

BOOSTER CLUB MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

Start/End: 7:00-8:30pm

Board Members Present: Sherry Urbaniak, David Braam, Dewey Drews, and Kimberly Schwantz

A special thank you to ALL the parents who came out last night for our first booster club meeting! We had quite the turn out with a total of 26 parents! Let's shoot for 36 next month, bring a friend and let's make this year the best ever!

NEW BUSINESS: HOMECOMING GAME!! Friday, September 25th is our home game vs. Thomas Moore! There will be a parade starting at 5:30@ the community center from there they will drive to the school parking lot. A picnic will be sponsored by the St. Francis Booster Club prior to the game! Kick off time: 7:00pm! **GO MARINERS!!**

Let's all show some school spirit and decorate those floats and cars. There will be a panel of judges to decide on the best one, and a prize of \$25.00 will be given out!

*Remember to buy your "SPIRITWEAR" for school and the games! Long and short sleeve shirts are available, along with sweatshirts and blankets all sold right outside the shack or in the school office! (Blankets need to be ordered, fill out a form in the office)

*Small footballs were ordered again! Color was voted on and passed, red with white lettering! Catch your own touchdown in the stands!!

*If you signed up to volunteer for this event you will receive a call with in the weeks time to see what time you would be available to help! Thank you to all!!

Homecoming Dance: This will be held on Saturday September 26th, so get out and ask that special someone!

*A raffle was talked about for the 4 varsity games; however getting donations has not been easy. We do have a few, and if we don't receive many, this will pass to a later time a possible silent auction. Talk of a small committee is being considered to help up this together and offers help in this please call Kimberly Schwantz @ 414-704-1770.

ST. FRANCIS DAYS: Another special thank you to Diane Arenas for helping chair this event, we really appreciate it! Also to all our volunteers/parents, we couldn't have done it without you, thanks again!

BINGO: Normally we have a total of 6 bingos between Jan-May, they are held on Wednesday and Friday nights at the SF community center from 5-9pm. Volunteers are always needed for this event 3-4 people plus we supply the caller. This is one of few events Booster Club sponsors where we make money to help with our school activities. It was voted on and passed that this year we will have 8 bingos!! A special thank you to the McSweeney family for taking over Bingo for the Booster Club. We would also like to extend our appreciation to Marge Santi for her many years of commitment and dedication to the SFHS Bingo Program.

***THE SHACK: PLEASE NOTE: MONEY TAKEN IN BY THE SHACK SPONSORS ALL STUDENTS AT SFHS!!!!** Parents have been misinformed that football benefits from the shack, therefore those parents should be working it. This is not true! This is considered a fundraiser for Booster Club. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this matter please contact either Coach Kloppe or Sherry Urbaniak.

*Reminder to all: We have our own grill now and we are grilling fresh food, with the help of Mr. Braam and Mr. Perszyk! So look for them and say "Hi"! Stop over and have a fresh hot sandwich at the games!!

Sport Medals: All sport medals will be purchased by the SF Booster Club. Dave Braam will be the main person working on this activity. The medals will be dispersed at Booster Club meetings to either the coaches (preferable) or to the representatives of each organization.

Family/Individual sport passes: It was suggested that passes be sold to families for sporting events. Coach Kloppe will be looking into this. Further information to follow soon. Watch the website!

***ATTENTION PARENTS: YOU DO NOT PAY AN ENTRANCE FEE TO HOME GAMES YOUR CHILD PLAYS ON. THIS IS N/C TO THE PARENTS ONLY!!**

SCHOOL SPIRIT: This was a large concern and topic! Booster club would like to be more active on the school level. Pep rallies, Valentines, St. Patrick's Day, etc.... We are looking into ways we can help the kids enjoy their high school days even more, as well as helping to break up the long winter with some fun activities.

Another idea with spirit was to give tickets to kids throughout the school year. These tickets would be earned, such as no tardies, perfect attendance, most improved GPA. Each teacher would also be given 2-3 additional tickets to be used as they see fit. (The teacher will have to identify the student and the reason they received it, to keep it fair) There would be buckets in the office; the tickets would go in them. Once a quarter, names would be drawn for prizes. For the prizes SFHS would cover ½ the cost, the other ½ would be picked up by the SF Booster Club. A committee has started, parents: Mr. and Mrs. Tice and Lisa Bruski, thank you for taking this on! We would like to see teachers also be on this committee. **REMEMBER TEACHERS:** Without the help from you, and it is "you" who is spending many hours a day with the kids, we as parents need your help to be a part of this and many more school

activities! Let's work together and help bring back some great school spirit! There is so much to be gained by this and we can do it!

Talk of a newspaper: We discussed a possible mail out, weekly/monthly to tell parents /students what is going on in the school. We realize not everyone has a computer, and people always open their mail. This might better inform parents about events, organizations, achievements, opportunities to volunteer and much more. The hope would be to form a committee including a teacher or staff member with the help of a parent and even interested students. Please contact me with any questions or interest.
Kimberly Schwantz

Booster Meeting: Again as a reminder, we are asking parents to attend all meetings to better help inform others and to receive valuable information about events and changes within their child's school. But we are also asking that COACHES, please make the effort to attend. Per many parent requests, they would like better communication, on events and to just see what is going on. Also to have the opportunity to address a coach if needed.

*Requirements are: 2 representatives per organization; one coach one parent. (One parent can not represent two organizations) Again remember coaches it is up to you to help open the lines of communication. Parents would like to see more coach involvement.

*If an organization is looking for any kind of donation, the above requirement must be met, along with them showing up for 5 out of 8 school booster meetings. If this is not done, it risks the chance that organization may not qualify for a donation that year. Please note that donations will only be considered upon availability of funds. This is a financial rebuilding year for the Booster Club.

*Final due date for any donation request will be 2/1/10! Donations will be filled upon availability! Forms will be available after January 1, 2010.

Voted and Approved: Small footballs for homecoming, color. School spirit committee and extra bingos

REBUILDING OUR BOOSTER CLUB: Our mission is to restructure the club! Find ways to raise money to help fund our organizations better. We want to break the gap between school/parents/teachers/coaches. Our goal is to reach further in helping our kids, in doing so we would like to see more school spirit! That comes from teachers and parents alike helping! Also more involvement from everyone!! WE CAN DO THIS IT JUST TAKES YOU, ONE PERSON AT A TIME!!

NEXT BOOSTER CLUB MEETING: WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7TH @ 7:00PM

Minutes submitted 9-10-2009 by: Kimberly Schwantz, Booster Club Secretary

