

11/3/2010 Boosters Meeting

Wednesday, November 03, 2010
7:33 PM

Open Mic

Dirk DeWester recommended using coaches' pitch money to purchase pitching machines.

Baseball - Paul Wolf

- Fundraisers. 4,5 events. 80% to baseball. 20% to Boosters. Oddities.
- Has a fundraising person, a try-outs person, someone to run clinics, in-house person (Steve Jahnke)
- Maybe a 5th person for field scheduling.
- Have a "log book" of what needs to be covered. Contact information to pass down to someone coming in.
- Need to find a coaches' pitch coordinator.
- Plans on having a board to meet at some point.

Equipment - Jeff Janey

- Football turn-in coming up.
- Eric is getting familiar with the procedures.
- Basketball equipment is out.
- Some baseball equipment coming in.

New grant for school district - Troy Urdahl

- Infield dirt would not touch the soccer field.
- Will be possible to play two soccer games at once plus a 3rd/4th grade game.
- Troy will measure the Silver Point Park fields to see if they are sufficient for 3rd/4th grade use.
- If we get the money, timeframe for planting grass... best scenario is to level in spring and plant in spring.
- Grant is submitted and we will know by the holidays if we are getting any money
- \$325,000
- \$40,000 match requirement. If a group had the money available and is willing to help out, then great. It's more like "we love the project and would like to help". Troy recognizes that the \$20,000 contribution was significant from Boosters. Troy is hoping that Hal will be a city champion.

Project contains:

- 1) Wilshire park soccer field/baseball field configuration
 - a. Irrigation
 - b. Fencing on three of the sides
- 2) Energy efficient lights on varsity stadium
- 3) Softball field improvements
 - a. Permanent fencing along side lines
 - b. Bullpens
- 4) Drain tile on southern two fields on Central Park. C1 and C4.

Gym arrangements

- Gymnastics comes to community center on Friday.
- Gary Goldsmith is running point on converting part of equipment room into a changing room for gymnastics. The high school would have space for basketball equipment.
- Head gymnastics coach is Doug Burns (he is the Hamline head coach 3 days/week). Troy's wife will be

coaching the other two days.

Troy is a coaches' education trainer.

- He is certified with National Federation of High Schools.
- He would be happy to do a clinic for free. A donation is not required to high school program.
- The class is:
 - focused on coaching youth.
 - Raising and developing a student.
 - Winning is important, but not at all costs.
 - 4-6 hours long
 - Not sport-specific.
- Commissioners need to get interest level from coaches.
- Troy with talk with Kim about dates.

Softball - Helen

Two upcoming pitching clinics.

- December
 - Rose Tusa is teaching it.
 - Assistants are current HS pitchers.
- January
 - 5 Sundays
 - By former coach at U of MN. With MN Fastpitch Academy.

Softball advisory board:

- Met with Lamar.
- Board membership includes:
 - A parent from each team
 - A parent of someone who has graduated from the program.
- Meet once a month or quarterly.
- Will have set it up by January/February.

- Helen turned in softball equipment with Jeff tonight.
- Some coaches are not returning equipment in a timely manner.
- Someone should borrow softball equipment only if Helen is aware of it. That way she knows where it is.
- Key is to prevent equipment being issued sporadically.
- Coaches get equipment once they sign off on coaches guidelines.

Treasurer - Hal

- Lions have issued \$953.33 check to us from pull-tabs.
- Business Annual Review was done. Kim's name was added as Boosters president.
- Motion passed to approve the October budget report.
- Consider raising \$2.50 registration fees to help match the grant.

Soccer - Diane

- The mini-board met two weeks ago, and they have more meetings planned.
- Last Tuesday of the month.
- Trying to form the positions and writing up job descriptions.

- Deb Nelson is going to mentor the next referee coordinator.
- Little Kicks soccer program for U4. Learning very basic skills.
- Has a Facebook page.
- Going to talk about bylaws at their next meeting

Football Update

- 2/3rd grade Blue team finished with 10-1 record. Won their Super Bowl. First time a St. Anthony team has done this.
- 4th grade White advanced to semi-finals and gave the top seed a run for their money.
- 5th grade advanced to Tier 2 championship game and lost by a TD.
- 6th grade team finished 5-6.
- 7th grade team was winless.
- 8th grade team closed with 3 wins. They won their last game.
- Equipment return 6-8 PM Thursday, 11/4. Also 6-7:30 on 11/8 and 11/9.
- Parents are coaches are receptive to idea of having a football board.
- Coaches surveys are out. Last I checked we had about 50% returned.

Coaches report - Bruce Wells

- Football surveys are out. 50% are in already in two days.
- Interesting feedback from parents.

Basketball

- We got 6 hours of gym time at Wilshire Park on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Huskie tournament. Almost full.
- Basketball has officer insurance. Thus, board members have background checks done on them.
- Basketball is an unfunded 501 3c. Keep your balance under a certain amount. A provisional 501 3c. They get reviewed every three years.

Fall Soccer and Volleyball - Barb

- Barb attended a few games.
- Everything but referee fees has been paid out.
- Parent rep from both grades and high school coaches to form the volleyball board.

Minutes - Kim

- A motion was passed to remove the part in the minutes about "football waiting until soccer is over."
- Nevertheless, football will work it out with soccer, so that soccer has priority. Football coaches can avoid scheduling practices on nights that players have soccer practice. Consider weekend practices.

Boards

- Jeff suggested that you keep it open. Have a mechanism for how people obtain positions.
- Initially you will have to select members.
- Make sure that everyone has an opportunity to be involved.
- Key thing is to get the ball rolling.
- Meeting dates can be posted on the boosters website.
- There is no requirement that you must have a certain number of people on the board.
- No requirement for having by-laws
- Do not need to have a 501 3c.

- Needs to be open and inclusive.
- The point is to get more people looking at the job of commissioner.
- Sports need by-laws, so that there is structure. It answers questions such as: Who is going to elect officers? Who is eligible to be an officer? When are meetings going to be held?

Various by-law changes

- Change the meeting date or time
- Change the number of times the board meets
- Allow a delegate per sport. Should they be authorized to vote? Each commissioner is organizing a board. There will be variance in how they are structured. Delegates cannot be just anyone. It needs to be a pre-determined by each sport's board.

More points in by-laws

- There is still a committee in effect to review policies and by-laws.
 - Start with the commissioner policy. What piece of a commissioner policy should you roll into a by-law?
 - Members: Mark Wald, Kim Nogosek, Hal Gray, Bruce Wells, Tom K.
- If we are going to recognize each sport having a board, we need to recognize the board's appointed commissioner.
- Tom's argument is that the "sport" should have the vote at booster's meetings. The sport names its representatives. For example, for Basketball it is Gary, Darin or Tom.
- Is Boosters going to recognize the sport, or are they going to recognize the commissioner?

Hal made a motion to end the prior formed committee. Kim seconded. Motion passed.

Members to be on committee: Mark Wald, Jeff Janey, Kim Nogosek, Tom K., Hal Gray.