. October 26, 2009

The Booster Club met on Monday, Oct. 26th, at 7 p.m. in the West conference room. Thank you to all who attended. Members present included Pres. Barb Kaus, V.Pres Lisa Haman, Joan Untiedt, Ken Essay, Stacy Svir, Joann Nessler, Paul Jakes, Tod Weber, Sue Schwickert, Gary Mielke, Sandy Guhlke, and Cindy Dutcher.

Secretaries' Report- The minutes from the Sept. meeting were read and approved as written.

Treasure's Report - Motion was made & approved to accept report as written. Our current treasure, Joan, is resigning as of Dec. 1st. The Booster Club is looking for a parent with an accounting background to take this position. Pack the Stands committee donated \$3000.00 to the Booster Club - THANK YOU SOCCER COMMITTEE! \$1000.00 was sent to Sandy Abild to pay her for her 1/3 of her contract that she full-filled before resigning. A thank you note was also sent to her from us for her work in the concession stand.

Committee Updates:

Concessions: This will be a transition time. Judy Long has volunteered to take over. Pat Nelson has agreed to help with research and development. Sandy Guhlke has agreed to continue to find/call volunteers. A meeting will be coming up soon to go over space plans.

Elementary Public Relations: It was reported that 65/96 "Future Scarlets" t-shirts have been sold, and 165 tattoos. Plans are underway for ½ events for elementary students at the wrestling & basketball games. Elementary schools are taking orders for t-shirts. They would like to give away a football signed by all the players to an elementary aged student at an upcoming section game...also candy on Halloweed!

Memberships- New: currently at 174 (up 3 since last meeting)

Memberships- Alumni: currently at 29 - (brought in \$590.00) more letters going out soon!

Merchandise: Sue Schwickert reported that they are down in sales but have lost the chance to sell at several games due to the rain. If the concession committee is looking into re-doing the space in the concession stand perhaps there could be room for the merchandise to be sold from inside that stand also!? - something to look in to...this may also open up more outside-of-games sales since "West" merchandise can be displayed at all times. Stacy needs updated lists, pictures from this committee for the website.

Scarlet Savers: Sale totals are now ahead of last year. Currently at \$31, 495.00. 10 students still have not turned in cards/money. Winter/Spring sports still on going. Spent \$400.00 on gift cards that were given out at Homecoming during drawing for sellers of all 10 of their cards this fall! Stats into DMMS athletes selling in the fall will be tallied - then a decision will need to be made about continuing this?, Booster contributions to DMMS?

Website Update: Gary Mielke announced that he will be resigning from the website, and Booster board, effective immediately. Stacy Svir is on board and doing well with updates/changes/new links. He has purchased new software and now has full access to our site.

Chipotle Fundraiser Update: Over \$1000.00 was donated! Raffle tickets were sold for 3 lunch periods.

Ken's Report/Requests -

Requests:

Swim/Dive Coaches (Dave Burgess & Andy Viker) are requesting a new computer software program. \$720.00. This would allow them to run an entire swim & dive meet together instead of individually - then adding adding score together at the end. **Board Approved.**

Girl's Hockey Coach (Kara Samuelson) is requesting 25-30 warm-ups that will travel through the team for 5-6 years. Total cost per warm-up is \$72.00 each. Total cost for varsity team is \$2160.00. **Board Approved.**

Additional bill for installation of speakers at soccer field. \$315.00 **Board Approved.**

Still needed at soccer fields - more bleachers.....lights.....concession building....

Something free coming soon - Radio Station webcasting of West events/games - Home & Away. This would also Build alumni relations. Stations sell advertising - not us! Very positive for us - check it out!

Soccer sign is updated for 2009 - to date. We budgeted \$2000.00 for this, but it is coming in less.

In the future - orange fencing around softball fields will need to be replaced. - take out orange/collapsible one!

Old Business:

State Football Champion Sign & Soccer Scoreboard Signs: It's done! State football sign is set to go up before Saturday's game.

New Business:

DMMS - Should we consider pulling Scarlet cards for Jr. High athletes to sell? Is this too demanding for these Athletes? Should "West" apparel be pulled from being sold at DMMS? DMMS PTO is reporting their sales are Down - possibly because of the presence of the West apparel at DMMS.

Advertisement committee: NEW - Peggy Mueller, Judy Long, Ken, Barb Kaus, & Lisa Haman have met and discussed wrapping fences around the West campus - by Stolzman? by field? Need to meet with district people to see if this could be a fundraiser for West. It looks professional & raises money.

Fundraising committee: NEEDED Stacy will advertise on the website to see if anyone is interested.

Marketing committee: NEEDED Stacy will advertise on the website to see if anyone is interested.

Golf Tournament committee: NEEDED

Bylaws: Committee will meet again - everyone has looked through changes ~ ready for approval! It is in our by-laws that we do not need a membership vote to change the by-laws. A Board vote can approve.

Adjournmentthank you everyone!

**Next Meeting is Monday, November 23rd
7:00 in West conference room**

Respectfully Submitted:
Cindy Dutcher, Booster Club Secretary.