

Walter Johnson High School
Booster Club Meeting
November 12, 2003

Recorder: Wendy Perry

7:30 meeting called to order by Tricia Skelly

Minutes for the October 8, 2003 meeting were approved as written.

REPORTS:

Assistant Principal: Carol Goddard

- A message has been sent home with students regarding a missing child.
- Questions have arisen regarding the attendance policy. A note must be turned in within 3 days to qualify as an excused absence. A note must be taken class to class when the absence will be for an extended period of time.

Athletic Director: Sue Amos

- Highlights of the end of the fall sports season were mentioned. They will be appearing in the next issue of Big Train.
- Fall Sports Awards Night is November 24. The coaches each write a paragraph to be read that night. The question was raised about the availability of the stage, since the theater production will have just finished.
- Winter sports begin Saturday November 15.

Treasurer: Arlene Fornace

- Total inflow is \$10,000 greater than outflow. There is an additional \$2,000 to deposit. Total available cash is \$35,185.78.
- Sue Amos mentioned that teams have been approaching her about selling items (spirit wear) at games and it is getting out of hand. Questions include the involvement of Booster Club, determining a set location, and involvement of the school store. Tricia will get a group together to address these questions.

Membership: Mary Ruttkay

- Memberships have almost surpassed last year and are ahead of 2000 and 2001. A list of current members was distributed. Attendees are encouraged to ask those not on the list to join.

Commissioners: Adeen Postar for Janet Liebowitz

- All invitations to the Sports Awards Ceremony have been distributed. Commissioners have been informed about the new funding arrangement (dessert only, receipts required). Janet is working on the program.

Citrus: Elin Quigley

- Orders received to date are 25% of the number received last year. Elin must call in the order on November 24. The distribution of order forms was discussed. Tricia will send an email requesting orders.

Concessions: Jane Slacter

- Out of 21 events, only 7 were staffed by fall teams. She is also not getting a large response for the winter. Classes may be more interested in signing up because they receive their profit directly. This issue will be tabled for now, and Tricia will meet with a committee to discuss. The suggestion was made that the discussion should address funding in general. The members of this funding committee will be Tricia, Carol Goddard, Sue Amos, Arlene Fornace, Adeen Postar, Stella Graves and Mary Ruttkay.

Montgomery Invitational: Ray George

- A mailing was sent to the cross country team asking for support. Follow-ups are to be distributed at the Awards Ceremony. Additional options available for sponsors include banners, having a name on the event, and the positioning of ads.

Race: Stella Graves

- The flier requesting sponsorships for the race and invitational was distributed. It is felt to be more viable if these two events are tied together. Sponsorships are important because that is where the money is generated. Stella will send an email requesting names to contact. We need the support of administration. Mr. Wiggins will help with SGA.

Barnes and Noble: Patti Dinneen

- The program begins the end of November. An art exhibit will be included. The coupon is on the web, and will be handed out at awards night.

OLD BUSINESS:

Funding of Stadium Field: Tricia Skelly

- The committee that met recommends funding \$10,000 now, followed by two \$5,000 increments. Sue Amos discussed the plan for upkeep. Seeding, aerating and fertilizing will start next week. The cost for next week will be \$3,000. She will get bids on ongoing maintenance and will send Tricia an email regarding these plans.
- A motion was made to fund the stadium field now with \$10,000; motion approved.

Bylaws: David Slacter

- The committee (David Slacter, Adeen Postar, Otilie Droggitis and Carol Thiele) met to discuss the bylaws. Questions still remain regarding issues such as how funding requests are handled, establishing a cap on carrying money over to the next year, etc. The committee will continue to work on the questions. A draft will then be sent out electronically for input.

NEW BUSINESS:

Funding Request Boys Lacrosse: Jim Collins

- New helmets are needed. The majority of the boys supply their own equipment. Traditionally the school has supplied 3 helmets. The cost is \$150 per helmet. They also request funding for 150 lacrosse balls, for a total request for \$600.
- Discussion followed regarding team responsibility for fundraising.
- A motion was made to fund the request for up to \$600; motion approved.

Funding Request Poms: Tricia Skelly for Debbie Hartten

- The Poms squad is requesting \$180 for the girls to attend a dance clinic.
- A motion was made to fund the \$180; motion approved.

School Store:

- There is a room available in the building, and students who are interested in working at a school store. Maggie MacLaughlin and Shelley Boatright have volunteered to organize it. This will be pursued.

Donna Stagon Memorial:

- Arlene will find out if funding is still needed.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.