

Gridiron Meeting Minutes
August 6th, 2019

In attendance:

Officers: Heather Goldberg, Pat Harris, Karen Martens, Karen Hartje

FHS: None (first practice today)

Attendees: Tricia Burkett, Tim Dertz, Paul Hartje, Phil Henschel, Tamara Jessup, Jim Kuchenreuther, Kate Mangan, Heidi Miller, Krissy Rathkamp, Pete Rathkamp, Jennifer Stamm, Martha Tinajenro, Patty Timm

Meeting Began: 7:05 pm

Welcome and Introductions – Heather Goldberg

Meeting Minutes Approval –

- Taken and submitted by Karen Hartje for
- Copy provided via Gridiron Website
- No raised questions/comments regarding minutes
- Motion to Approve:
 - Tammy Jessup
- Seconded without dissent:
 - Pete Rathkamp

Budget Review and Approval – Pat Harris

- Copies of current financial report including actual & budget provided
- Current budget approved 06/06/2019
- As of date of meeting:
 - Current cash in bank: \$64,557.83
 - Current Profit for YTD: \$5,110 (pending golf outing profit)
- Anticipated expenses:
 - Scholarships
 - Current outstanding Ethan Villwock from 2019 graduating class
 - Uniforms ~ \$32,000
 - Will verify when next large expense will be present for next budgets
- Golf event ~ \$13,000 profit at current time
 - A few outstanding bills/profits to come in
 - Appreciation to all that organized & assisted
- Clothing & spirit items are currently (-) however, sales strong
- **Approach to gridiron club for new JUGS football machine**
 - \$2895, requested additional \$900 generator
 - Gridiron recommends approving due to current \$ balance following conversation with attendees
 - Motion to approve \$3900 by Pat Harris
 - Seconded by Karen Martens
 - All in attendance in favor
 - No dissent, no abstained

- Pat Harris will notify Coaches of approval

New Business –

- Homecoming: Heather Goldberg
 - Met with Jordan Hein regarding Homecoming
 - Future: to involve community more, more of a reunion
 - Discussion from attendees regarding parade moved created inability for football players to attend
 - Wednesday parade date worked better in the past for attendance
- Saber Spirit Parent Group: Heather Goldberg
 - Met with Jordan Hein regarding Saber Spirit Parent Group
 - Concern not enough manpower to support Homecoming
 - Group falling through the cracks
 - Discussion from attendees: ? if on-line check in has impacted Saber Spirit
 - Discussion regarding Coach Brown attending Gridiron Meetings which may have an impact on fundraising and attendance of the meetings and parent involvement. ? if Jordan Hein would want to attend Gridiron or other booster club meetings to identify strengths to translate to Saber Spirit
- Additional information from meeting with Jordan Hein: Heather Goldberg
 - Anticipate School will no longer hold a golf event in the future
 - Excitement regarding potential for athletic department at FHS
 - Multiple phases for athletic department to grow
 - Discussion from attendees:
 - Are there other opportunities to raise funds such as purchasing “season seats?” Example, for football, purchase assigned seats on the bleachers for the season (above ticket cost) which would be purchased at the beginning of the season and could sit it in for the remainder of the season?
 - Question if changes can be made to concession stand for more profits
 - Concerns regarding cost from the school vs profit
 - Example provided regarding bottle of water with cost ~\$1.25 from the school with a profit of \$0.25 and from the grocery store a case of water is ~\$3.00 which would turn a more significant profit.
 - Has ever been thought to “dome” the football field
 - Rental, etc?
- Franklin Educational Foundation Fundraiser: Heather Goldberg
 - First phase for current replacement of equipment
 - Second phase for indoor facilities
 - Local businesses/families to sponsor games
 - Such as, coin flip, reserved seat, name on lighted board, promotions, logo on franklin foundational website
 - Please visit the foundation for donations
- Vicis Helmets:
 - Ship on 08/09, no exact arrival date
 - Rep will come to FHS for fitting

- Repair kit
- Email will be provided to parents regarding updates when available.

Upcoming/Updates -

- Senior Poster: August 10th
 - Photographers will be Karen Hartje & Cheryl Hennig this year
 - Posters completed by August 30th
- Team Bonding: August 13th, Gina Palasz
 - 66 kids signed up, final count needed 08/07 to Root River
 - Food may be left over from camp cookout
- Team Pictures: August 17th
 - Should be handed out this week by coach
 - Pictures for buttons will be taken
 - Game photographers will be taking button pictures
 - Karen Hartje, Tricia Burkett, Kate Mangan
- Gold Card Blitz, August 17th: Karen Martens
 - Handful of boys need to still pick up
- Charity Night: August 30th, Scott Smith, Krissy Rathkamp
 - Scott Smith is selling shirts at field
 - Selling shirts at scrimmage
 - Krissy Rathkamp working on script for family & on field
 - ? Donation to Conservancy for bench or path
- Parent Night: September 6th, Madeline Kleczka
 - Pictures will be taken on August 17th
- Youth/Junior Night: September 20th
 - Heidi Miller will notify Matt Fox & Junior Football
- Homecoming: September 27th
 - See updates/discussion in general meeting
- Senior Night: October 11th, Krissy Rathkamp
 - Banners & Big Heads, Booklet
 - Need pictures from photographers focusing on seniors
- Freshman Banquet, Kate Mangan
 - October 22nd 4:30-9
- JV/Varsity Banquet: November 12th, Krissy Rathkamp
 - Volunteers needed
 - Senior board coordinator may be needed from committee
 - Coordination of coach/manager gifts
 - Gift bags, decorations, senior boards, dinner (Brossman's)
 - Budget \$4,000
 - No cost to players. Parents to pay
 - May need to purchase replacement decorations/items for banquet
 - ? if there is any folder available from last year
 - Question raised regarding use of items by other sport teams, graduations, etc.
 - Lively discussion regarding use of other areas using items purchased by Gridiron to include but not limited to the wear and tear occurring with

additional use as well as missing items needing to be replaced. Questions if items could be “rented” to other booster clubs, etc.

- Discussion tabled to next meeting
- Yard Sign Distribution: Karen & Paul Hartje
 - Pending a few parents to pick up, will have profit once all picked up
- Clothing Sales: Heidi Miller, Nicole Slawson, Jenny Stauber
 - 1st round of purchasing ~\$5400 including ~ \$850 of bracelet sales
 - Need for Sign regarding donation
 - Possible senior night for presentation
- Photographers: Coordinator Karen Hartje
 - Photographers will need to stop by school office for media pass
- Banners: Fran Schaaf & Jennifer Trinko
 - Dance Team has completed
- Pasta Nights: Tammy Jessup
 - Facilities approved
 - Need updated roster from coaches
 - Chili’s increasing from \$5 to \$6
 - Chili’s inquiring if need a contract?
 - Discussion only need invoice
 - Approved
 - Subs increasing \$6.99 to \$7.49
 - Can be decreased if purchase own chips & drink
 - Recommendation to purchase chips & drink from large retailer
 - Approved to purchase from outside retailer
 - Currently have ~41 paid for sub night
 - ? of when to provide subs for Fond du Lac game
- Scholarships:
 - Current budget \$3,000
 - May be better for either 4 at \$750 each or 3 at \$1,000 each
 - Anticipate adjustment based on number of students in the senior class
 - Tabled to next meeting, will need vote

Future Dates:

- August 23rd: First Varsity game at Fond du Lac
- September 3rd, 7pm: Gridiron Meeting
- October 1st, 7pm: Gridiron Meeting
- November 5th, 7pm: Gridiron Meeting

Important Websites:

Franklin Gridiron: <https://fhsgidironclub.weebly.com/>

FHS Football Page: <https://www.franklin.k12.wi.us/franklin-high-school/athletics-and-activities/athletic-team-pages/football>

FHS Athletics & Activities Page: <https://www.franklin.k12.wi.us/franklin-high-school/athletics-and-activities>

FHS Forms for Participation (Physical, Code of Conduct, Concussion, Emergency)
<https://www.franklin.k12.wi.us/franklin-high-school/athletics-and-activities/participation-forms>

FHS General Events Calendar (football calendar will be available on website once finalized)
<https://www.franklin.k12.wi.us/franklin-high-school/about-fhs/fhs-events-calendar>

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:21 p.m.

Next Meeting – September 3rd at FHS Library

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Hartje, Secretary