

# Mankato West Booster Club Meeting Minutes

Mon. January 25, 2010

The Booster Club met on Monday, Jan. 25th, at 7 p.m. at the home of Lisa Haman on a cold & snowy night! Thank you to all who attended. Members present included Pres. Barb Kaus, V.Pres Lisa Haman, Steve Isakson, Ken Essay, Joann Nessler, Paul Jakes, Judy Long, Jen Kukuczka, Peggy Mueller, and Cindy Dutcher.

The meeting was called to order and a board vote was taken, and approved, to add Steve Isakson to our board, and to the position of Booster Treasurer. Steve & Joan have met a few times so the transition went smooth. Welcome Steve!

**Secretaries' Report-** The minutes from the Nov. meeting were read and approved as written (Thanks LeAnn).

**Treasure's Report** - Steve handed out end-of-the year balance sheets showing our finances. He would like an updated inventory amount from merchandise since the same total has been forwarded for several months.

## Committee Updates:

**Concessions:** Totals are looking good for the year - sales up from last year. Judy reported everything is going just fine! In the past there have been scheduling difficulties for the winter sports so they are trying a new plan that seems to be helping. Varsity parents work during JV games, and JV parents work during Varsity games. Each parent only needs to sign up for 1-2 times slots for the season.

**Elementary Public Relations:** Joann reported that t-shirts were being sold at a girls basketball game this weekend and at the Hoover Sneaker Hop. The Booster club will reach out to Coach Boone about plans for basketball games. Boys' parents already fundraise during ½ time of their games - perhaps the Boosters could do something at ½ time of the girl's games.

**Memberships- New:** currently at 177 (+ 2 since last meeting, does not include alumni #'s)

**Memberships- Alumni:** currently at 29. Barb & Lisa will contact Vicky Nessler about what is new with the alumni Committee.

**Merchandise:** Great holiday sale! Over \$3,000 in sales. Jen reported she is working on merchandising sales on the Website, and possibly at West also - perhaps having hours during the week for pick-up, or sales for people who wish to purchase items, but do not attend the events when they are sold. She will also work on a display of merchandise in the lobby at West in a showcase.

**Scarlet Savers:** A few more cards still coming in. Still a few athletes who have yet to return their cards/money. They have been contacted. What's next? Perhaps Ken should have contact with them? Ken will be updating coaches more in the future on how their teams do selling - totals & %. Coaches are understanding how valuable these sales are to benefit their program.

**Website Update:** Stacy Svir is keeping it updated.

**Advertising Update:** Working on getting mock-ups for signage on fences.

## Ken's Report/Requests -

### Requests:

New Choir robes. Discussion on total cost, which is about \$11,500. Current robes are possibly 25 years old. These students have currently not been asked to sell Scarlet Cards - with this approval we are making a good gesture, knowing our by-laws may be changing and we may be supporting activities, not just sports. We do know when West choir members perform they represent West. We'd like new robes for the Spring '10 Big 9 Festival. Next year they will be included in Scarlet Saver Card sales. **Board Approved \$5,500.00 - ½ the Cost needed.**

Recycling Cage. Needed to be placed in back parking lot, near the machine shed. Ken will ask Bryan to also wrap this in advertising to help/ pay for it. **Board Approved.**

Girl's Hockey Banner at ASA: \$280.00. *Board Approved.*

Background checks for volunteer coaches. \$15.00 each. Estimating about 30 volunteer coaches per year. Totaling around \$450.00. *Board Approved.*

Swim Teams Software: Originally approved for \$720.00 - but it looks like the total will be from \$985.00-\$1,300- \$1,400. *Board Approved.*

Ken provided updated bills that were updated from past restricted funds now that exact amounts are in. *Board Approved.*

Ken reported the Cross-Country tent is in!! After several problems & damages it is ready to go - thank you Quality 1 Hr. for your help fixing some of the damage on it.

Ken also reported he had a phone call about licensing our logo - do we want to pursue a license to protect The MW Scarlets logo used by the Booster Club on our logo so it could only be sold by us? *Board Approved to look into this further.* Many questions...how is it enforced? Is there a cost?

#### Old Business:

Soccer Champions Sign: La Don is currently working on a mock-up.

Bylaws: Joann has been working on these, Board Members have reviewed copies of the updated Booster bylaws. Board Members have reviewed copies of the updates. They will now be posted on our website. They will be voted on at the Feb. 22, 2010 meeting. Please attend if you'd like to discuss these further.

Fundraising committee: Still needing people to work on this. Big event? Black tie? Golf outing?

#### New Business:

Newsletter: Volunteer needed to do our newsletter. No winter one has been sent out. Committee articles needed. Software was purchased. Check with Sandy Abild/Gary Mielke about the software.

Future goals: What are we looking at in the future?

Student/Parent names list? Is it possible to get a parent/child name list of all current West students? This would help when looking for businesses/volunteers/special interests.

Adjournment .....thank you everyone!

Next Meeting is Monday, February 22nd - 4<sup>th</sup> Monday!  
7:00 in West conference room

Respectfully Submitted:  
Cindy Dutcher, Booster Club Secretary.