

WHS BOOSTER CLUB MEETING MINUTES

February 4 2008

Co-President Scott Kading called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed the group of about 40 in attendance. Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and approved by voice vote. Parent/student introductions were made.

Scott Kading commended Treasurer Pat Farritor's efforts to provide details about our budget (attached) and the research he's done on software that will accommodate the club's informational needs. Our total income in January was \$16,395 and expenses totaled \$7,247.30. Income less expenses is \$9,147.70. We have \$72,000 in our investment account. The treasurer's report was approved by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership

Kathy Nelson and Michelle Crissman--there was no significant membership activity in January.

Spirit Wear

Ann Spader--a price list will be available at the WHS store next week. This will help office staff who respond to customers. There are a few booster chairs remaining-- \$35 each.

Website

Co-President Kading urged members to submit photos of and articles about WHS students and activities to Liz Bergstrom at: ldkab@sio.midco.net. There is now a link to view all games on live web-casts.

President's Bowl

The next meeting is February 15, 2008. The fund-raiser golf tournament is set for June 20 at Willow Run Golf Course. We still need volunteers to help with this major project.

Principal's Report

Jamie Nold reported conferences are set for February 11 from 5-8:30 p.m. and from 4-7:30 p.m. on February 12. School will be dismissed early on February 13. Dakota Step Testing takes place March 31 and April 1, 7 and 8--primarily juniors will be tested.

Parent Portal is a cost savings to the district and is more user friendly than Parent View. The new program is just being implemented and remains a work in progress.

Jamie reviewed the schedule for the WHS 100 Years Celebration, including tours of both the Pavilion and WHS on February 9, speakers including Mayor Munson and others, and the basketball game at WHS. Student Twin Day and Jersey Day are just two days that week highlighting some extra fun for students--as well as a celebration in the gym. February 14 is the actual day WHS officially opened. Jamie agreed the booster club could set up a table to solicit support from school alumni and to establish a working data base. Executive board members agreed to coordinate.

Assistant Principal's Report

Kevin Kennedy reported Warriors earned five (5) Superior Ratings in the State One Act Competition in Aberdeen. WHS will be competing at the Band Ensemble Contest at Augustana College tomorrow. Regional and state tournaments in Gymnastics, Wrestling, Girls and Boys Basketball are all pending. It's been a great year in athletics and we expect more success.

Kevin encouraged parents to check out the new video and score boards--which have great compatibility with our computer system and will benefit everyone. Our next step is to market these message boards--a major win/win and good opportunity for both businesses and the school. The cost is hefty, but represents a total upgrade for our gym scoreboards. Those interested in helping with marketing efforts, should see Kevin.

Budget Committee

No report--Ron Meeker continues to encourage any group seeking financial support to access booster club request forms--available on our website.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Lyle Farrand reported great success so far at the Empire Mall--Mall Golf, a fund-raiser for the Special Olympics. He's still seeking volunteers for the evenings of February 11 and 18. Reports were positive from groups who've participated so far.

For discussion--Parent/student introductions, typically done at the beginning of each meeting, can get too lengthy when there are 75 or 80 in attendance. However, most boosters (especially new members) appreciate the chance to identify kids, parents and activities. As a compromise position, the club concluded we'd "hold it (introductions) down" at meetings with high numbers in attendance.

Co-Vice President Joan Gebhart reminded members they have many options when they have concerns or ideas for the agenda or for booster club. Parents and students can bring agenda items to the large group meetings, can take them to committees or small groups for input and solution, and/or can e-mail Scott Kading or other board members, or put them on our website. Club leadership is open to your ideas.

GOOD NEWS

***WHS Band students are great musicians! Forty two students tried out for all state band. There are three jazz bands at WHS and on January 24, two of those played in a jazz festival. They draw outstanding ratings at competitions all over the region. They're scheduled to perform at the Regional Solo and Ensemble Contest at Augustana College February 5th. (Check out the web site to see their impressive superior and ratings.)**

***The WHS Highsteppers followed their success at the Mall of America by earning high marks at the national tournament in Florida. This group wows crowds every time they perform.**

***Our Girls Basketball Team is on a roll! At our January meeting, they were headed for districts. Now these top performers are headed for the State AA tournament. Go Warriors!**

***A renowned artist and author, Svetlana, worked with WHS art students in January. Senior Chelsea Pray and two others received top honors in art competitions.**

***WHS is very proud of the newly remodeled weight room--both Avera and the WHS Booster Club will be thanked publicly at half time at Friday night's game.**

***The WHS Boys Basketball team continued their roll in January, according to Coach Trett, "playing at higher levels" than earlier in the year. Districts are pending--Go Warriors!**

The meeting was adjourned by Scott Kading. Our next Booster Club meeting is Monday, March 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

GO WARRIORS!

**Respectfully submitted,
Terryl Cadwell.**