

WCHS Booster Club Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 7 2014
7pm – Room 117

In attendance: Mary Ellen Mengucci, Elaine Arndt, Scott Rivinius, Larry Tanenbaum, Allyson Bergman, Scott Levenson, Marlo Sims, Jim Edwards, John Kwant, Karen Lipson, Paula Goldsmith, Norka P. Ratnavale

Call to order: 7:05pm by Larry Tanenbaum, President.

Approval of Minutes: 4/9/14 Minutes Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Scott Levenson

Not complete at this time. Still processing Night at the Races income/expenses.

President's Report: Larry Tanenbaum

Attended MCPS Booster Club President's meeting which covered:

- a) Membership incentive approaches – we offer more and get more results than the others present
- b) Awareness of concession stands requirements to be implemented including certification of food manager with online training. They will need to be oncall when concession stand is open. It was noted that RM pays management of concession stand \$15-20 per hour and that we used to do that here for football games.
- c) Fairness in fundraising proposals being considered include consolidating all funds into one large fund or proceeds above a certain mark contributed to a large all-county fund ("luxury tax")

Expressed thanks to Night at the Races fundraising team:

The very successful event was fun and went very quickly. John Kwant and Erin Conley were recognized for putting together the technical program. Scott added that the coaches had a great time. Karen is saving the leftover race tickets for next time and noted that hours of cutting were involved. Only about ¼ of the betting tickets were used since there was very low betting. It was generally agreed that there was confusion over placing new bets once the free tickets were used and that noise was a problem in delivering instructions. Overall profitability was about \$14,000; last year was \$25,000, mostly due to lack of betting. It was noted that we need to find a way to get attendees to the bank, perhaps by registering their credit card or having drink tickets issued from the bank. 178 tickets were sold for \$13,250; \$3,000 on ads, \$8,000 on horses, \$1,400 on silent auction. Bolger Center price was \$14,000.

Paula is distributing the certificates. Leftover silent auction items will be posted online by Mary Ellen.

Athletic Director's Report: Scott Rivinius

- 1) Practice Wall – Wall construction is completed and the next phase is painting over the summer coordinated with the art department. This is an exciting addition and will get a lot of use.
- 2) Baseball Dugouts –The contractor will submit a detailed plan to the Permit Department. It is expected that construction will begin in late summer or early fall depending on the length of the permitting process. Scott will be working on contract with BCC baseball.
- 3) Spring sports are winding down. LAX playoffs ahead for both girls and boys. It would be good to open the concession stand to clear the inventory.
- 4) Fall sports – tryouts start August 13.
- 5) Fall sports night date not set. Winter is November 15. Spring is February 28
- 6) Treasurer Scott Levenson requested a heads-up on large expenditures. So far, field maintenance is the biggest expense in plan.

Apparel – Allyson Bergman

Sales are winding down. She will do her big order over the summer for the fall. Not much selling now.

Membership – Jim Edwards

Out of 341 on the spring rosters, 155 members were represented. While this is only 50%, both Varsity Baseball and Varsity LAX were at 100%. Total for year was 336 families, a little under last year. Two years ago it was 420. Fall

provides 50% of the membership, so need to plan towards the fall sports meeting. This year the umbrellas were late and other items did not get out.

Officers for next year – Jim Edwards

Larry agreed to serve as President. Allyson will be VP for the first half of the year. Chris Nazarian is considering a VP position. Elaine Arndt agreed to serve as Secretary. The Treasurer lead is being pursued. Nominations committee will present the slate to the Board at the June 11 meeting.

Artificial Turf Field – Larry Tanenbaum

MCPS Director of Facilities Management James Song reported that there was a typo with the submitted resolution requiring it to be resubmitted. He also mentioned that the project was going to be rebid due to a new, stronger bid proposal. Larry clarified that no other partners have been approved by Boosters and that no Boosters money has been offered to other bidding entities. He is concerned that other partners will not work closely with Boosters and the school on scheduling and other issues that need mutual agreement. The bid will be put to the Board of Ed at the June meeting. Summer fundraising will be needed. Larry will be contacting the paver company that Wootton used to raise \$100,000 of their funding. Joe Muscarella and Bill Leonard have been sited to work with large financial backers. There is still interest in getting a new track with this effort.

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted,
Marlo Sims, Secretary
Elaine Arndt, Minutes Editor