

Thomas Jefferson High School Athletic Booster Club
Meeting Minutes – November 5, 2012

The meeting was called to order 7:02pm with 9 members, 2 coaches and AD Chris Deam present.

October minutes were approved following motion by Sue Hennick and second by Erin Seely.

Treasurer's report – All deposits are in from Kingston. Total revenue was down \$20K from last year. Report was approved following motion by Mike Kadlec and second by Rick Pike.

Coaches Comments:

- Volleyball Coach Kelly Phelan reported that this year's team was very young – just one senior – but that all starters were expected to return next year. They doubled wins from 2011 but were plagued with lots of injuries. Only a handful of girls (8-10) participated in Performance PE, and Kelly hopes that will turn around. Again, Mark commended the Concession stand team effort led by Amy Smith.
- Football Coach Brian Webb was pleased with progress despite having only 29 juniors and seniors at season's end. The sophomore class was strong in numbers with 43, and he praised a *very talented* freshman class. Midterm F-rates dropped drastically this year. Performance PE is mandatory for the football team, and parents are on board. Coach is excited for the future. He noted that parent Steve Carney was volunteering his time, effort and resources to work on the practice fields "until they're right."

Athletic Director's Report:

- The District is helping to cover the cost of top dressing field improvements. Goal posts on the sophomore field (next to softball) were being moved to create a full-size field. Dick Briggs' classes will be building dugouts and working on other improvements at Baseball diamond 2.
- Women's basketball and men's swimming are underway. The first women's basketball game will be Friday, November 16, and Jefferson will host the Metro swim meet on Tuesday, November 20. J-Hawk Relays is scheduled for Saturday, December 1, and Jefferson also will host the MVC (Varsity) Super Meet in February. Chris reported that he was looking into an alternate location, as space for such a meet at Jefferson is limited.
- A freshman diver (sorry – didn't catch her name) had qualified for State and, in a new tradition for all State qualifiers, was led through the halls on her way to the meet. Chris said this would occur for State participants in all activities and not "only" athletics.

Correspondence: Mark received a thank-you note from the family of Allan Koepke, former choir director and father of golf coach Steve Kopeke, for the plant the Booster Club and Activities Office sent for the funeral in late September.

Concession Stand Comments:

- Mark commended Amy Smith and her corps of volleyball parents and students for the super job providing concessions during volleyball season.
- Mark had submitted a bill to Matt Dunbar for \$193.75 to cover the cost of food (50% of menu price) provided for Kingston officials. This amount will be deducted from the 15% of gross that the Booster Club will pay the District this season.
- All product has been removed from Kingston stands 2, 3 and 4, and taken to stand 1. Pop will be emptied and the water will be shut off this week.
- Indoor season begins November 16 with Women's Basketball Jamboree. Managers are Edna Kadlec and Laura Hard for women's basketball events; Mark Fiala and Mike Kadlec for men's basketball; Rick Pike for wrestling.
- All indoor events have been added to the volunteer schedule.

Old Business:

- The Crystal J-Hawk Lifetime Service Award has arrived and will be presented to Rick and Jane Pike at a date to be determined.
- Superintendent Benson approved the Booster Club's proposal to name Jefferson's softball field for Larry Niemeyer. This presentation will likely be made early in the softball season.
- Frozen fruit bars (discussed at October's meeting) will *not* be added to the indoor menu.

New Business:

- Pocket schedules for winter events are available.
- Proposal for donation to Jefferson HS Athletic Fund: Motion by Mike Kadlec to donate \$55K was seconded by Jim Miller. Presentation will be made fairly soon.
- Approved Chris Deam's request for funds to thank Mr Dyrland and the Football Chain Gang for their work during the year with gift cards, as has been the practice for several years.
- Kingston Stadium contract – Jefferson Booster Club has been working Kingston events without a contract since 2008. Mark received an email from Matt Dunbar last week stating that “the high school activities committee has resolved their issues” and would be offering our club a two-year (2013-14, 2014-15) term. Mark would like to see a line item in the contract stating which events the District *requires* us to open for, with discretion (but whose?) on other events. It was noted that Band events would likely be mandatory. The executive committee will has out details with Matt and the District.
- Discussed (in general) requests for donations to various groups (Band/Choral parents, Football parents, etc). This will be revisited before February.
- Discussed the practice of free food and beverage tickets for various event volunteers (eg, track and band events at Kingston, basketball and wrestling tournaments at the school). This also will be revisited.

- Names of potential candidates to the Jefferson Athletic Booster Club Hall of Fame – individuals as well as businesses – should be submitted to Sue Hennick and/or Mark Fiala in the very near future.
- Spring Gold Outing – needs a committee. Erin Seely stated that she cannot and will not go it alone. Kelly Phelan volunteered to co-chair this event with Erin.
- Mark noted that the showcase needs to be enlarged and we need a new board.

Next meeting: December 3 (Monday) – 7:00pm in Faculty Lounge

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20pm following motion by Sue Hennick and unanimous agreement.

Sally Robinson, Acting Secretary in Deb Winter's absence