

LP Booster Meeting Minutes of 11/2/05

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm in the East Campus Community Room. Board members present were: Donna Fiedler, Joan DiPiero, Mike Hannigan, Pete Schauer, Nancy Andrews, Jim Andrews and Barb Hancock. Absent were: Vivian McKeon and Sue Steiger.

Booster members present were: Ken Bates, Tim Fenner, and Unlim Fenner.

Athletic Director Report: Pete updated us on where he was with the 04-05 wish list purchases to date. Out of the approximately \$30,000 approved of the 04-05 wish list, \$19,255 had been purchases. Approximately \$9000 was left to be spent.

The "Running Start" funds have all been distributed to the fall coaches and their programs and all were very appreciative of those funds.

Pete brought up our wish to review a previous request of the Booster Club for the purchase of new chairs for the East Campus Gymnasium to be used by the Girls' Basketball program, Wrestling, both Girls' and Boys' Gymnastics and other various events. West Campus Gymnasium and programs located there have these types of chairs already at their disposal. The cost is approximately \$3000. After reviewing our financial condition and favorable discussion about the need for these chairs and the level of equity needed between both campuses and availability to all levels of sports, the Booster Board approved the \$3000 expenditure. The accounting of this wish grant will be posted to this year's wish list. Pete will go ahead and order those right away so that they are in by the end of November.

(To review Pete's report, 04-05 Booster purchases to-date and the purchased chair in detail, please see attachments.)

Presidents Report: Donna checked into the Krupke Scholarship Fund by contacting Mrs. Krupke. She basically recalled that 2 boys and 2 girls were to receive scholarships and in all cases, those athletes had to participate in at least two sports during the same school year. There is supposed to be some kind of paperwork supporting this within the school. Donna will contact Dr. Wardzala for any information. Pete was going to check with Vicki Howe, as well. We all felt that the Krupke fund at this pint must be spent in it's entirety, but we will do further research. This was a one-time donation and not a renewable scholarship fund.

Bond Insurance has been purchased on behalf of Jim Andrews. The bond is for \$50,000. This is an annual policy and will need to be renewed next fall. The amount of the insurance was \$400.

Dr. Butts has given us the green light to move forward with a sponsorship program. Ken Bates will be our chairman for this committee and he and Donna will create a committee and have those names available for our December 3rd meeting. They will plan on meeting as a group after the holidays. All ideas will need to be reviewed by Dr. Quinn before anything can be put in stone.

Pete did mention that Coke has agreed to donate two new scoreboards for Lake Park. Their name will not be noted on the scoreboards; however, this comes with a contract renewal from Lake Park.

Also, Lake Park will NOT be renewing its contract with Game Day, so we are open to review the printing of game flyers and how we may want to tie in with those programs, etc. Donna will begin to review this process by contacting various vendors for program ideas.

Vice President's Report: Vivian was absent; however, in her absence she outfitted each of us with recommended revisions based on our input to-date and the bridging meeting that took place October 27th. Unfortunately, most of us forgot about the meeting – but Mike and Vivian muddled through all the boring details, which has yielded the recommendation copy we all now have.

It was decided that we are all to review the recommendations and come prepared to make some final decisions at our next planned bridging meeting – Thursday, October 17th at 7:30pm. We will use Vivian's voice mail bridge. **Call into 312-442-3710, enter in passcode 2481524 then hit #**, and you will be bridged into our group meeting. Vivian will be the moderator. Based on an e-mail discussion prior to this meeting, we will be using the bridge-type meetings for subjects that would normally take up a lot of time during our regular meetings so that we can bring the consensus to the regular meetings and not tie up our time there and drag our regular meetings into a 3-4 hour epic! Any motions needed to pass certain decisions made at these bridge meetings will need to be brought up and passed at that subsequent regular meeting.

Marketing Report: Mike Hannigan came with great news! Our website is nearly finished! In fact, any of us can go on line at www.lphsboosters.org and check it out! The shopping cart ability is totally sweet!! Some small details like return policies, bad checks, blah, blah, blah need to be worked out – but those will be decided on and discussed during the bridge meeting, as well. Mike's deadline is by Thanksgiving to have this up and running! Some pages from the web site are attached for review.

Mike asked Nancy for each of the new items to be posted with descriptions, prices, etc. Nancy was going to get that to Mike. Great job, Michael!!

Concessions Report: Joan reported on the success thus far on the cookie tray idea. For the sake of these minutes, the Board decided that in lieu of the \$1 donation/athlete that has typically been given in the past for coaches to use for their banquets, the Booster Board felt this money was not being used as intended nor recognized by anyone. So as to be more visible among parents and athletes, and of course the coaches, we decided to have trays of butter cookies from Deerfield's Bakery available by request, for athletic banquets. Depending on the size of the team, a small, medium or large butter cookie platter would be ordered and paid for, and the coach or a chosen person would pick up the tray ordered on their behalf on the day they specified. Each platter will have a large sugar cookie in the center, decorated with white frosting and blue writing, saying "Great Season! Compliments of LP Booster Club".

Because we always want to be sure that what we are providing to our membership is nothing but TOP quality, Joan is going to bring a tray of cookies to our next Booster meeting for our discerning palettes!!

Joan also reported on the winter season ramp up so far. She's enjoying the down time right now and is running laps and lifting weights in preparation of the next upcoming season! YOU GO GIRL!!

Spirit Wear Report: Nancy is preparing for the LP Christmas Craft Fair on December 3rd. She's planning on meeting with Pat Buchenot to review her "area" and her specific needs for her "LP Spirit Wear Extravaganza!!".

Nancy and I also met to discuss the school store concept. She is getting pricing and purchasing items for the school store with the hopes to open at least one day at each campus starting in January. Lake Park is supposed to be cleaning out those rooms in preparation for our arrival – but so far not a lot has happened! Chris Franzen, who is Lake Park's Department Facilitator (which is a fancy title for "person in charge of school supplies for Lake Park") is supposed to be contacting all the department heads to see what special projects they may have coming up next semester that may require students to go out and buy different supplies that we can carry as a service in the store.

In addition, Pat Buchenot requested that prom tickets and homecoming tickets be sold in the school stores, as well. We thought that was a great idea!

After the Craft Fair, Nancy will turn her attention toward the school store and create a committee for this purpose. Unlim Fenner is interested in being on that committee and Donna has some people in mind, also. Donna will help Nancy in developing this committee and delegating the responsibilities so that Nancy doesn't get too crazy and quit!!

Nancy also brought up an issue of a Lancette parent going around her back, after Nancy shared her spirit wear vendor's name, and trying to use Nancy's and Lake

Park's affiliation with this vendor to her benefit, while circumventing the Booster Club.

In an effort to build relationships with coaches and parents on behalf of teams trying to purchase spirit wear for their specific team use, Nancy is going to not share our vendor's information and site the reason that our vendor prefers to do all Lake Park business through Nancy to keep all transactions clean and clear of any confusion of relationships or misrepresentation by past individuals of certain relationships so that volume discounts cannot be taken advantage of. This not only helps our vendor from being hurt by margins not usually maintained by individual purchases, but also rewards us for our relationship with him and by growing our business with him, allows for further discounts on our overall volume, which can then be passed onto the individual teams.

Membership Report: We have FINALLY received our updated members list from our Booster sign-ups via the internet that were being held hostage by Lake Park's ~~Computer Geek~~, I mean Technical Director. Barb was happy and proud to report that our membership is up to (drum roll please!) **453 MEMBERS!!!! YIPPEEE!!!!**

Discussion ensued over how to go about thanking members upon their membership. Donna is going to put together a small newsletter as a thank you and for informational purposes to be mailed out to each member. Also, Barb is going to research how other Booster Clubs thank and confirm memberships upon their renewal or initiation so that we can develop a program for next year.

Treasurers Report: Right about now, Jim reminds me that I forgot to have a time slot in our agenda for the Treasurer's Report (you know – the guy gets a “bond policy” and he thinks he's “all that!”). So – we had to let Jim talk!

Jim's financial reports are attached. Our financials look outstanding and to-date, taking into account that we have approximately \$9000 yet to pay on the 04-05 wish list, we have approximately \$35,000 in cash. However, Jim did bring us up to speed on our tax return situation and 501c3 certification.

Jim has gotten 03-04 year's tax return compiled and submitted into the IRS. He will submit an extension for the 04-05 year return and will have that completed and submitted within the next six weeks.

As far as our 501c3 certification, because we have fallen out-of-favor with the State of Illinois, we need to reapply as a 501c3. Apparently, years ago when the Booster Club first applied for this status, we did so under a corporation. It was decided that we would not go that route (because we are NOT a corporation), and that we would go after certification as a non-for-profit entity. Jim will submit our By-Laws as our legal document for our organization and reapply.

GOOD LUCK JIM!!

(There was definitely more detail to what Jim discussed, but about that time we were ready to adjourn and I didn't write the details down properly – so Jim – could you briefly write up a summary of your report for prosperity sake and for the sake of these pathetic minutes I'm writing?!? (**Sue – I need you!!**) Thanks!

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm – yes – 9:10pm. An improved record of 2 hours and six minutes long!!

But of course, there's always one more thing (and you thought you were done reading these thrilling and keep-you-on-the-edge-of-your-seat-minutes!). At the last meeting, it was decided that some aged spirit wear that Nancy had would be best suited if offered to Lake Park's Social Director, Nancy Geise, to donate to those kids of financial need. She was absolutely thrilled to have them and told Nancy that to those kids she could offer those articles to, it just made their year to have something like their friends that they could not otherwise afford.

Donna is going to check with the Social Director to see how many financially needy kids we have at Lake Park to review the possibility of the Booster Club donating either a t-shirt or sweatshirt to each of those kids and perpetuating that each year with each new freshman class and their financially needy kids' population at that time.

OK – now I'm done!

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