

Gridiron Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2022

Karen – introductions.

May minutes approval: Christopher Bloedel approved; Kim Czarnecki seconded

Budget review/approval: Karen Martens approved; Shelley Bloedel seconded

Golf Outing Update – Date is August 6th – anyone who would like to help – please volunteer. Discussed the meat raffle and the boards that Coach Brown’s brother makes. Question arose whether we could pre-sell near the spirit wear/apparel at the picnic? Decided to do a sign-up genius for volunteers at the outing. Last Golf Outing, we gave signed helmets for certain level of sponsorship; Mandy Fox stated she didn’t know how many helmets are available in storage, but would ask Matt (Fox) if there are extra for the highest level of sponsorship. People signed-up regarding number of registrants – 7 groups of 4? If you’re going to golf, please get signed-up asap. Early bird special for alumni. Food at the Golf Outing is taken care of – we were moved from pub to upstairs for free; everything will be inside. Where can we get the flyer electronically? Website and on FB. Anyone who has anything to donate (owns business: marykay, etc.,) will take any donations. Contact Kim Czarnecki or Angela Kallay if you have donations.

Senior Scholarship Update – Kerri Glynn not at the meeting. The Gridiron presented four Seniors with scholarships (of \$1,000.00 each); winners were: Reese, Tanner, Jack, and Sam and all scholarships have been paid as of the June Gridiron Meeting. Committee members were Heidi Wadzinski, Michelle Reifschneider, Karen Harrington, and Kerri Glynn. As we look to plan for how we’ll conduct the application review and scholarship selection process in the future, discussion arose about how the basketball club has teachers review essays rather than parents. We determined we will need a committee to set guidelines and determine if the scholarships should be more about leadership qualities versus a well-written essay, or both, etc.,

Gold Card Update – Amy Lund present to give update. Cards will be distributed at the Camp Cookout/Picnic on July 21st and returned on Blitz Day (which is August 13th). We’ll need to reserve facilities. Amy provided the design/layout of this year’s card, as some changes were made from last year’s layout/placement. Boys will be asked to sell 21 cards this year (up one from last year). Seniors pick the ‘free item’ awarded to boys who sell all 21 cards. We will need volunteers for stuffing envelopes with cards (prepared well ahead of July 21st), hand-out of cards on July 21st, and turn-in of money collected from the sale of cards on August 13th (Blitz Day). Amy and Erin are looking for FRESHMAN PARENTS to shadow the whole process, in order to better prepare for the future. On August 13th, players will turn-in their \$420.00 (for 21 cards sold). “Blitz Day” got that name because boys take any leftover/unsold cards and go into neighborhoods one more time in a ‘blitz’ effort to sell the last of their cards. It’s VERY important players are present to turn-in their money. Please see Amy Lund if you’re interested in helping on Camp Cookout/Picnic to hand-out cards. Amy stated there are a few crazy/busy weeks from hand-out to turn-in and then you’re done!

Camp Cookout on July 21st – Mandy Fox gave update. Cookout is held on July 21st, as this is the last day of underclassmen camp (non-varsity). Mandy needs helpers at the Cookout for set-up and clean-up; main dish/course is catered and each grade level brings sides (veggies/dip, chips, desserts, etc). It was recommended a sign-up genius might be helpful to organize and plan for variety of options. Plan for approximately 130-150 people. Last year, the caterer provided plates and utensils – not sure if this

year's caterer will provide plates/utensils. Last year, we budgeted \$950 and went over. This year, those in attendance approved increasing the budget to \$1,500.00. Mandy stated she will call around to get estimates for food.

- Conversation about creating an email for those who wish to volunteer to help Amy/Erin with Gold Cards, Mandy with the Cookout, and/or Heidi (Miller) with clothing sales.

Team Bonding on August 9th – Tina Rock gave update. Team Bonding is held from 10:00 to Noon @ Swagger; Swagger will charge us \$200 for use of the volleyball courts and we're going to bring our own pizzas this year. Tina will get pricing from Dominos and cost will be \$5 per kid (perhaps a bit more); will need to get info out asap. We do Dominos for Blitz Day too. Amy (Lund) has Dominos contact and she'll talk to Tina Rock. We need volunteers at each volleyball court. Coach Brown divides kids into teams – parent referees. Tina got beverages already. If doing chips – get individual bags not large/shared bags. Was \$800 budget last year. Need prizes too.

Clothing Update – Heidi (Miller) and Mandy (Fox): Heidi/Mandy have to have order in by Friday hopefully all through Ideal Logos. Last year, the first order sold out at the Cookout/Picnic (\$8,600 spent). The second order last year was for \$3,000 and sold all of that too. For the first order this year, we agreed to increase to \$9,000.00. Heidi/Mandy confirmed the online store will open the day after the Cookout/Picnic. The online store will be open for a week and will have additional options than what they're able to offer at the Cookout/Picnic. Heidi/Mandy asking for help from anyone who wants to shadow them.

Update on Banners: Heather Cunningham (not present at meeting) – received reservation form from Leah Voss – Tim (Cunningham) confirmed Heather reserved space for banner assembly. Please note that ANYONE in charge of banquet, or any event needing to use the facilities – we have to reserve facility through Rec Department. Need to confirm # of tables, etc., anytime you need school for banners, banquets, pasta nights, etc., you will need to get reservations now. Senior Boys choose slogans for the banners. If interested in helping with BANNERS (including holding the banners at the Varsity football games), please let Tim/Heather Cunningham know. BANNERS made on August 9th.

Charity Night – August 19th – Shelley Bloedel gave update: In honor of Scott Smith, we've created a Community Service Award. (Can pick-up Award application at tonight's Gridiron Meeting – will also bring to July Gridiron Meeting) – Award is open to any student involved in football program (player or team manager). Charity chosen this year by the Seniors is National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention. All money raised will go towards charity chosen. Shelley requested assistance from any/all willing to help sell the t-shirts at the Cookout/Picnic, on Blitz Day, and on Charity Night before the football game.

Photographers NEEDED – Varsity has only one photographer currently; please see Karen/Shelley/Tim; Christy Cool is interested; will need photographers for Blitz Day – headshots needed for buttons on parent night.

Pasta Night – Christy Cool gave update: JV/Varsity players – Thursday nights before home games – pasta, desserts, salad. Also do milk, bottled water and class designated to bring desserts which alternates; Subs on Thursday nights for Varsity before away games from Jimmy Johns. Increase cost to \$25 per player for the season. Use square to pay.

Discuss Donation and Update from Athletics and Activities (Jordan Hein, not present at meeting) – 2006 state championship sign on bleachers nearly destroyed with wear and weather over the years. New FRANKLIN FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP sign to include runner-up and champion years. \$4,800 for sign – asking \$900 from Gridiron – Coach Brown gets money back from Camp – will try to pay for all from Camp. Kenosha football games moved to 5:30 p.m., which means buses will need to leave no later than 3:30 p.m. Coach Brown noted he’s trying to get coach buses for those two games: \$975 per game (2 games on schedule). Coach has the money in his budget to support, even if the Gridiron doesn’t have the extra funds.

Updates from Coach Brown: Golf Outing is a great time – fun day – encourage everyone to get involved. Attended the Fall Sports Meeting last night and Coach would like his power point presentation added to Gridiron website. CONTACT DAY tomorrow is canceled; will have a 5-day camp for VARSITY kids and on 5th day, Coaches can actually coach. Coach Brown thanked the volunteers and Board members for their dedication. Add 5th day of camp which will be contact day for JV/Varsity. Coach Brown stated to everyone that, “if you have a kid who is unsure if they want to play, they shouldn’t play - because they’ll get hurt and no one wants that. Players get hurt if they’re not going full speed, whether they didn’t work hard in the offseason... or they don’t want to play. They’ve got to want to play this game and I want kids that want to play it. This is big boy football. 90% of the kids are busting it... and 10% are not”. BOYS INVOLVED in an offsite football camp - see Coach Brown for helmet and shoulder pads prior to your camp and keep it until the camps are over. Ask the Coach who is in the weight room for helmet and shoulder pads.

Update on Uniforms – new jerseys ordered in February and are supposed to be shipped mid-August. Have 48 home jerseys if the new jerseys don’t come in. We have 63 white jerseys available. Getting 70 new jerseys home/away; ordered replacement jerseys coming in September.

JULY MEETING – will be held at Hideaway on July 12th at 7:00 p.m. Bring booze for wheelbarrow at Golf Outing.