

Football Booster Club Meeting

February 21, 2019 7pm

Attendance: Fay Schwanger, Dwight Palm, Stan Weaver, Paula Gunzenhauser, Linda Lang, Kris Miller, Angela Bowman, Scott Martin, Jenny Martin, Michelle Slider, Ben Slider

- We had a Grid Iron representative with us for the evening, Dave Weidman.
 - He discussed the founding of the club, their mission (to promote and develop community pride in supporting the effort of scholastic football programs), some of the things they have done to help the community, Jr. High/High School and youth football already and they hope to have a better working relationship with the booster club to continue growing the program.
- Secretary Report -Budget meeting notes were distributed and approved, motion by Angela and seconded by Linda.
- Treasures Report -was distributed, gone over and approved, motion by Ben and seconded by Linda.
- We discussed programs for the 2019 season.
 - We discussed some price changes for ads to make it easier to get sponsors, more sponsors = cheaper program, but no final discussions were made on cost for those ads.
 - We also discussed having the youth sell the larger programs at their games also, helping sales as well as not doubling up on ad funding. We will keep a running number of programs given to them so we can track income.
 - Dwight asked if the youth could either have uniforms or some sort of matching t-shirt/color for this year's team photos.
 - We discussed creating invoices for patron ads, for better record keeping. If payment is not received by a set date their ad will not be run. Dwight and Angela agreed this could easily be done.
 - All were in agreement to let patrons be able to pay by check, money order, or use the upcoming Paypal for payments.
 - Need a final date for deadline.
- Coach's notes:
 - Parent/Player meeting is Feb 28th where the schedule for the whole season (Feb-Dec) and fundraiser will be outlined.
 - With the Gridiron's help we will be bringing in Power Train Manheim. Brian McDermott will be coming in 3 times a week over the summer to work with interested players. Normal cost for one workout session is \$100, the Gridiron Club will be picking up the entire cost for this program which is about \$6,000. Interested players are being asked to pay \$100. If they attend 85% of the workouts their money is refunded.

- Wednesday, August 21, 2019 will our football community night with a possible 6:30pm start. This would be from D team all the way to High School football players, Gridiron Club, hopefully the War, and cheerleaders all working together. Possibly running it like a carnival with a dunk tank for coaches, games with prizes and smoke machine for announcing the players. The intent is not make money but to get everyone excited for football.
- Starting next season there will be 4 sections, which will open up some new teams to us.
- Budget: School allotted budget will make tight getting everything in. Items included are new sideline system and adding Helmet Fit (which will allow coaches to check and regulate helmet pad inflation weekly). No final number has been received yet so he may need to ask some things of us, but that is TBD.
- New logo is being designed and would be on all letterhead and apparel for this season, vote needed?
- Book study: Chop Wood Carry Water. It's a short read, players would be asked to read 5-6 chapters and discussions would take place at game review. The idea ties in with the new logo, which would direct the boys to become more than just football players but good citizens, men and future society members. Booster club is being asked to cover the cost of 60-75 copies. Best price is from the author directly, signed set of three books is \$45, bringing total cost around \$900.
- Continuing the laundry service for correct care and repair of uniforms
- Refreshing Mountain is set up for this summer during 3-a-days. Vote was unanimous via email.
- With last season's tragedy at Warwick, he'd like to institute a team dinner on Fridays. Players would remain and have meals in the cafeteria. Healthier meals than McDonald's, Taco Bell, etc. that would way them down. Michelle is in contact with Teri Gamez about supplying them and what that cost would be and with Joy Cummins to secure the cafeteria for those Fridays. She has also talked with Teri about setting up packed meals for the junior high team for their game days, to assure they have a healthy meal also.
- Hoping numbers will be there to have a JV team this year.
- Inviting youth players to a high school evening practice, no interaction, but have youth registration that night and then have HS players serve Rita's.
- We need someone to head up the Gold Cards, call the sponsors and see if they would like to continue with the discounts, order cards and prep for our august meeting /blitz night.
- Discussed venue for the Bingo, Ephrata Business center, and decided to see if we could get December 7th for the date. Final decision of what kind of bingo was not decided.
- Budget for Community Night was not set.
- Banquet venue was voted to not be at Shady Maple this year and new venues were discussed, between Ephrata Business center and Grace Point Church in Ephrata. Catering options were not discussed as well as cost to families. Attire will be business casual.

- Talked about gifting players polo shirts with new logos to wear for game days. This will cut down on wear on their jerseys as well as stained items worn during games.
- Looking into the cost of a post card thank you note to send to sponsors and donors.
- Voted to move Mandatory parent player meeting from Grater Park to Ephrata Township Park on July 29th. Cost was cheaper and facility's kitchen and bathroom are up to date. Cost will be \$100.
- Process is started to reinstate our 501-3C
- Vote to adjourn, motion made by Ben and second by Linda

Next Meeting to be held on March 21, 2019 at 7 pm at EHS in room 116