

**Gridiron Meeting Minutes**  
**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

***In attendance:***

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

***FHS:*** Coach Brown

***Attendees:*** Kim Arndnet, Amy Baretz, Jean DeStafanis, Phil Henschel, Paul Hartje, Nichole Human, Jim Kuchenreuther, Heidi Miller, Greg Nackel, Gina Palasz, Maria Rajkovic, Heather Rivard, Julie Schuester, Jenny Stauber, Heather Tate, Jen Trinko, Christine Weissman, Cheryl Zylka

**Meeting Began: 7 pm.**

***Welcome and Introductions*** – Heather Goldberg

***Meeting Minutes Approval*** –

- Taken and submitted by Karen Hartje for November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Copy provided via Gridiron Website
- No raised questions/comments regarding minutes
- Motion to Approve:
  - Gina Palasz
- Seconded without dissent:
  - Kim Kookerider

***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: \$9,612.50
  - JV/Varsity Banquet above budget (+\$300)
- Anticipated expenses:
  - Coaches Clinics
  - New Coaches Headsets ~ \$4,000-5,000
  - Possible Trophy Cases

***New Business*** –

***Website:***

- Previous website under personal account and cannot be transferred
- Jason Mann referral for new website \$1500
- Heather Goldberg met with Pete Rathkamp to discuss ability to update new website without cost.
- Vote posed to hire outside person to build website vs keep a weebly account with assistance from Pete Rathkamp to begin
  - All in favor of assistance of Pete Rathkamp to assist with website
  - No votes to pay \$1500 for outside referral to build website

***Facebook Page:***

- Under personal account previously, now has been transferred to the GridIron Club under Frank Fields
- Please get word out to go to old Facebook page to get to the new Facebook Page
- Anticipate multiple editors to add to page to be able to update
- Previous statistics with Facebook received more traffic compared to website

***Anticipated Vacancies:***

- Contact Heather Goldberg to notify if stepping down
- Hartje will be stepping down as secretary due to work commitments

***Summer Team Bonding:*** Gina Palasz:

- Volleyball team bonding: anticipated date at Root River 08/11 @ 0900

***Golf Outing:*** Gina Palasz, Heather Rivard

- Muskego Lakes CC for golfing then after event at Swaggers (Dinner event, music, raffles)
- Planning & meetings continue
- 3 event sponsors already to date: JB Cullen, Dominos, MOSH
- Several hole sponsors already: \$150
- Currently on track with time line with continued send out from Event Bright
- QR code available
- Yard Signs currently being completed
- Looking for families to get involved
- Golf Raffle Tickets distributed at Fall Sports Meeting in previous years however, date and format for Fall Sports meeting anticipated to be changed by Mr. Hein
  - Discussion by Coach Brown: will set up football parent meeting in May 2020
- Sign up genius for volunteers will be sent from Golf Committee
- Alumni: last year Pete Rathkamp “pushed” out information to alumni
- Heather Goldberg will ask Pete Rathkamp for contact information

***Scholarships:*** Jolene

- Current donation of \$3000, 3 - \$1000 or 4 - \$750 recipients
- Even across board to keep even for players
- Need to submit an essay
- Volunteer Readers: Ernie Schmidt, Kevin Martens
- Forms will be going to the guidance counselors following meeting

***Football Team Board:***

- Located in High School Hallway
- Jennifer Trinko volunteered to update
- Will work with Mary Young to clean out

### **Upcoming/Updates -**

- Clothing Sales – Conference Champ Shirts
  - Few left to pick up
  - Currently 4 extra shirts available
  - If move on, will coordinate additional shirts
- *Anticipated committee needs for 2020 Season*
  - *Golf outing secured*
  - *Heather Goldberg will be contacting each committee member*
  - *Football case: key available in office*
    - *Updated multiple times throughout year*
    - *Mary Young would like last year's information*
    - *Tricia Burkett offered to update*
    - *Coach Brown has updated small team pictures*

### **Coach Brown Update**

- **Anticipated Schedule Fall 2020:**
- **Varsity**
  - 08/21 @ Appleton North
  - 08/28 (H) Fond du Lac (may be a TV game, if a TV game would be 08/27)
  - 09/04 (H) Indian Trail
  - 09/11 @ Park (Horlick Field)
  - 09/18 @ Horlick
  - 09/25 (H) Bradford
  - 10/02 (H) Oak Creek
  - 10/09 @Tremper
  - 10/16 @Case
- **Clinics:**
  - Clinics for coaches including sessions for development
  - Coach Brown is speaking at national clinic on Saturday
    - Will be discussing Gridiron Club for support of team & players
    - Will be discussing Banners for Varsity Games
  - Look for coaches talking about success in other programs
  - Clinic in Onalaska: Coach Ambrose & Coach Beck spoke recently
  - State Clinic will be coming up, anticipate school to be supporting most financially
- **Items requested from Gridiron:**
  - Headset need ~ \$4000-\$5000
  - May want a drone
    - Provides over head view of practice
- **Coaches:**
  - Coach Kubisz & Coach Miller have resigned
  - Coach Ambrose: Offensive Coordinator
  - Coach Seginer: TE Coach
  - Coach Smith (new): Teacher at middle school
    - Previous all-state high school quarterback
    - Will be coaching freshman team
  - Excited for new additions
- **Players:**

- Weight Room:
  - Keeping track of lifts
  - Stresses year-round lifting
    - Researcher: positive response
  - Attempting to do a whole school (all sports) year round lifting
    - Goals should be to make it to state
    - Attempt to standardize lifts in school throughout the sports program
    - Good for endurance, power or strength
    - 78 students lifted today
    - Mr. Hein suggested each football player bring a female at next weight training session
  - Working with Mr. Hein to endorse lifting in off season
  - If in a sport that is physically demanding credited 2 lifts a week
  - 2h / week in season
  - 4h / week in off season
  - Kimberly & Muskego are year round lifters
  - Coach will be working the weight room from now until May 2020
  - 38 8<sup>th</sup> graders in weight room last night
    - Thank you to the parents for getting into weight room
    - MTW 5:30-6:30pm
- All juniors & seniors next Tuesday during gold block
  - Pick one of the nights to lift with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders
  - 1 Freshman now lifting with current 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- Information available in weight room for lifts per week
  - Wants players to lift together, does not support going out on own
  - Encourage players to get into weight room to lift together
  - Most players are working hard
- Previous state championship team:
  - Always there for each other
  - Get stronger with team mates
- We have the talent to win state championship, but need the team aspect
  
- **Helmets:**
  - Vicis company went bankrupt
  - Waiting to hear Ridell for reconditioning of Vicis helmets
  - Anticipate will hear more at state clinic
  - No concussions with any player who wore
  - Every 3 years for reconditioning
  - School has kits and replacement parts
  - Need to have back up helmets on hand for
- **FHS Camp Information**
  - will be provided next month
- **College Coaches**
  - Players will be given face to face meeting
- **Questions to Coach Brown:**
  - Baseline concussion testing by athletic trainers for every athlete in high school
  - WFLA Combine: 04/25
    - Only accept 500 kids

- o If specific to son, please pull Coach aside after meeting

***Ajourned: 8:01 pm***

Future Dates:

Next Gridiron Meeting: April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

***Important Websites:***

Franklin Gridiron: <https://fhsgridironclub.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:

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Hartje, Secretary