

Cougar Club Meeting Minutes January 5, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Cougar Club President Joy Siefer at 7:00 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Monday February 2 at 7:00 pm.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the December 2008 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by J. Rupe. The motion was seconded by J. Korsnack. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: The report from the December 2008 meeting was reviewed. B. Hickman reported that this has been a pretty good year as far as income (clothing, concessions, 50/50).

B. Hickman reported that the checking account had approximately \$49,067 available at the end of December.

B. Hickman reported on the results of renewal options for Cougar Club's CD. The Executive Committee has decided to transfer \$20,000.00 into a long-term CD. The remainder (\$9,607.34) will go into a money market account.

A motion to approve the report as presented was made by J. Rupe. Motion was seconded by T. Gillespie. The motion was passed.

Cougar Clothing: L. Kluczynski reported for C. Stansley that she will be setup for all home games (basketball) and to remind people to pickup their Christmas orders.

Concessions: J. Siefer for W. Brown reported that concessions are going well.

Athletic Programs: S. Isley reported that winter programs are coming. She said she is still trying to identify individuals from team pictures (swim/dive, hockey). Once this is complete the winter programs can go to press.

Cougar Golf Outing: No report.

Reverse Raffle: J. Hrovatich reported that tickets will be delivered next week to the team reps. This packet will include 10 tickets plus 2 "dinner only" tickets. Team reps do not have to sell the dinner only tickets. The cost of the "dinner only" ticket is \$30.00. There is going to be a corn hole tournament with the winners receiving a "Cougar Corn Hole" game of their own. K. Desmond is working on a new game "Bean Races" that promises to be fun and exciting. The Swidorski's will be running the 50/50 game.

Each team rep is to provide one (1) gift valued at \$50.00 or more. J. Hrovatich asked that team reps not solicit any business for team prizes as this may interfere with other fund raising activities.

They are working on an auction prize from Taylor Kia that includes a 3-month lease. Other auction prizes include a signed football from Jim Tressel, a signed state championship football and a signed state championship football banner.

Mr. Entertainer will provide music. The menu includes beef, chicken and 2 vegetables.

Sylvania Sports Benefit: J. Hrovatich reported the foundation is very busy. They are trying to build on the momentum of the state championship. New books will be available in the next couple of weeks. She also reported that the primary donor had recently passed away without having locked up a commitment. A secondary donor is returning to the states from an overseas visit. Talks are to resume shortly.

Team Rep Co-ordination: L. Kluczynski reported that she is using the lists and trying to send out info as soon as possible. She has folders available for the two (2) without a rep.

School Board: P. Haynam reported the bond issue passed and that work is already beginning on the projects. They have started the design phase of three (3) buildings.

Athletic Foundation Update: J. Hrovatich reported the Foundation has been meeting on a monthly basis. They are in the process of designing a new book titled "Building The Momentum". They are also developing a new model. The lead donor is currently in Singapore. To her knowledge, none of the donors attended the state championship game.

Web Site: L. Kluczynski reported that Mr. B. has been doing a wonderful job of keeping the website updated. She reminded everyone to send her e-mails of team scores/results, fundraisers, schedules or anything you feel your team would like on the

website. She has been getting some scores sent to her. She reminded everyone to check the concessions listing for dates and times your team is scheduled to work.

Membership: Nothing new to report.

50/50 Raffles: No report.

Athletic Director's Report: G. Gillespie reported that the 8th grade open house is January 29, 2009.

G. Gillespie made a request to Cougar Club in the amount of \$3,636.06 to cover the costs of football practice field rental from Whitmer HS (\$2,816.50), extra state championship medals not provided by OHSAA (\$495.00) and swim team equipment consisting of a crow's nest at the pool (\$324.56). A motion was made to approve the funds by J. Hrovatic. The motion was seconded by J. Rupe. The motion passed.

G. Gillespie also reported on uniform rotations. Current uniform rotations are: Cross Country Warm-ups (\$2,728.00), Boy's basketball shooting shirts (\$1,875.00) and Girl's basketball warm-ups (\$1,076.00).

A question was asked "Can we get the school board to get signage at Cat Stadium displaying our state championship"? Will have to look into it.

Old Business: It was stressed to the membership present the importance of getting volunteers to sell 50/50 tickets for the remainder of the winter sports seasons.

The Spirit/Communication Committee exploratory was completed by A. Wolens. She met with principal Dave McMurray. Three (3) main points came out of this meeting:

1) This committee would be a liaison with B. Cooper. 2) This committee would assist with community support. 3) This committee would support team reps for each sport at the beginning of each season to assist with team/school spirit. J. Siefer suggested A. Wolens outline duties for next month's meeting so that we can incorporate duties into a formal committee.

Scott Brady is designing state championship signs (through Harmon Sign).

New Business: J. Siefer requested volunteers for the Schwemley Scholarship Screening Committee and gave a brief overview of the duties. C. Hinds, J. Hrovatic and R. Finch volunteered to be on the committee.

J. Siefer announced that we need to begin forming the nominating committee for the 2009/2010 Cougar Club Officers. Officers to be replaced are: J. Siefer, B. Hickman, T. Isley and L. Kluczynski. J. Rupe, L. Bader and R. Hasse have agreed to be on the committee.

J. Siefer brought to the attention of the membership present a couple of fund raising ideas that she had been sent. Arby's is offering a fund raising program similar to BW3s. The other one was for recycling old cell phones and computers. J. Hrovatic stated this may not be such a good idea as that it typically takes a really long time to get any monies back, if ever.

J. Siefer presented the membership present with the revisions and proposed amendment to the constitution that included the language for the purchase of state championship rings. The text is as follows:

In the event that a Southview team or individual wins a OHSAA sponsored State Championship, Cougar Club will purchase from the current school vendor championship ring(s) in white lustrum with a hyacinth stone and custom engraving for the individual or team members on the final roster (as determined by the head coach and Athletic Director) and the Varsity head coach. By majority vote of the membership present at the first regularly scheduled meeting after a championship award, Cougar Club may extend the purchase to include assistant coaches as well.

This is to be voted on at the February meeting as an amendment to the constitution.

Other: Thank you notes from the O'Reiley family and the Wexler family were distributed and noted.

Open house for 8th graders is January 29, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm by motion from K. DeMarco. A. Wolens seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted by Tim Isley