

Cougar Club Meeting Minutes November 5, 2007

Meeting was called to order by Cougar Club President Larry Szabo at 7:08 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, December 3 at 7:00 pm.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the October 2007 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by J. Korsnack. Motion was seconded by B. Gibson. Motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: The report from the October 2007 meeting was reviewed. A motion to approve the report as cited was made by Mrs. Finch. Motion was seconded by C. Stansley. Motion was passed.

S. Whalen stated that there was not a lot of activity during the month of October. There was \$60,960.35 available at the end of October.

S. Whalen also reported that collections from the sale of Cougar clothing during the month of October totaled \$3,467.00.

S. Whalen stated that concession sales proceeds totaled \$1,655.00 during October.

S. Whalen stated that all of the programs for the first-round football playoff game sold out (150).

S. Whalen stated that payments from the sale of program adds for the fall sports programs were starting to come in.

S. Whalen also reminded team reps about the use of the "Funds Request Form". This form is to be used when teams need to request funds from the Cougar Club. G. Gillespie has a copy of the forms. The request form requires two (2) signatures (AD, Coach, Team Rep) and must include the invoices the funds are covering. If making a deposit to a team account, please place the team account on the deposit. The "Fund Request Form" will be posted on the website in the near future (it has been done).

Cougar Clothing: C. Stansley reported that clothing and apparel sales are going well. She said that she still has some items left. She has had lots of calls for playoff t-shirts. The playoff t-shirts should be here by Wednesday.

C. Stansley also stated that you could do some Christmas shopping at the Stansley residence.

Concessions: W. Brown reported that all is going well with the concession stands both inside and outside.

School Board: No School Board report this meeting.

Web Site: L. Litalien said she would see if Mr. B. could get the directions to the football playoff game posted on the website before the game Friday.

Athletic Director's Report: Glen Gillespie reported on the Sylvania Athletic Foundation by saying that there was a luncheon meeting on Monday, October 27. There were some interesting guests at the luncheon. The Foundation Committee is still trying to get commitments.

G. Gillespie stated the 2nd round football playoff game against Piqua is being played at Lima Senior High School. Tickets go on sale Wednesday-Friday for \$6.00 a piece (\$8.00 at the gate). Southview gets 20% of the pre-sale tickets. We will be the home team for this game. G. Gillespie gave directions to the game's location.

G. Gillespie stated and displayed the orange, long-sleeve t-shirts that will be available for sale for \$15.00. Sizes are S-M-L-XL-XXL.

A question was asked of G. Gillespie about player/cheerleader transportation to and from the game. This generated lots of discussion. G. Gillespie stated that he and Coach Mayzes were going to drive down to Lima and check on the ride and discuss the possibility of having two (2) chartered buses for the game. G. Gillespie stated that if we took chartered buses that we would have to pay for Sylvania Bus drivers to go and ride on the bus as well as the cost of the chartered buses. He thought the cost would be around \$1,200.00 for the buses. If it was agreed the players and cheerleaders would take chartered buses, the funds would have to come from Cougar Club to pay for it. G. Gillespie stated that the District is allowed two (2) charter buses per year, and that Northview has already used one (1) for their state championship soccer match and that he doesn't know if any other requests have been made. It was decided that if G. Gillespie and Coach Mayzes thought that the players would benefit from taking the chartered buses, then the Cougar Club would be willing to pay for the cost.

G. Gillespie made a request to the Cougar Club to cover the costs associated with having an EMS unit at the football games this year (5 games). The request was for \$1,004.50. A motion was made by L. Litalien to approve the request. L. Bader seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

G. Gillespie reported on the uniform rotations. Basketball is due for two (2) sets. Hockey is due for a white and brown set. Gymnastics were getting new leotards, but no new warm-ups.

Old Business: L. Szabo reminded people to update the Cougar Club bulletin board with pictures, schedules, etc. Items to go on the bulletin board can be e-mailed to him and he would make sure they get there.

L. Szabo stated that they are going to be posting a listing of all team reps on the website and that if no team rep was given, then the coach for the respective sport will be listed as that team's rep.

Reverse Raffle: L. Szabo opened up the floor for discussion of any matters pertaining to the Reverse Raffle and he summarized the results from the previous meetings open discussion on new ideas to improve the Reverse Raffle.

Among the items discussed / reviewed:

- We are still waiting on proposals from caterers
- The tickets are not yet available
- Ticket price...leave at \$50.00 was the con-census
- Do we do a "Dinner Only" ticket? No decision yet
- Make tickets available earlier and price accordingly, i.e. Ticket price is \$50.00 if purchased prior to November 1, \$60.00 if purchased after October 31
- Do we add " Attending" and " Not Attending" check-boxes to the tickets to get a better count
- We can have Arrow Printing do artwork on the tickets to make them more fancy.
- We need to setup an e-mail and mailing address database of past attendees to help get the word out
- It was suggested that we setup a lottery system to enlist help at the Reverse Raffle. The teams would be placed into the lottery and drawn out to assist with things such as sign-in, tables, the Special Event, side boards, etc.
- It was suggested we offer "Corporate Sponsor" tickets. A Gold Sponsor could be priced at \$250.00 and include 2 tickets for the Reverse Raffle. A Silver Sponsor could be priced at \$150.00 and include 1 ticket. A Bronze Sponsor could be priced at \$100.00 and contain 1 ticket.
- W. Johnson volunteered to write letters to existing Southview sponsors. L. Kluczynski stated she know someone who could also help with this.
- It was suggested that we have tickets printed and available as early as Cougar Kick-Off next year.
- We are looking for volunteers to assist the committee with preparing for this year's Reverse Raffle. More info and sign-up sheets to come.

New Business: L. Szabo opened up the floor for discussion of any matters needing attention. None were brought up.

Other: Coach Mock (girl's soccer) stated that the team finished third (3rd) in the NLL and lost a tough game to Northview in the District Finals.

Girl's Cross Country won the NLL championship. They also won the district championship and are sending several girls to the state meet.

An announcement was made by L. Szabo about the wonderful work of the Sylvania Athletic Foundation and the promising efforts being made. He stated that everyone should talk to J. Hrovatich to get informational updates as to what is happening.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Tim Isley