

OTHS BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

October 11, 2023

President Tiffany Ditchfield called the meeting to order with 14 members in attendance. Also present were Athletic Director Mike Cooper and four coaches – Adam Lewis (softball), Matt Gross (boys tennis), Alaina Weatherford (poms), and Mark Cooper (boys basketball).

Coaches' Requests

Coaches' requests were presented.

Softball (Adam Lewis) – requesting a 3-wheel pitching machine at a cost of \$3848.90, including shipping. The current machine was purchased in 2016. Having a second will allow multiple hitting stations indoors and will allow for the old machine to be used at outdoor practices once the weather allows.

Boys Basketball (Mark Cooper) – requesting freshmen practice jerseys because the old ones are in bad shape. 25 jerseys will cost \$1351.72.

Boys Tennis (Matt Gross) – requesting a GoPro camera and pole to allow for recording of practices and matches at a cost of approximately \$310.

Poms (Alaina Weatherford) – requesting three glassless mirrors on wheels for rehearsals. Our poms team is one of the few competitive squads without them in their studio. They would also be used for PE classes that meet in the multipurpose room. The cost for all three, with shipping, is \$3723.24.

Cross Country/Track (AD Mike Cooper presented on behalf of Dan Heaver) – new timing system to replace the existing one which is old and no longer functioning properly. Cost is approximately \$649.

General Athletics (Mike Cooper)

(1) Contribution of \$4,000 toward the school's Hudl account which is used to record games, exchange film, etc. Our conference requires us to use it to record and exchange game film for football. This request is made annually.

(2) Up to \$10,000 for uniforms as needed. (Mr. Cooper believes \$6,000 should cover the anticipated needs this year.)

Coaches were excused from the meeting so the Booster Club members could discuss requests and vote. A motion to approve all requests was made by Courtney Miller and seconded by Stephanie Larsen.

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 2023 meeting was made by Stacey Soulsby and seconded by Stephanie Larsen. Correspondence included thank you notes for student scholarships and was read aloud. Stephanie Larsen presented the treasurer's report for September. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by MariJo Araujo and seconded by Amy Brenbarger.

Administrative Reports

Membership (Stacey Soulsby) Membership stands at 95 members.

Website No report.

Concessions No report. It was noted that we will need a new chairperson for this committee. Tara Schmitz volunteered.

Pirate's Chest Approximately \$20,000 in tickets were sold this fall, which is good considering the Spring sports did not sell tickets. This committee will also need a new chair. Stephanie Larsen noted that there is a separate bank account for this fund, and she is working with our new accountant to be sure it is properly reconciled.

Spirit Wear (Tiffany Ditchfield) Spirit Wear is still selling great. We sold 283 Homecoming t-shirts.

Football 50/50 (Stephanie Larsen) Sales have been great. A signup sheet for basketball 50/50 was circulated.

Old Business

Homecoming Thank you to the members who helped paint the Pirate. Everything looked great!

New Business

Steak Dinner The date is Saturday April 6, 2024, at the Knights of Columbus. We will be looking for Committee chairs for this event.

Other The new football scoreboard was discussed. There is a need to add play clocks. Also, a video board can be added. Mr. Cooper will inquire into the cost of both.

It was also suggested that we explore a way to stream baseball and softball games, similar to what is done for football and basketball.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kim Ruhland and seconded by Carrie Price.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Bryson