

## **Gridiron Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2018**

In attendance: Chris Wimmer, Todd Flunker, Heidi Baudry, Karen Martens, Louis Brown, Mary Young, Wendy Cozzens, Jennifer Stamm, Scott Smith, Deanna Schwartz, Beth Devinger, Sandy Nichols, Kelly Flunker, Tricia Burkett, Tamara Jessup, Rachel Pollard, Fran Schaaf, Jim Kuchenreuther and Gina Palasz.

**Meeting began 7:00 pm**

### **Introductions and Welcome**

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes (Heidi Baudry)**

- Everyone was presented copies of the October meeting minutes through Chris Wimmer's email blasts. The minutes were also posted on the Gridiron website. No one had questions or comments regarding the minutes.
- A motion to approve the October meeting minutes was made by Wendy Cozzens. It was seconded by Pat Harris and approved without dissent.

#### **Budget Review and Approval (Todd Flunker)**

- Copies of the financial report with the 2018-2019 actual and budget and the 2017-2018 actual were handed out. The 2018 budget was approved at the June 4th meeting.
- The total profit for clothing sales for the 2018 season is \$4,060. Thank you to Heidi Miller, Nicole Slawson and Jenny Stauber for all your hard work this season!
- Still waiting for all of the invoices to be paid for the JV/Varsity Banquet.
- Regarding the Freshmen Banquet, we are still waiting for the invoice for the t-shirts, however, it does appear that it will be under budget by \$150.
- As of November 13, 2018 we have cash in the bank of \$37,653.49 and \$17,500 in profit. Once all the invoices from the JV/Varsity Banquet have been paid and other remaining expenses for the fiscal year such as coaches conference/clinic costs, all-star donations, Huddle subscription, etc. are paid, it is projected there will be about \$13,000 in profit for the year ending 6/30/19 and an ending cash balance of approximately \$33,000 to start the 2019/2020 year.
- A motion to approve the financial report since the October meeting was made by Mary Young. It was seconded by Beth Devinger and approved without dissent.

#### **Volunteer Positions (Chris Wimmer)**

- Many of the volunteer positions have been filled for the 2019 season. Many of the positions that still need to be filled are ones that need a specific grade level parent to fill, such as Freshmen Banquet is usually done by a Freshman parent and Senior Night by a Senior parent.

#### **JV/Varsity Banquet Update** (Beth Devinger)

- Went very well and ended up being \$20 under budget.
- Grossman's worked out very well, however, it was hard to take leftovers home.
- Saved money by buying our own water, soda and desserts.
- Gridiron paid for the dinners for 101 people which ends up being 82 players and 19 others (coaches, trainers and team managers.)
- We did receive one donation for the Banquet from On the Border in the amount of \$1,000.

#### **Freshmen Banquet Update** (Gina Palasz)

- Was under budget.
- The decorations were repurposed from prior banquets.
- Amy Baretz donated the water and soda. Thank you very much Amy!
- Scott Smith was able to secure a donation of \$250 from the Friends of Autism that went towards t-shirts for all of the boys. Thank you very much Scott!
- There was a lot of food left over that was given to the Franklin Firefighters.
- Gina mentioned that when she ordered from Chili's, she did get the price of \$5/person, however, the manager did let her know that that price will be going up next year.

#### **New Officers** (Chris Wimmer)

- There will be a meeting of the new and old officers in December. The old officers are leaving the Gridiron Club in very good hands!
- The new officers are Heather Goldberg - President, Karen Martens - Vice President, Pat Harris - Treasurer and Karen Hartje - Secretary.

#### **Football Update** (Coach Brown)

- Thank you so much for supporting the coaches, players and his "vision" for what the team. In a few years our sons will thank us too.
- All senior players are welcome to come back any time and be on the field with the players. Hope senior parents will continue to come to games too.
- Franklin is once again represented very well at State. Tanner Schwartz and Gavin Meyer were both selected for the First Team All-State. Tanner received the 4th most votes and Gavin the second most votes for their positions. Jack

Takerian was up against a kicker/punter who is ranked second in the nation, so Coach is very proud of Jack getting Honorable Mention (which is like Second Team All State.) Also, receiving Honorable Mention was Jake Gannon and Alec Baudry. Most players would give up their "All-State" to be playing at the State Game in Madison on Friday.

- Senior parents, please encourage your son to get their highlight videos together. Coach will fight for them to get a position somewhere. There are many talented kids and they should be playing at the next level.
- If a senior would like to purchase their jersey, it is \$100 without their last name on the back and \$115 with. Coach needs to receive money by Thanksgiving.
- Next year new jerseys will be ordered. He'll sit down with the current Juniors and get their input as to what the jerseys should look like.
- One of the things that coach would like next year is a football Trophy Case. Right now, all the football trophies are in with everyone else's and it is very crowded. He will get the proper authority from the high school, but would like this addressed next year.
- Coach will be meeting with the leadership group one more time next week and also the underclassmen.
- Coach has started working on getting next years pre-season games together. Waterford is out, so he has reached out to Fond du Lac, but hasn't heard back. Hopefully, Wilmot will do it again next year.
- Coach thought the JV/Varsity Banquet was a little somber (after the loss last Friday), but went very well.
- A couple of the coaches are not coming back next year. Coach doesn't want to talk about who until he has confirmed with them. Coach Brown did confirm that he will be back next year, which is excellent news!
- There may be a few open coaching positions for the 2019 season and in the past the high school has hired many non-teacher coaches. Although these coaches have been great, Coach Brown would like to encourage the school board to recruit, promote and hire teachers as coaches. He feels this helps to bring talent to the community and teachers typically have a stronger connection with the students and have skills/experience in dealing with teenagers. In addition, this is the formula other successful football programs have done like Muskego, Arrowhead and Kimberly. Many of these schools have 80% of their coaches as teachers whereas Franklin is the opposite with the majority of coaches as non-teachers. Coach Brown urged parents to help communicate this to the school board as well as asked parents to help promote alumni players who may want to coach. Alumni players have knowledge of how Franklin football is

coordinated and he mentioned Evan Walton as a great example of an Alumni player coming back to coach.

- The way that coach keeps track of lifts is changing this year. In the past, players were put on teams and they encouraged each other to go lift. This year coach is tracking them individually and tracking their average number of lifts. Players can lift after school or during Gold Block. When a player is required to lift for other sports, those `count.
- Franklin's locker rooms and weight room are really bad. Not only is the weight room bad, but it has safety issues. Luckily, Mr. Hein gets it and has already started the process to get the weight room redone. We are one of the only schools that has only one gym for 1,600 kids. The board always points out that we still have winning teams, but that's because he has always had a "No Excuse" policy!
- Coach's YOST program and specifically Zach Martens, Jake Wimmer and the elder that they help, Mildred, will be interviewed this Thursday about the program and how it fits into Franklin's football program. There was also a breakfast or lunch at Unison, the company that helped assign the players, that highlighted many of the people that they had connected including Zach, Jake and Mildred. There are 24 players that are assigned to 12 clients and it has been working very well. It's a way of making personal connections between young and old, which is great.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.**

**Next Meeting is Monday, February 4, 2019 at  
7:00 p.m. in the High School Library**