

Cougar Club Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2008

Meeting was called to order by Cougar Club President Joy Siefer at 7:05 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, September 8 at 7:00 pm.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the July 2008 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made approve the minutes by J. Korsnack. The motion was seconded by W. Brown. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: The report from the July 2008 meeting was reviewed. A motion to approve the report as cited was made by C. Stansley. Motion was seconded by K. DeMarco. Motion was passed.

B. Hickman stated there was not much activity during the period.

B. Hickman stated that there was \$19,688.84 available at the end of July.

Cougar Clothing: C. Stansley reported that T-shirts and hooded sweatshirts are available for the fall sports meeting, as well as caps and golf shirts. She also indicated that she would need help for the second day of Cougar Kick-Off.

Concessions: W. Brown reported that she has not been able to contact the Pepsi rep yet because he has been on vacation, but she is in the process of negotiating a switch in vendors. E. Vermilya stated she could assist W. Brown with the concessions and pricing. W. Brown stated prices will be increasing to cover the increase in supply costs. W. Brown also requested that people send her the Gordon's food coupons that can be clipped from the Blade as this will help offset costs of supplies. W. Brown also stated that schedules for team coverage of concession stands were now available.

Athletic Programs: S. Isley reported that ads are beginning to come in and that the process is moving along. She reminded the membership present that we were going to be increasing the cost of the programs to \$5.00 each. The membership present at the meeting was also reminded that they voted to make the programs black/white as opposed to color. This brought up some negative feedback and a re-vote on this decision was ordered. The re-vote overturned last month's decision to produce black/white programs to produce color programs. We then revisited the cost per program price of \$5.00 again. Much discussion ensued. Finally a motion was made by E. Vermilya to keep the cost of this years programs at \$5.00. The motion was seconded by L. Howard. The motion passed.

Cougar Golf Outing: No report, except that G. Gillespie stated the date for the golf outing was September 20, 2008.

Reverse Raffle: J. Hrovatich reported that she needs to schedule a meeting with B. Gibson.

Sylvania Sports Benefit: No report. J. Siefer stated she had tickets for sale if anyone is interested or needs them.

Team Rep Co-ordination: L. Kluczynski reminded everyone to please sign the blue sign-in sheet that was going around and to fill out as much info on it as possible. She will be doing a mass e-mail sometime this month when she gets information about team reps. She also stated that there will be team folders with info in them (numbers, contacts, addresses, etc.)

School Board: P. Haynam reported that it is going to be a busy next few months. The bond issue is being placed on the ballot. Please check the website for details. It would cost a home owner of a \$400,000 home approximately \$88.51 a year. She also reported that there is a new board member. His name is John Crandall.

Athletic Foundation Update: G. Gillespie and J. Hrovatich both reported on various activities for the Athletic Foundation. J. Hrovatich reported that packets are being readied for the September meeting detailing information the public wants to know about the foundation and its work. The Foundation members continue to meet with potential donors. G. Gillespie reported that during the Northview-Southview game this year, the first class will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. This class will consist of two (2) athletes from Northview, two (2) athletes from Southview, two (2) athletes from Burnham and two (2) coaches.

Web Site: L. Kluczynski reported on how the web site works and what's on it. She also stated to send team scores to her and she will get them loaded. If we want to have the game/contest scores announced during the morning announcements, we will need to send the information to Barb Lundgreen.

Membership: T. Gillespie reported ninety (90) families had sent in requests for reserved seats. Requests are due by Friday, August 8. she also reported that they had already logged seventy-three (73) people into the new scanner for passes. No list was available.

Athletic Director's Report: G. Gillespie reported that the BW3's promotion raised \$650.00 during June and that we would receive the check during our first home game. He also stated that we will be getting a new Cougar mascot uniform. We could either choose from a puma or cougar (we voted and chose a cougar). The cost is \$838.00 and Cougar Club had previously approved \$1,000.00.

G. Gillespie stated he would like to investigate the purchase of a new PA system for the soccer field and the gym. He stated we would keep the old system and use it for something.

He requested that \$2,448.83 be made available for athletic trainer supplies for Scott Carver.

Old Business: G. Gillespie reported that the scanners and cards were in and that they have begun entering the information and setting them up.

New Business: A question was asked as to when was the Cougar club last audited? No certain answer was given so J. Hrovatich will check on the auditing status and try to get one scheduled for the upcoming year.

Spirit Fund – J. Siefer stated a proposal for initiating a Spirit Fund that could be used for activities that would increase school spirit. One example is the painting of cougar paw prints along Cougar Lane. This was done by the cheerleaders. In the past, things such as this just “came out of students’ or parents’ pockets”. She stated there needs to be a request process and that a start-up amount of \$1,000.00 should be made available. L. Kluczynski made the motion. S. Isley seconded the motion. The motion was passed. A motion was then made by J. Hrovatich to reimburse J. Siefer monies she had spent for the paint the cheerleaders used to paint paw prints on Cougar Lane. The motion was seconded by S. Isley. The motion passed.

J. Siefer and B. Hickman met with the District Treasurer about auditing procedures and making donations and reported the Treasurer's thoughts on the subject. The Treasurer said we shouldn't make bereavement donations, but could make donations to support the levies.

Capital Expenditure Fund - Cougar Club needs to explore establishment of a capital improvement fund to be used for just that, as opposed to short term commodities. We need to examine our CD's and what we can do with them. It was decided to table the discussion until we could gather more information.

Membership Decal – The question was asked “Should we do membership decals?”. After much discussion it was decided this would not be a good idea.

Credit Card Scanner – We need to get the credit card scanner working for the Fall Sports Meeting and Open House, or the credit card receipt machine.

Other: Upcoming dates to remember – Fall Sports Meeting is Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at 8:00 pm in the gym. The Athletic Foundation Sports Benefit is Friday, August 15, 2008 at Centennial Terrace. Cougar Kick-off is Wednesday and Thursday, August 20 and 21, 2008. First day of school is Wednesday, August 27, 2008 for grades 1-9. Open House is Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Tim Isley