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NEWFIELD BOOSTER CLUB MEETING - MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008 - 6:30 PM NEWFIELD HIGH SCHOOL – ROOM 109

ATTENDEES: Sandy Allen, Jeff Augustine, Helen Beach, Sherri & Jay Dunham, Tom & Betsy Edwards, Lucy Ferrara, Gigi Fields, Tina Henry, Bill Hurley, Rick Pawlewicz, Ricky Stewart

SUMMARY:

The meeting consisted of; discussion about the Building Project, Norm Wall Golf Tournament, the Parents of the Class of 2008 selling items at home basketball games, a merchandise request for the DJ to give away prizes at the 2/9 HS Dance, Girls' Basketball info., and Misc. upcoming events.

The meeting was called to order at: 6:35 PM by Co-Presidents Sandy Allen and Tom Edwards.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 PM

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Location of Next Meeting: Newfield High School Room 109

TREASURER'S REPORT: Account balances were given by Lucy Ferrara, Treasurer. Discussed and approved by those in attendance.

Tina Henry asked about the money for the Booster Buggy from the insurance company and Bill Hurley replied that the claim is still being processed. Bill indicated that we'll be reimbursed for the Buggy and then for any items lost, that we submit receipts for, when we purchase replacements. Betsy Edwards asked if we should put the reimbursement money into another CD. Sandy made a motion for the insurance money to be reinvested into a CD and all members present approved.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING: November minutes were approved by all in attendance (no minutes were taken in December due to the meeting being cancelled).

MAJOR TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

OLD/ NEW BUSINESS:

- Building Project
- Norm Wall Golf Tournament
- Parents of the Class of 2008 requests
- Gigi Fields request on behalf of the DJ for the 2/9 HS Dance
- Girls' Basketball Misc.
- Misc. Upcoming Activities

DISCUSSION DETAILS:

• Building Project

Bill gave an update on the building. He indicated that the plans had gone to Albany. He's waiting on a materials list from the Thomas Group, which he should be getting soon, and after he receives that then there'll be a better idea of what will be needed to finish the Fieldhouse. All interior materials will have to come from an outside source. We could possibly reuse items from the school renovations that will take place (i.e. light fixtures, toilets). Sandy Allen questioned whether or not reusing fixtures, toilets, etc., would be worth it since they are so outdated. It'd most likely be better to use updated and better quality items.

Betsy made the suggestion of saving costs by constructing wooden cubbies like the Ithaca HS Hockey team has in their locker room. Sandy and Lucy Ferrara pointed out that we'll need to have lockable lockers for security reasons since different sports teams and visiting teams will be using the space too. Lucy pointed out that the Ithaca HS Hockey team is the only one that uses their locker room. Tom Edwards also asked about lockable Lockers and Bill replied that we could look for a custom builder for cubby-styled lockers but, that steel will be the most durable and longer lasting. Jay Dunham also added that replacement or repair parts will be more readily available for commercially manufactured products. Sandy asked about the possibility of lockers being wider so that they can be shared. Bill replied that the proposed lockers are incorporating a bench to sit on so, he's uncertain about them being wider. Betsy pointed out that when we divide into committees we can then investigate lockers styles, costs, etc.

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Betsy asked about the use of fields/grounds during the construction of the new Fieldhouse and how it may affect home football games – “will there be many home games and if not, is it worth stressing over concessions?” Bill and Jeff Augustine indicated that there’ll be home games. Sandy asked whether or not there’d be any access to drop off supplies for concessions near the football field and Bill replied with, “yes vehicles can drop off, just not park.”

Bill also mentioned that the construction will start on the last day of school. Tom asked if the Fieldhouse construction would start right away and Bill indicated that it’ll start late Fall or early Winter. Bill noted that the Elementary renovations and Highschool addition are the priorities. He said the campus will be a beehive of activity and that there’ll be no public access into the buildings this Summer. The Elementary will also be undergoing Asbestos remediation during the Summer. Tina asked whether or not there’d be a Summer camp. Bill indicated that they wouldn’t be able to use the School but, that there’s been the suggestion of using either the Baptist or Methodist Churches as possible sites. The community pool would be accessible from the Methodist Church.

Jeff pointed out that the Baseball and Softball fields will be skinned over the Summer. Betsy asked whether or not Babe Ruth would be able to play. Bill suggested that another site be used and that next Summer everything should be back to business as usual.

• Norm Wall Golf Tournament

Rick Pawlewicz discussed how the Golf Tournament has grown significantly but, that it’s become too big for him to handle. Last year Sandy, Mike Wooster and Linda Poppleton were a crucial part of the planning for it. It’s smooth running and has a lot of potential but, it does require many hours for mailings, sponsor contacts, etc. The Building Project could be a great opportunity to bring this to another level. Rick and Sandy can meet and have discussion in a smaller committee about his. It could possibly become a multi-day event. Rick would like to pass on the responsibility of the sponsorship contact piece (mailings, etc.) since it’s become so large but, he’ll happily organize the event with some help. The location of the Tournament hasn’t yet been determined and Rick has had several golf courses contacting him requesting for it to be held at their sites.

Betsy questioned whether this event can stay with the Booster Club. She indicated that there can be delegation of responsibilities as people are very willing and able to help. Rick replied that it’ll stay with Sports Boosters but, reiterated that it has become so large. Tina asked that Rick let Sandy know what he needs and then she could send out a request. Sandy pointed out that Rick has done all of the work for the Tournament in the past and that she’s hearing that he would like to pass on some of the responsibility.

Rick indicated that some recreating of files needs to take place, due to the loss of computer files, and that it had all been done in Microsoft Word for merging of letters, etc. Sandy pointed out that most of the leg work is done before the Tournament takes place and that she’d recreate files from Rick’s hard copies along with website information that Linda has. Tina and Gigi offered to help recreate files as well. Gigi offered to put together a letter to request sponsorship/donation. Tina asked that Gigi let her know what help she needs once she gets started on entering info., etc.

Rick discussed that sponsorship plaques/acknowledgements could be determined by the amount of money donated. Tom suggested that there could be a sponsorship to cover the cost of a locker or plaque on a locker in the new Fieldhouse. Betsy added that we should have a plan for requests before letters are sent to prospective sponsors/donors. She gave an idea of engraved bricks like at the Hangar Theatre. Jeff agreed that paver stones/bricks are a good idea. Tom and/or Betsy will contact Nick McCabe and Chris Bubble about this idea. Lucy pointed out that the sponsorship/donor letters will have to be worded in a way to let people know when their donations will be acknowledged (i.e. completion of Fieldhouse, etc.) depending on their level of donation. Helen Beach suggested that we send some form of request for donation to all of the Newfield Businesses. Gigi thought that maybe a small plaque of recognition for each sponsor/donor could be made for visibility. Sandy will invite the Locker Representative to the next Sports Booster meeting.

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Tom asked whether the Tournament could happen on a different day such as a weekend. Rick said that a week day works the best but, suggested that maybe it could happen later in the Summer.

• Parents of the Class of 2008 Requests

Sandy discussed the request from the Parents of the Class of 2008 to sell items at some of the boys and girls home Basketball games (1/18 and 1/25). The items they'd like to sell are; coffee/tea, Applebee's breakfast tickets, lotto calendars, and 50/50 tickets. All present approved for this to happen.

Lucy pointed out that we'll have to be careful with the 50/50 tickets and to be sure that they're drawn in front of the crowd or a Sports Booster member on the court, due to the complaints/problems last year. Tom mentioned that he and Bruce had done them last year and that they just couldn't keep up the pace for the demand. It was suggested that the 50/50 tickets be sold at the ticket table when people are just entering the building while they have their money out.

• HS Dance on 2/9 - DJ Request

Gigi discussed a request from the DJ that'll be here for the Highschool Dance on 2/9 for prizes to give away for various contests during that night (i.e. Limbo). Sandy asked whether the DJ had a price in mind of what he'd like to spend for the prizes to giveaway. Gigi said that she'd find out and get it to her. Gigi also mentioned that if she had a merchandise price list to give to the DJ that would help him decide what to purchase.

• Girls' Basketball

Sandy asked about doing tshirts again for the girls Basketball team if they win the Division title. The team and coaches would get them at no cost. Jeff gave everyone copies of the girls Basketball schedule. All that were present agreed to have tshirts made.

• Extra Misc.

Jeff indicated that the boys Baseball team can organize a can/bottle drive as a fundraiser for the new Fieldhouse. Sandy asked whether this would happen in April and about transportation of the cans/bottles; Lucy and Tom each offered their trailers if needed. Sandy will contact K&H to see if their truck is available. Jeff discussed the upcoming dates for Baseball activities; 1st practice 3/10, Spencer Wooden Bat Tournament 3/29 (4/5 rain date), doing a Saturday Moose breakfast. Betsy suggested a possible Moose breakfast date of 3/15.

Sandy mentioned that at the next Sports Booster meeting we'll organize committees for the upcoming activities.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM. All in attendance were in favor.

**The next meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Monday, February 11th, 2008 in
Newfield High School Room 109.**

Respectfully submitted by Sherri Dunham