

**Guilford Youth Football and Cheerleading Board Meeting
December 11, 2023 at 7:30 pm
Guilford Community Center**

Attendees:

Board Members:

Ken Alberti, Nick Paradise, Dan Tafro, Jeff Manfredonia

Guests:

Stephanie Stach, Megan Johnston, Christopher Borelli, Joe Moffett, Megan Lucas, Joe DeMayo

Meeting started at 7:33pm

1. Welcome
 - a. 2023 Season Recap

2. Shoreline Report
 - a. Shoreline meetings are quiet right now. Things will kick back up in January. No business discussed.
 - b. Newington is out of the league. New towns may look to join in 2024.
 - c. Championship weekend. We need an army of people to help run it.
 - ii. Megan J. Open to discussing what would be needed, and will reach out to parents asking for volunteers
 - iii. Megan L. mentioned that team's need to communicate between teams and suggested to have a team Mom communication channel. Suggestions are open from each team to figure out a way to communicate between teams/volunteers. Cheer needs to get on board for each grade as they didn't have many volunteers participating.

3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Talk of fundraising - due to the nature of the cost of a season exceeding 70k/year.
 - b. Talk of combining sponsorships for spring/summer events.
 - c. Megan L suggested that we offer virtual ticket in addition to physical tickets.
 - d. In accounts:
 - \$19,732.12 - Operating Account
 - \$18,401.36 - Fundraising Account
 - \$38,193.48Lights are a remaining balance from the season but should total around \$5500.

4. Cheer Report -
 - a. Huge thank you to the board for their continued support and purchase of new uniforms.
 - b. Youth Night was a huge success and our athletes and parents loved it.
 - c. D10 and D12 teams competed at Local and State Competitions. Unfortunately, we didn't progress to the Regionals competition but had a strong showing at both.
 - d. Our volunteer efforts at the two competitions earned us \$2,869.10.
 - e. Looking to schedule Cheer Clinics in the Winter and Spring seasons which will act as fundraisers as well as continue engagement.

5. League Operations

- a. Equipment Return – Status Report - G6 has one remaining, G5 has one remaining
- b. Equipment Shed Clean Up - to be planned. Looking for volunteers
- c. Helmet Reconditioning - Helmets to be gathered in the coming weeks and sent out
- d. Agenda item added for the next meeting regarding possible Blaster equipment purchase for 2024. Fundraising possibly needed.

6. Activity Planning for 2024 -

a. Fundraising Initiatives

- i. Super Bowl Boxes - Super Bowl Boxes is NEW discussion. We have a volunteer to set this up virtually. Kim Vigliotti said she can set this up and run it. To be discussed in coming weeks.
- ii. Guilford Football Golf Classic - NEXT meeting to discuss committee and appoint leadership.
- iii. 2024 Season Sponsorships
- iv. Raffle Tickets - Potentially run virtual in addition to physical tickets.

b. Annual Activities/Events

- i. Feb-May - Season Registration and Player Recruitment
- ii. Feb-Aug - Coaches Meetings/Trainings
- iii. Apr-Jun - Equipment and Uniform Prep
- iv. May-June - Player Apparel
- v. Aug - GYFC Family Picnic Season Kick-Off
- vi. Sept - Guilford Fair Parade
- vii. Sept-Oct - Pasta Dinner with GHS (grades 6, 7, 8)
- viii. Oct - Youth Night at GHS
- ix. Nov - SYFC Championship Weekend - TBD

- c. Discuss next meeting about forming two committees. Sponsorship committee for all things raising money. Athlete committee with anything to do with players events, etc.

7. New Business

- a. Executive Board Transition - Nick Paradise transitioning off the Board. Joe DiMaio coming on as he has been a consistent attendee to meetings over the past year. GYFC by-laws state that an appointed Board Member must attend six of the previous twelve meetings in order to be eligible to join the Board. Announcements will be made in the new year.
- b. Appointed Board Positions - Would like to get together and have appointed roles regarding committee leadership.
- c. The topic of Spring training camps came up, and it will be discussed within the Board to understand what would be needed to run such camps such as structure, volunteers needed, location, etc. Option to partner with high school program. We will be open to discuss this with our GYFC at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:54PM.