

Minutes from the February 21, 2023 Gridiron Meeting:

Introductions – led by Karen Martens

Attendance – Heather Tait, Kay Nichols, Robert Stone, Nikki Gabriel, Betsy Capello, Gina Schiek, Meredith Neu, Kim Czarnecki, Mary Pekar, Angela Kallay, Leah Sladek, Lisa Koss, Nichole and Dan Human, Dale and Amy Medrano, Kim Mueller, Kristen Beglinger, Michael Wrench, Shawna Summers, Cheryl Zylka, Heidi Miller, Amy Lund, Rick Guenther, Karen Martens, and Christopher and Shelley Bloedel

Minutes from November 2022 Meeting – approved by Mary Pekar, seconded by Kim Czarnecki.

Budget (Tim Cunningham) – Will be approving the Budget for the 2023 season at the March 2023 Gridiron Meeting.

- Recommend going back pre-Covid to review that budget, as this would be more accurate/realistic.
- Lowered uniform cost will be due because we won't be purchasing new uniforms for the upcoming season.
- Pasta Night – we exceeded our budget last season – could we find a different restaurant option? Dara Sievert taking over Pasta Nights (but was not in attendance at February meeting); Kim Czarnecki will reach out to That's Amore to get an estimate. Question posed if Genesis would be able to cater for home games? Should we increase the fee for Pasta Night?
- Scholarships – will be between 31-40 seniors in 2023 season – will need 4 scholarships at \$1,000 each.
- New bus company next year and the school will pay for Coaches to obtain their bus licenses. Bus companies will drop the buses off at FHS and Coaches will drive boys to the games.

Varsity Banquet Review – went really well. Kim Mueller has all the centerpieces from the banquet.

Liaisons for Dance Team & Cheer Team NEEDED – Mary Pekar is currently the liaison for the Dance Team and we'd like a new Liaison for this upcoming season because Mary's daughter is graduating in June (2023). Tina Rock, the Liaison for the Cheer Team, will also be exiting, and we'll need a new Cheer Liaison as well.

Scholarships – will need a committee – let's talk at the March Gridiron Meeting.

Cookout/Camp Picnic – Mandy Fox needs a shadow for the picnic in July.

Away Game Subs – Kim Mueller will need someone to help. Need to have subs available for 3:00 p.m. and tables reserved through the school. (Times/needs change during playoffs.)

Golf Outing – first meeting tonight at Point After, after the Gridiron meeting. Looking for sponsorships – doesn't have to be a Franklin business. Will also need shadows for upcoming years. Golf Outing will be August 6, 2023 – Sunday morning.

Gold Cards – not reviewed as neither Chair was in attendance at time of discussion.

Photographers – Mudlaff, Herman, Guenther, Cool; freshman parents will need a photographer (or two) for their games.

Coach Brown Update – Thank you for coming – parents of younger kids, please try to get involved.

- Have a talk with your sons to find out whether or not they really want to play the game. You've got to want to play this game and if you're not properly conditioned/prepared, you risk serious injury.
- Don't save the money you raise for the kids four years from now – we're raising it now, spend it now. If we've got the money, let's spend the money on the kids and the program.
- Coach Beck has confirmed 2023 will be his last season coaching the offensive line. Previous player/Saber, Trevor Shahoney will be coming back to shadow Coach Beck.
- Would like to host another recruiting night for boys that want to play at the next level, they can find out what they need to do to go about it. Would like to take an hour prior to the March Gridiron Meeting.
- Hall of Fame Banquet – send flyer to everyone – post on Facebook.
- Football Camp – will be different this year. July 17th through July 20th for all levels – Varsity will also meet on Friday, July 21st. During the Camp, we'll have 8th/9th graders together and then have the 10th-12th graders go together. Homestead will be coming to FHS on Friday for a scrimmage with Varsity, likely 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Racine Schools – Neither Horlick nor Park will have JV Teams this year.
- Helmets – purchased 70 helmets last year (\$400 each) that will need to be replaced in or by 2026.
- Shoulder Pads – ordered 15 new shoulder pads, paid for out of Coach's budget from the District.
- Cleaning Bill – this will have to go on the Budget; the company launders/repairs all of the Varsity uniforms at a cost of approximately \$200 per game. (Company is Milwaukee Equipment Repair)

Next Meeting: March 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the FHS Library