

Wildcat Booster Club
Meeting Minutes
9/5/2024
North Avenue Pub and Grill
27W371 North Ave, West Chicago, IL 60185

The following board members and guests were present:

Scott Turney (President), Denise Gilbert (Vice President), Katie Hart (Treasurer), Gina Cleary (Secretary), Andrea Zonta, Erica Cabrera, Kim Nehoda, Dawn Losacco, Rob Wimbish, Bobbi Zeman

- I. Call to order 7:08pm
- II. Secretary report was given by Gina Cleary
 - recap of minutes from 8/1
- III. Treasurer's report was given by Katie Hart
 - 6 memberships have been sold totaling \$344.21
 - 24 yard signs were sold totaling \$625
 - Bank balance as of 9/5 is \$6,918.37
- IV. Big part of next meeting will be updating bylaws
- V. Committee reports
 - Publicity - Scott Turney
 - New mailbox for boosters in athletic office
 - Grow, grow, grow and make ourselves known
 - Membership
 - Membership forms went out to all coaches and teachers
 - As of now, there are no teachers or staff who purchased booster memberships.
 - Remind that you have to be a paid booster member in order to vote
 - We currently have 4? Registered boosters ??
 - Concessions
 - Prices went up, will reevaluate cost and mark-up at next meeting
 - Boosters discussed getting a purchased membership for Sign Up Genius (to eliminate ads) and work to use that for winter and spring concessions (\$8.99 monthly)
 - Fall concessions schedule was adjusted to accommodate volunteers and better flow: new hours for football will be 4:30-7:00pm and 6:30-9pm. Soccer will be open from 4-8 with a limited menu. Erica Cabrera will revise sign up schedule for concessions for all fall sports.

- Concern that not enough people have signed up to volunteer (especially football), so we will ask Nick and Mark to send out a reminder to coaches and activity sponsors about volunteering
 - Football concessions will now close at the end of the 3rd quarter. We will work to have the booth make reminder announcements during the 3rd quarter.
 - Need indoor concession point person to open concessions. Discussion about co-chairs for both indoor and outdoor concessions in order to facilitate an easier process.
 - Talked about Scott making a list of concession responsibilities to ease in the transition.
- Spaghetti Dinner - Denise Gilbert, Gina Cleary, Bobbi Zeman
 - Working to secure dates, but will be doing fall next year instead of spring
- Trivia Night - Katie Hart
 - Working to secure a date
- Fundraising - Bobbi Zeman
 - Will create for homecoming Sign Up Genius for homecoming dance donations, drop off will be at entrance H -Denise Gilbert will help with this.
 - Working to secure list of items needed
- Sponsorship - Rob Wimbish
 - As of the beginning of the fall season, Boosters has 15 outdoor sponsorship banners to offer, presenting the opportunity to gross a total of \$22,500 in sponsorship revenue.
 - Boosters is working with Athletic Director Nick Parry and designated sports programs to secure sponsors for a two-year term each. We anticipate that many, if not all, of the seven banner sponsors whose sponsorship terms recently have ended will opt to renew their sponsorship arrangements, while we seek to add eight new banner sponsors to fill slots that were added last academic year at the consent of the District 94 Board of Education.
 - Following the ongoing sponsorship drive, we will seek to expand banner sponsorship offerings via renewed engagement with the Board of Education.
- Teacher Appreciation - Denise Gilbert
 - Working to get donations for carnations to give to teachers at homecoming
 - Suggested a hot cocoa and tea bar for teachers during finals- budget?

- Spirit wear - Erica Cabrera
 - Researching 1st Place Spirit Wear to use as a new vendor
- Still need the following committees filled
 - Grants & Scholarships
 - Wall Tiles
 - Social media
 - Website
 - Concessions scheduling
 - Indoor concessions
 - Outdoor concessions

VI. Old business

- Still working to sort out concessions prices scheduling and sign up
- Need to get QR codes for membership sign up, yard signs and spirit wear
- Still need to get calendar together for all home games

VII. New business

- Scott working to get the ball rolling to March in homecoming parade
- Updating bylaws in the works

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 9:06