

## **Cougar Club Meeting Minutes October 1, 2007**

Meeting was called to order by Cougar Club President Larry Szabo at 7:02 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, November 5 at 7:00 pm.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the September 2007 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by D. Kaminski. Motion was seconded by C. Stansley. Motion was passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report from the September 2007 meeting was reviewed. A motion to approve the report as cited was made by Mrs. Finch. Motion was seconded by J. Johnson. Motion was passed.

S. Whalen stated that September was a busy month activity-wise for the Cougar Club. Cougar Club membership took in \$1,465.00 bringing the net total income to \$34,109.00.

S. Whalen also reported that collections from the sale of Cougar clothing during the month of September totaled \$6,300.00 bringing the YTD income from the sale of Cougar Clothing to \$3,000.00.

S. Whalen stated that 50/50 sales were going well and Mr. Desmond is doing a wonderful job. The August 19 game had a deposit of \$119.00.

S. Whalen stated that concession sales proceeds are a little behind last year, but that can be attributed to repairs of equipment for concessions.

S. Whalen stated the golf outing made money. There were 80 players, which was an increase of 4 foursomes from last year. The golf outing had income of \$8,500.00 and expenses paid out in the amount of \$5,100.00 leaving a net profit of \$3,400.00.

S. Whalen stated the sale of program adds for the fall sports programs will make money this year. Only some of the sponsors have sent payments in as of this date. We need to send out invoices to the corporate sponsors.

**Cougar Clothing:** C. Stansley reported that clothing and apparel sales are going very well. She said that she made one more order of small and mediums. She also stated that she had an "out of town of town" order for Cougar Clothing.

**Concessions:** W. Brown reported that all is going well with the concession stands both inside and outside, but sales are a little off from last year. She said for the most part, the various teams are supplying volunteers to man the concession stands according to the schedule.

**School Board:** P. Haynam reported that Dr. Reiger will be visiting the various parent's clubs throughout the district and presenting the facilities plan for the district.

P. Haynam stated the district has hired 18 new faculty members and they are close to filling the vacated engineering teacher position at Southview. She also stated that open-house was successful with about 1,062 in attendance. She also stated that this is OGT Month and that after school tutoring is available.

D. McMurray stated that we are starting a "Data Wall" to help make more informed decisions and to better disseminate data.

**Web-Site:** L. Litalien reported that Mr. B. is still waiting to get team photos back from printers in order to be able to post team photos on the website. She stated that they are not getting many scores from teams to post on the website. She said that if team scores can be sent to her, she would make sure they get posted.

**Athletic Director's Report:** Glen Gillespie reported on the Sylvania Athletic Foundation by saying that work is continuing but not too much has happened since the last update.

G. Gillespie stated the concessions schedule had been updated and he will be talking to the coaches about the updated schedule and continued support of teams manning the concession stands.

G. Gillespie reiterated that the sports passes are to be used only by the person whose name is on the pass. We need to cease violations or the passes of the violators will be confiscated.

G. Gillespie stated the new golf cart was actually going to cost \$2,900.00 (\$600.00 less that originally thought). He is going to try to get the Auto-body class to outfit the golf cart with a “taping bed” from the old cart. The old cart will be donated to Bus Garage to use as a run-around vehicle.

G. Gillespie made a request for new “Hip Hop” uniforms for the Cougarettes, which are due in rotations. The cost of the uniforms is \$1,224.00. P. Haynam made a motion to approve the request. L. Litalien seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

G. Gillespie stated to continue to use highschoolsports.net and mentioned that there are lots of great Southview athletics pictures out there in the Bleachers section. He stated we can post pictures out there for any sporting event. L. Wright has posted lots of cross-country pictures.

G. Gillespie stated that Northview-Southview week, pre-sale tickets will be available all week long. He also stated that we need “seat Nazi’s” for the reserved seating for the game and we also need to sell the un-used seats in the reserved seating. He also stated that he would attempt to hire an extra police officer to assist with crowd control.

G. Gillespie stated that the initial Hall of Fame induction class would be delayed for 1 year from a lack of nominees.

**Old Business:** L. Szabo stated that the fall programs were available for the September 14 game. He gave kudos to all who were involved in making the fall program happen this year. S. Isley stated she would do the program for next year and that would like to get a freshman or sophomore parent to help her so that someone else knows what to do in the future. S. Isley stated that the process for next year’s fall program would begin in June 2008.

L. Szabo stated that we need to get people to sell 50/50 tickets for the Northview-Southview game because it should be a big night. The 50/50 people are doing a great job and we will need 5 or 6 to sell for the Northview-Southview game. The National City Tailgate party will begin serving at 5:00 pm. L. Szabo will call and get people lined up for selling 50/50 tickets.

L. Szabo stated that the Chipotle “Free Burrito Day” was September 25 and reminded everyone to patronize Chipotle and thank them for their continued support of Southview.

**New Business:** L. Szabo opened up the floor for a discussion on ways to improve the Reverse Raffle for this upcoming year. Some of the ideas that came out of this session are:

- No open bar
- Raise the price of tickets
- Push ticket sales by having a contest between teams
- Get the teams more involved
- Corporate Sponsorships – Have businesses put up \$200.00 each in exchange for advertising at the Reverse Raffle. Have sponsors purchase a poker table. How will this affect other fund raising activities?
- Add a listing in the program of “Donors to Reverse Raffle”
- Food was high last year – can we do anything to reduce that cost?
- Food choices should be nicer than Mexican for the amount of the ticket
- Look at “Senior Supper” for the caterer. About 400 people, covered tables, cost of china
- Can we lower ticket prices to \$30.00? NO
- Need to identify on the ticket, Who’s attending – Who’s not attending to get a more accurate count of dinners needed.
- Don’t give away to much money at gaming tables – put a limit on winnings.

- Get and give nicer gifts
- Can we have the tickets ready for the Fall Sports Night on November 14?

In summarizing the main ideas and the ones we felt we should concentrate on, the list was narrowed to the following:

1. Gaming table sponsors (corporate or otherwise)
2. Get a more accurate count as to the number of people who will be attending and eating dinner

**Other:** Coach Koening (girl's JV soccer) stated that the team has played extremely well and was impressed with how they were able to come back and win after being scored on first.

An announcement was made that the annual Southview Garage Sale was scheduled for Saturday, October 13 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Tim Isley