

## **Cougar Club Meeting Minutes February 4, 2008**

Meeting was called to order by Cougar Club President Larry Szabo at 7:04 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, March 3 at 7:00 pm.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the January 2008 meeting were reviewed. A motion was then made approve the minutes as cited by C. Stansley. The motion was seconded by L. Litalien. The motion was passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report from the January 2008 meeting was reviewed. A motion to approve the report as cited was made by Mrs. Finch. Motion was seconded by T. Isley. Motion was passed.

S. Whalen stated that there was \$44,985.09 available at the end of January.

S. Whalen also reported that income from the sale of 50/50 drawings during the month of January and the deposit for Football 50/50 sales totaled \$959.00.

S. Whalen stated that Cougar Club incurred expenses of \$4716.00 for Cougar Clothing against \$80.00 in sales..

S. Whalen stated that concessions for the month of January saw revenue of \$4,597.00 and incurred expenses totaling \$825.00.

S. Whalen stated that Cougar Club incurred an expense of \$2,006.38 in January for the cost of producing the winter sports programs.

**Cougar Clothing:** C. Stansley reported that there will be a big sale at the upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade orientation meeting. C. Stansley also asked the attendees if anyone had any ideas for next year and that she would welcome any and all ideas for new products.

**Concessions:** W. Brown reported that sales are a little off. W. Brown reported that all of the pizzas sold during the basketball season are/were donated by Cottage Inn. W. Brown also stated that cottage Inn had agreed to move the Shoot-out to half-time of the JV basketball game. W. Brown stated that they could use some help during the Shoot-Out at half-time.

**School Board:** P. Haynam spoke about the bond levy coming in the fall. D. McMurray stated that this is a busy week as it is foreign language week, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Open House, and class scheduling are all occurring this week. The class scheduling is occurring one month earlier than normal because of new software. D. McMurray stated that the middle schools will be here next week. The band is going to the OMEA's and that Southview was one of 3 chosen. Southview also has a soloist that will be singing. Southview will be conducting a field test for the writing portion of the OGT. The OGT's will then be administered a month later. Southview is still offering after school tutoring. Band member Joe Bisbee is scheduled to return home in the next few days.

**Web Site:** L. Litalien reported to continue sending information to her that you want posted on the website. Pictures should be in tomorrow, so those will be posted when they are available. Anything can be loaded on the web-site. The notice of the "Orange-Out" for the basketball game has been loaded on the web-site.

**Athletic Director's Report:** G. Gillespie reported that the Athletic Foundation continues to meet. Please see the attachment to his monthly report.

G. Gillespie stated he Open House is this Thursday and that the coaches are looking for help.

G. Gillespie stated that the Cheerleading and Cougarette squads both qualified for the OHSAA state competition.

G. Gillespie stated that this coming Saturday, Southview will be hosting a cheer competition in its gym. This is a fund raiser for abused children.

G. Gillespie stated that he looked into the "Cone", a piece of a new sound system that is installed at Northview and that from all of the feedback he had no one really liked it.

G. Gillespie stated that there is a clearinghouse calculator that Southview student athletes and families can now take advantage of. He then passed out an information sheet detailing how to use the application.

Mr. Burch announced that the Southview hockey team had received Honorable Mention state honors for the first time in school history.

**Old Business:** L. Szabo stated that he would like to give “thanks” to K. DiMarco for providing pictures to post on the Cougar Club bulletin board.

L. Szabo also made a recommendation that the discussion of the Spending Request be tabled until next month.

**Reverse Raffle:** B. Gibson stated that it appears that approximately 330 of the 400 tickets had already been disbursed. He would like to have all of the money/tickets turned in by March 1, 2008. B. Gibson stated that we were going to proceed with the Corporate Sponsorship and that they would like to sell a least 8 of these. A corporate sponsorship will include 8 tickets (a table’s worth) and \$80.00 in “Cougar Cash”. Please see W. Johnson to get a letter to send out to the sponsors. Mr. Burtch stated that Pepperidge Farms would be happy to purchase a table as a corporate sponsor.

A brief statement was made that Northview sold tickets for their reverse raffle for \$70.00 each and the ticketholder received a subway sandwich and draft beer for that price.

A Reverse Raffle Breakfast meeting was held and the items to report back included the following:

- Groups of people can reserve a table ahead of time for the price of \$20.00
- Teams get “credit” for selling tickets. It currently doesn’t really mean anything, but we can change that in the future.
- It appears all teams are contributing
- Do volunteers have to purchase a ticket? Needs to be addressed because some teams and the members may not have the means to do so.

T. Gillespie stated that donations for door prizes was poor (only 4/25 have responded back so far). She reiterated that team baskets should be of a value of \$50.00 or more, but every team doesn’t need to go overboard on the baskets. The idea is to get people to bid on a buy every single basket. T. Gillespie also stated that we will be “narrowing down” the number of door prizes and increasing the number of raffles.

L. Szabo stated that some organizations the hold reverse raffles sell “more” tickets but give out “less” in prizes.

**New Business:** L. Bader and S. Jackson spoke about the upcoming SAJRD levy and passed out information about what the levy would be supporting and what the levy is. L. Bader made a request to Cougar Club for a \$100.00 donation and endorsement of the levy. She also stated that there was a sign-up sheet for signs supporting the levy to be placed in your lawns. There is also a blog on the levy web-site where people can add and read any comments pertaining to the levy. A motion was made to contribute \$150.00 in support of the levy by G. Gillespie. B. Gibson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

L. Szabo stated that Arbor Hills had contacted him about Cougar Club making a donation of four all-sports passes for the annual fund raiser. Discussion ensued on this matter and it was finally resolved to provide Arbor hills with one family membership plus some Cougar Clothing items.

**Other:** The Meijer Community Awards program was mentioned and a pamphlet outlining the details of the program was distributed to attendees. The Cougar Club number for this is 699886. The downside is that you must use a Meijer’s charge card to take advantage of the program.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Tim Isley