

October 26, 2009 minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Those present were Rhonda Hall, Eric May, Steve Babbitt, Tara Rohlan, Jill Brennan, Lynette Lievens, Audricka Jacob, Angie Schaffer and Barb Schmidt.

Treasurer's Report – Tara gave her report. Checking account balance is \$32,422.12. Encumbrances are \$1,250.00 with the net checking account balance being \$31,172.12. The Kim Knoblauch Endowment Fund has \$18,975.12. Lynette made a motion to accept the report, Jill seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report – After reading last months' minutes, Audricka made a motion to accept the report, Angie seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Membership: We are still accepting memberships. Forms are available on the webpage which may be completed and sent in.

Concessions: Concessions went well. Thanks so much to Audricka Jacob and Kris Knierim for doing the volleyball concessions and thanks to Mike and Theresa Sablich for doing the football concessions. We so appreciate all of the time and effort you put into making the concessions such a success. Thanks also to all of the workers who volunteered!

501C3 – The 501C3 tax status is unfortunately moving very slowly. Currently information is being gathered to meet their criteria. Thanks to Tara who is working diligently to accomplish the goal of obtaining 501C3 status, which will allow Boosters more options in fund raising.

Discount Cards – Boosters decided that we will take this year off, however we will sell the cards again next year. We will look into another company. One of our Blissfield teachers has a relative involved in selling the cards. For those of you interested in getting a card this year, similar to ours, local Blissfield students Megan Knierim & Jennifer Sell are selling discount cards for \$10.00. The funds they earn support their softball team the Look Outs.

Flags – Everyone looked at the sample car flag and liked the quality. We feel this would be a great item to promote school spirit. We will sell them when we get them, and offer them as a membership gift at the \$20.00 level for the 2010 – 2011 school year. Eric May will design the flag and email a preview of it to executive board members for approval.

Athletic Programs – A question was raised as to where the profits from the sale of the programs goes. Steve reported that the profit, which is about \$300.00 a season, goes into the athletic department fund.

Hall of Fame – A discussion was held regarding the dinner that is held as well as selection process. Steve reported that Booster's only helped to pay for the first one that was held, all others have been self supporting. A 12 person committee chooses the hall of fame class each year. Open spots tend to be filled by previous hall of fame members. The committee begins the process in January. The group is looking into possibly making the class smaller. Their goal is to have about five members per year, with some of them being larger groups if a team is chosen.

Kim Knoblauch Scholarship – A committee needs to be appointed to choose the scholarship recipient. The Knoblauch family is willing to do this. A new application will be developed and an essay will be required. The scholarship will now be open to all graduating seniors, regardless of their chosen area of study in college. The Knoblauch recommendation for the recipient will be presented to the board at the April board meeting. Lynette made a motion to accept the changes suggested and to recommend the Knoblauch family choose the recipient. Audricka seconded. Motion passed.

Banners for gym – Eric May has been working on the team histories. Questions are how many would we need? What do we want on them? etc. This is an idea still being explored.

New Business:

Fall Awards Night is Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Angie will check on getting the refreshments for the evening.

Audricka made a motion to adjourn. Lynette seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.