

West Booster Club Meeting Minutes September 1, 2011

14 Members Present: John Lyscars, Ed Ithier, Denise Rinker, Cheryl Andrew, Sarah Dumais, Sharon Glennon, Cookie Hebert, Dan Hebert, Steve Mandeville, Melody Reno, Pauline Roth, Ron Sample, Karen Stone, Gary Therrien.

John opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. by welcoming everyone back to the new school year. All members present at this time introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report - Cheryl Andrew

June minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report - Denise Rinker

The Treasurer's Report included figures from the summer months and reflected fundraising efforts from some teams already. The team tee-shirt sale earned \$1950 last year and is in place again this year.

There was more discussion of team fundraising efforts and how some are unable to do fundraising. Ideas and suggestions were discussed. It does help that we have a Team Parent liaison, Pauline Roth, who will communicate more with the Team Parents.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Committee Reports

Team Parent Liaison: Pauline Roth

Pauline has had success in reaching out to coaches and parents. She is beginning contact with winter sports coaches to start getting them thinking about fundraisers.

Website Committee: John Lyscars

John is looking for someone to step up and take over administration of the website. This includes posting minutes and other documents on the website so future members have access to the workings of the Booster Club for continuity's sake.

Gary Therrien takes care of the Facebook page very well.

Food Committee: Denise Rinker, Chair

Denise reported that the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast was great, and Spring Sports Awards night was successful as well. The concession stand was given a good cleaning thanks to the girl's soccer team, who used it first for their jamboree.

Student Booster Club: This group will be started up again as soon as school begins.

No other committees reported at this time.

Old Business

Homecoming: The BBQ held at Sam's club was described as "awesome" and netted \$976. Donations were accepted for the food rather than a charge. About 11 student athletes were present to help. Thanks to Denise and Melody Reno for their organization and cooking skills, as well as all other volunteers who helped make this a great success.

Hannaford Book Sale: Dan Hebert thanked all for their book donations and support. Our month was August and we have received \$542 for putting forth very little effort. We can do a book sale once per year and Dan will contact Hannaford's to set up a time for next fall. Cheryl will send a Thank You note to the store manager.

Other Business

Concession Stand: The Booster Club has been approached by the Music Boosters and the Student Council advisors to ask if they could participate in the football concession fundraiser. The process is the athletic department has the first choice; if there is not enough interest to support the volunteers needed, then we can open it up to other groups. At this time, the Booster Club felt we have enough sports support to keep the concession stand going.

Game of the Week: Gary Therrien had the idea to offer business the opportunity to support West athletes and advertise their business with giveaways at the home football games. He offered a list of items and costs, which would give the Booster Club a \$100 profit. Area businesses will be contacted.

Sports Awards Nights: Sarah Dumais noted that we support the athletes with awards and asked if we could include a coach award. The coach would be nominated by the athletes. We would frame the nomination letter and purchase a large plaque for the trophy case area to put the elected coach's name plate on each season. We do have funds from the Class of 1974 that would enable us to purchase the plaque. The members present approved this purchase.

Upcoming Events

Homecoming: Week of September 19

There have been two meetings already this summer to plan for this, plus the BBQ fundraiser at Sam's Club. The parade will assemble in the parking lot at the tennis courts and proceed around the track on the field. The committee voted to shorten the parade route as we have had to pay over \$900 for police to escort the parade across Main Street. The parade will begin at 12:00. The money that is saved from the parade will purchase giveaway items – a 32Gb ipod Touch, a 32" flat panel TV and a cash prize of \$100 – which will be awarded at the football game on Saturday. All students will be given a raffle ticket, but they must be present to win a prize. Homecoming tee-shirts will be available for sale, and we have also ordered some to be tossed into the crowd at various sporting events. There will be a final organization meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 7PM.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted,
Cheryl Andrew
Secretary