

Medina Athletic Booster Club Minutes

7 pm, Monday, September 12, 2011, MHS Distance Learning Lab

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Booster Board Members Roll Call: President, Bill McMillen, present, Vice Pres., Melissa Tanferno – present, Director of Membership, Bill Doraty – present, Treasurer, Michelle McNeely – not present, Secretary, Sue Bennett – present.

Meeting began at 7:00 pm.

Officer Reports

- Director of Membership Bill Doraty – Bill asked Sue Bennett to give an update on the membership numbers. Hand out was given to show membership increasing to 191 but still need. Trend towards \$100 memberships. Still Low. Boosters allocated \$1827 in membership \$'s to individual sport team buckets and \$1920 in advertising \$'s to team buckets.
- Bill D asked coaches/attendees what can we do to increase membership. Tried so many things and hard to bring this number up.
- Little feedback. Coach O'Brien brought up a few thoughts, add membership to Gold Card purchase for \$5, make fundraising events, ie.. Night at the Races for only members, non members have to pay a higher cost to attend, timing/cost issue. Lots of brainstorming.. Jeff Harrison's (JH) says Medina not the only school with this issue.
- President Bill McMillen
 - 9/16 Breast Cancer Awareness Night Information – Friday 9/16. Lots of items happening with proceeds going to cancer. Chick Filet, tshirts, etc.
 - Pennant Banners / Flags discussion occurred. Bill McMillen will bring costs to another meeting for a vote to determine which route. Pennant more costly.
 - Video Display discussion. Bill McMillen asked for JH to help facilitate communication with Student Council to coordinate efforts of sign usage.
 - Deficit balances for baseball field renovation and wrestling discussion occurred. JH replied that there is \$1000 donation check to be applied to the baseball deficit and the remaining balance in the balance bucket will cover the remaining deficit. Wrestling being worked on.
- Vice President Melissa Tanferno – no report
- Treasurer Michelle McNeely - absent
- Secretary Sue Bennett – no report

Committee Reports

- Athletic Department Jeff Harrison
 - Cost estimate on uniform orders for 2011-12 year (ms through hs) – roughly \$25k will be spent each year on uniforms. This year, LAX (boys), Track (boys, girls, middle school), Volley ball middle school, Basketball (boys Varsity) will be purchased. At this point, all teams will have received new uniforms within the past 3 years. Discussions will need to take place to determine if uniforms should be bought next year or various options.
 - Middle School Volleyball Uniforms have been ordered and should arrive any day. JH encouraged Boosters to present uniforms to team at a game.
 - Softball Scoreboard/Field Renovations discussed. JH reports that beginning next month they will begin to work on the Softball Field. New dirt will be brought in for better drainage. Still working on other needs: warming track \$5-8k expenditure and Scoreboard - \$15k expenditure. Baseball scoreboard is here and waiting on installation. JH feels that baseball has 1 of the nicest fields in the district.
 - Gold cards – people are using. 252 came through gate at Wadsworth game
 - Buy tickets online – avoid the lines, buy on line, can buy sport passes on line too

Coach's Reports

- Coach Pritchard – Boys Golf: Jeanne asked Bill McMillen to report on the following: We won 6 of the first 7 tournaments we played in. After the first half of the season in the NOC we are 5-0. Saturday we went to Columbus for the St. Charles Invitational and finished 6th with a 301. Upper Arlington shot a one under 283. Tuesday we are at Fox vs. Mayfield and on Thursday we are playing Strongsville at Medina CC at 3:15. We would appreciate anybody coming and cheering us on.
- Coach O'Brien – Boys LAX: Reported open field started on 9/11. About 30 participants. Will participate in 3 – 7 on 7 tournaments. Work outs will begin 1st week in November.
- Coach Moore – Swimming/Diving: Reported Rec Team started. About 25 in group. 20 from

- Coach Place – Boys CC: Reported they have been in 3 very competitive invitations. Came in 1st in the first one. Numbers are down compared to prior years. Started with 4 freshmen and now only 1 compared to 21 freshman a couple years ago. Reports that over the past 7 years, 21 kids received substantial aid to run at the college level.
- Coach Toocheck – Girls Softball: Reported they will have a clinic on Oct. 8th for 3-8th grade girls at Greenwood Park. There will be an informational meeting for the team the first week of October.
- Coach Clardy – Cheer: Reported that for the freshman team, usually 25 try out and only 7 did this year. Went to Claggett to increase enthusiasm about cheerleading. Had many try out at Claggett.
- Coach Albert Stacey – Boys Basketball: JH welcomes Albert Stacey as Coach Stacey's dad who will be helping out with the team. Coach Stacey's dad attended meeting due to first open gym taking place tonight. Open gym will be Mon, Wed from 7-8:30. Coach Albert Stacey said he understands the importance of the Booster club and has seen similar issues with membership at other schools and will work hard in building the basketball team membership.

Committee Reports

- Alumni – Jeanne Pritchard, Ron Glasenapp – Ron reported that Medina Boosters Face book has over 3000 friends. He shares all the notes and Booster news with group. Will begin to sell Alumni spirit wear at homecoming game.
- Program – Laurie Letts – Sue Bennett reported for Laurie Letts. Over \$27k in sales for Ads, Spirit Wishes, Business Partners and Banners. There are 10 - \$1000 business partners this year. Bill McMillen reports Volleyball is selling programs and earning \$2 out of the \$5 for the sport bucket.
- Communications / Hive Happenings – Melissa Tanferno: Asks that all teams have a Booster rep to reports their sports news to the Hive Happening.

New Business / Open Forum

- Football Parent's Club President – Chuck Buckland reports that funds from the football bucket this year has been used to pay for bright yellow shirt/shorts, t-shirt and back pack (\$40 value for 120 players), trainer t-shirts, \$1000 donated to AD department for the purchase of coaches headsets, \$ for team dinners, \$ for steak dinner from Longhorns for Homecoming dinner, segment timer, flat screen TV for weight room. He thanks Boosters for \$250 donations for help with the homecoming dinner in that in the past this had been donated. Also, encourages all to attend tailgating before games in upper parking lot.
- Request for travel assistance from Varsity Head Coach Wendi Clardy – Bill McMillen proposes that Boosters assist Coach Clardy in her travel costs for the St. Antonio Texas Cheer Event in December. He motions that we donate \$500 for these expenses. Chuck Buckland seconds the motion. All were in favor. Motion Passed.
- Board of Education Member William Grenfell discussed the new .5% Income Tax for Medina City Schools. A flyer was passed out with information that can be found on www.medinacityschooldistrict.org. This will be for vote on November 8th. He encourages you to call him directly with any questions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Next Meeting: 7 pm, Monday, October 10, 2011, MHS Distance Learning Lab

**Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Bennett
Medina Booster Athletic Club Secretary**