

Minutes from Westwood Baseball Booster Club Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 15th at 7:00 PM

Attendance: Susan Dixon, Tim Dandignac, Greg Weir, Wayne Conrad, Melissa Andrews, Corry Johnson, Kathy Balazs, Rick Benyo, Sue Benyo, Sheryl Manawa, Mark Casey, Tom Irby, Mia Irby, Trey Atwood, Arthur Frerichs, Todd Nalodka, Nancy Anderson, Dave Schaefer, Greg Dettman, Bart Bratcher, Head Coach-Westwood High School

Dave Schaeffer, president, opened meeting by introducing Tim Dandignac, the Vice President of the club. He was elected at the last meeting but was not present at that meeting.

Dave Schaeffer gave an update of the status of our 501c3 application. Dave has put together the paperwork using Legal Zoom.com. He just received the final missing piece of information needed and will submit the paperwork to the IRS and the State of Texas ASAP as this process may take some time and we need to get this designation in place as quickly as possible for donation purposes.

FINANCES:

Kathy Balazs, treasurer, stated that we currently have a balance of \$4714.08 in our checking account. Dave and Coach Bratcher requested a volunteer to audit our books and Corry Johnson volunteered. He will begin auditing the books from this date forward.

Coach Bratcher then presented in proposed budget for the coming year which showed approximately \$24,000 in expenses. Dave stated that the sources of income for these expenses includes 3 sources: 1) funds received from district, which is traditionally around \$4,500 2) funds from the summer baseball program and 3) funds from the booster club. Wayne Conrad will provide financials and money from the summer program. The summer program and the school year program are 2 separate entities.

At next meeting, financials will be distributed and we will have a proposed budget that can be voted on. Kathy Balazs also mentioned that we should have 2 signers on all checks over \$500 for internal control. This may need to be a by-laws change.

Ad Sales/Program Update:

Nancy Anderson again spoke to the group on the importance of selling ads for the media guide. A goal was set of selling \$3000 worth of ads by 11/1; \$3000 worth by 12/31 and \$1480 by 1/15/09 so that we can get the media guide out by our first district game. Last year, we sold \$6,800 worth of ads and we'd like to increase that by 10%. Step 1 is to go back to last year's sponsors and Step 2 is to get Mark McConaughy to add info similar to football's ad sales on our baseball website. Nancy asked that each member sell \$300 worth of ads by 11/1. Lynn Rhea will help us with graphics for the program for a cost of \$500. Corry Johnson and Melissa Andrews will help coordinate printing of programs.

Fundraising:

Sue and Rick Benyo proposed that we have a car wash fundraiser at Walmart on December 13th from 9 to 2 with shifts from 8:30 to 2:30. She has reserved this date with Walmart and has requested that the Diamond Dolls attend along with the players. Coach Bratcher will fill out the appropriate forms with the district. Sue will get ad in the weekly Warrior e-news.

Dave proposed that the next two meetings be on November 12th and December 10th at 7:00. It was proposed that the November 12th meeting be similar to the big informational meeting that football has in an attempt to draw in members that have not been coming to meetings and also to include some incoming freshman parents whose son's are interested in trying out for baseball at Westwood. Kind of a baseball orientation. To date, only 12 families have joined the booster club.

The meeting was adjourned.