

Westwood Football Booster Meeting
December 15, 2008

Corry Johnson Called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Ann Worthington reviewed the Nov. 17 meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report- Barbara Buchan

We received the Dave Campbell Game bill, the only other expenses left are the Banquet expenses (which also brings in some income). We plan to have \$5,000-10,000 balance to carry over to next season. Current balance is \$21,201.71.

Banquet- Lanna Domangue

The final count as of Dec. 15 is 356 (Which includes 25 extra just in case some folks forgot to buy their tickets or their plans changed and they can attend). We should break even on income and expenses which was our goal. Ticket sales were slow but everything will be great!

Officer Vote- after asking for nominations from the floor (there were none) the officers were voted in unanimously as follows-

Chris Freeman- President

Barbara Buchan- Treasurer

Sue Benyo- Secretary

Corry Johnson- Vice President

Improving Participation from Booster Parents-

Corry Johnson asked if there were some suggestions to improve involvement.

Some suggestions were -

Implement Members-at-Large to assist the officers

Have Grade Level or Team Reps to help get communication to all

Have a mandatory booster membership included on Coaches' spring equipment form

Coach already requires a mandatory parent meeting in May and August

Website already has all the booster club officers and contact info for them, as well as descriptions of all the booster club committees, along with how to sign up to help on a committee, and what the basic booster club goals are. One parent wanted to see more on the website- past FBC meeting minutes, upcoming FBC meeting agendas, more details on the budget and how the FBC money is spent, FBC By-laws, More details on the FBC Committees.

Parents would like more informational updates from Coach Wood (there were regular emails at the beginning of the season but they faded out during the season) Maybe Booster Secretary can help make sure these get out

Already set up- the Yahoo email group that was promoted by printed flyer and announcement at the May and August Parent meetings (Yahoo group can only be subscribed to or unsubscribed to- by the individual requesting to join the group).

Parents especially want individual contact from someone (fellow parent, booster club officer or participant, or coach) for the freshman player parents.

Already have a flyer that is mailed to the middle school players in April about the May Parent meeting at Westwood

Stressed the importance of recruiting the freshmen parents right off the bat- to get them involved

Suggestion to put announcement for the May meeting on the Canyon Vista and Grisham websites and in their newsletters

Start a communication committee that will call all the parents with information- reps for each team or grade level

Improve the value of the Booster club meetings with guest speakers and/or start a meeting program committee to get guest speakers- possibly have some of the other football coaches come speak to meeting, maybe players (seniors) too to talk about how the football program helps them, inspires them

Have booster meetings before or after showing game film on Saturdays

Make a priority – make all the players feel important to the program (Coach Wood noted that playing on a JV team is tough)

Already – Coach Wood meets with every player to discuss with him his goals, expectations, and that player's role for the next season

Weekly printed program for each team

We already have a Mr. Warrior contest planned for this spring – for next year's Mr. Warrior (this season's Mr. Warrior was a big success and huge favorite of the fans and players)

Parents really liked the Kickoff at Rudy's and Chisholm Trail BBQ where the coaches came around and talked to the parents and parents got to bond- would like to see more of these (maybe a BBQ after a film session or such)

Spring Kickoff- parents have a BBQ at the first spring practice- could toss the players breakfast tacos or such

Coach Wood said we have a good opportunity to get folks involved this year since we have lots of HOME games! One is in Killeen and 2 at the New Leander ISD Stadium and the rest are at our RRISD stadium

We also want more community involvement

Coach Wood and Corry Johnson agreed that there were lots of good ideas brought up and now we need to see how we can put them into action!

Corry J adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm