

Booster Club Meeting Monday, May 20, 2013

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Review of Members: by John Whittington

Present:

Current & remaining members: Lisa Meyer, Ruth Vetter, John Whittington, Chuck Parsons, Jean Noren, Blaine Kolstad, Kerry Paarmann, Carolyn Claus, Kellie Seiler, Dawn Makovsky, Jill Mueller, Lori Allan, Fred Taylor, Darci Anderson, Todd Waterbury

Resigning Members:

*Lisa Meyer (resigning) – to be replaced by Ruth Vetter (present)

*Kerry Paarmann (resigning) – possible replacement Carolyn Claus (absent)

*Jody Zellmer (resigning) – possible replacement Carolyn Claus (absent)

New 2013-2014 Members:

*Dave & Melody Karge –representing volleyball

*Darci Anderson – representing tennis

Absent: Paula Ziegler, Dave Karge, Jody Zellmer, Fred Taylor, Rick Kjolsing

Also Present: Guest speaker – Amanda from World Heritage Foreign Exchange

Representatives Open: Gymnastics and either Alpine Ski or Golf

MINUTES: Minutes of the February 18th meeting reviewed – *M/S/P – Kerry, Dawn*

GUEST SPEAKER: *Amanda – World Heritage Foreign Exchange*

This organization works in 30 countries. They began in 1980. They offer semester programs or full-year programs. Host families are volunteers (not paid). Hosts provide what they would normally provide for their own families (meals for example). The visiting students are assimilated into a family for the term of their stay. Other items are purchased/paid for by the students. If anyone is interested in volunteering as a host family or knows someone who would be interested please contact 800.888.9040. Their website is www.world-heritage.org.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Checkbook: Current balance \$25,643.26.

- 2012/2013 Programs/Calendars = \$749 – There will be a payment due but it should be less than \$749 which gives us a positive net for the first time.
- Fall concessions gross \$8,886.98 net \$3,628.18. Winter concessions gross TD \$27,329.29 net \$11,522.34. Spring concessions gross \$4,043.15 with net \$3,300.58. \$600 startup money given to Kellie on 8-15-12. Some deposits since 5-14-13 yet to be made.
- Cougar wear gross \$15,419.30 with net (-\$4,403.54) – starting inventory on a cost basis is \$3,996.40. Apparel for the golf tournament was \$580.
- Cougar Card deposits to date \$31,284 – Exceeded 2012-2013 goal.
- Memberships/Sponsorships/Bricks – no change from prior month with amounts respectively at \$700/\$4725/\$75.
- Golf Tournament gross \$3,830 with net \$3,156 w/o any adjustment for Cougar-wear given away.

- Taxes filed 5-15-13 – nothing due.
- 2 NSF Checks have been reported for \$10 and \$45.
- We are still waiting for \$900 check from Jersey Mike's for fundraiser. John will follow-up with them.

M/S/P – Blaine, Chuck

REQUESTS:

- **\$1,500** – Robin Hughes has requested funds to replace concert wear for the Chamber Singers. This would include 12 suit coats/pants and 12 dresses. School will pay some but there is no budget for this group. Total purchase price = \$1,678. Items previously lasted 10 years and this purchase should last approximately the same amount of time.
M/S/P – Kerry, Darci
- **\$500** – Grad Party – we have donated this amount in the past. ***M/S/P – Blaine, Lisa***
- **\$1,000** – Wolverton Scholarship. (\$500 to male student-athlete and \$500 to female student-athlete). ***M/S/P – Blaine, Lisa***
- **\$10,000** – Weight Room - have applied for grants totaling \$60K. Have received \$14K Educare Grant. New curriculum is driving part of this request. We will be in need of more equipment for lifetime-type activities (circuit training-type equipment). Cost for total plan = \$90K. Todd will check on other outside grants. ***M/S/P – Kerry, Lisa***
- **\$4,500** – the tennis courts at East are being redone. This is a great time for Cantilevers to be added. There is \$2,500 in the budget of the court replacement which can be used for this if completed in conjunction with the reconstruction. Total cost is \$7,000. ***M/S/P – Kerry, Lisa***

TOTAL REQUESTS THIS MONTH = \$17,500. *M/S/P – Individually by request.*

Additional things to think about:

*Gym Basketball standards \$11K

*Sport Pix projects – continuing upgrade and enhancements - \$\$??

*Stadium = press box, seating, entry – so area can become a focal point for the school.

*F.A.T Camera – timing camera for track. Current needs to be replaced. Cost to have the current one refurbished is \$8-\$10K.

*Helmets – These are a priority for safety. They've been put on a replacement rotation for purchase. Football helmet life is 10 years max and then then can be refurbished (our current schedule is 25/year). Hockey – helmet life is much shorter and cannot be refurbished – only replaced.

*Trainer – purchase supplemental supplies each fall to be used by all activities.

*New Cougar mascot approximately \$500.

*High jump pit - \$8,000.

*Pole vault pit/standards - \$4,000

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Program Books: Finishing up the year – looks like bottom line will be positive this year.

Committee: Todd

Cougar Cards/Scarlet Saver: Talked about new promo ideas to sell cards: Free t-shirt for selling 10, etc. New business listings – Yes: Bonfire, Dickie's, Mom & Pops Ice Cream. No: La Terraza, Nicollet Bike Shop. Committee members for 2013-2014: Blaine, Paula and Ruth.

Web Page/Facebook: Need list of things Booster Club has paid for in recent years to update the website; pictures too if possible. Please be sure to follow our Twitter feed Cougar Activities @Mankato_East. Committee: Jill.

Golf Tourney: 2nd Annual tournament coming up. Date set for next season's tournament – September 15, 2013. Committee: John, Fred, Dave Drummer and Carey Hayenga.

Membership/Sponsorship: nothing new from last report. Committee: Jill, Lori, Dawn. DeDe Meyer will continue to assist off-line. Need to use this as a platform for getting more volunteers for events next season.

Cougar Wear/Cougar Den – Possibly develop some sort of on-line apparel form. Maybe do some sort of on-line store as well. Lisa will not be back next season. Kim would like to step out of the administrative side of things and take a more active role in the create side.

Committee: Jean, Jody, Darci, Kim.

Marketing: Nothing to report at this time. We need to work to develop this committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Kwik Trip fundraiser (Script) – need further investigation. Maybe for an individual group rather than the Booster Club as a whole. Questions – who would sell these? Students already sell the Cougar Cards.
- \$900 Jersey Mike's check needs to be picked up – they would like to do a photo op. John will follow up with them.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2 new schools added to Big 9 Conference = Northfield and Red Wing. This will change our team schedules and fewer events will be available to schedule non-conference events. Big 9 now stands for nine (9) cities.....Big 9 Schools in descending student population order: Rochester Mayo, Owatonna, Rochester JM, Rochester Century, Northfield, Mankato West, Austin, Faribault, Winona, Red Wing, Mankato East, and Albert Lea.

NEXT MEETING: June 10 at Wow Zone – time change to 8pm

ADJOURNMENT: M/S/P – Blaine, Kerry - Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lori Allan