

West High Athletic Booster Club  
General Membership Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 13, 2010

**Coaches' Reports**

Coach Little: reported there was going to be the first basketball meeting on Monday Sept. 20, 2010. Spoke about that team selling the Casey's Pizza cards. Open gym was to start the end of September and this is for both boys and girls. He is looking for a parent rep for each of the boy's teams as the son of last year's rep had graduated.

Coach Longus: Girls cross country has had 4 meets and is doing well this season.

Dr. Pappas thanked the boosters for donating ties to all of the coaches. Stated the numbers he would need would be 40 ties for the male coaches and 12 polo shirts for the women coaches. Wayne motioned the boosters for this donation and all was approved.

Dr. Pappas discussed student uniform issues and said that the students look great and seems to be less discipline problems and disruptions with the students. West High has had many positive comments and the students are setting great examples for other schools. We will have different dress days for the week of homecoming.

Nicole Carlson questioned why the football players are not going to be allowed to wear their jerseys on Thursdays anymore and Dr. Pappas explained that there were certain teams or organizations throughout the school that felt they were being left out and the staff had a vote about this issue. Dr. Pappas voted to continue to wear the jerseys. Faculty is torn and upset about this whole issue.

Dr. Pappas also spoke about a huge wrestling event coming up and is called "Battle of Waterloo." This event is scheduled to be held on Fri. and Sat. Dec. 17, 18 2010 at Young Arena. West, East and Columbus are all cooperatively working together to make this event a success. This tournament will hopefully be one of the best in the Nation. There are 32 teams coming and these teams are the best in the Midwest. There will be 8 mats wrestling and schools and Referees are already contracted. There are tables available for \$250.00 per table and West

High has 2 reserved. Wayne brought up West High selling apparel at one of these tables. Rick Smith will be setting up a Web site for this event and will have a web address at our next meeting.

Coach Matt MacKenzie reported there would be a Metro Cross Country Championship meet held at Bontrager Park on Sept. 30, 2010 and the girls and boys from West High will be hosts of this event.

### **Committee Chair Reports**

**Membership Chair Maureen Gorsche** reported this year's total memberships were slightly down from last year but felt that we would get more members at the remaining football games. Last year at this time there were 172 members and this year we are at 145. Maureen would like to have a brainstorming session to get ideas on how to get more membership. Dr. Pappas suggested putting a spin on how we word what the booster membership has to offer. Dr. Pappas will put something in the newsletter that will go home with hopes to boost membership. Anyone who would like to be involved in these brainstorming sessions needs to contact Maureen Gorsche.

**Merchandise Chairs Kristi Simmerman, and Trisha Leininger** reported that all of our merchandise is selling very well and the idea that Jennifer Matlock came up with was awesome.

**Recycling Chair Stacy Chamberlain** reported that we got \$374.00 for the first recycling trailer and the second trailer is  $\frac{3}{4}$  full already. Football will get  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the proceeds until the end of October and Wrestling will get  $\frac{1}{2}$  until the end of January.

**Parent Rep Lisa Mclain** reported that we are doing fine with football parent reps but were in need of basketball and bowling parent reps. She said that parents can get a copy of the parent handbook on line and wants to get this information out to all of the parents of athletes.

**Spirit and Hospitality chair Lynn Rousselow** reported that they are starting to plan the Winter Kick-off. This event will take place on **Nov. 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** Lynn stated that we need to find a way to get the information for the different Spirit Days out to the parents and fans to get everyone more involved.

**Wahawk Pride Chair Cindi Sand** showed us a poster of the current letter winners and these posters will be available in the Athletic Office or at Merchandise tables at games throughout the year.

**Figurines Chair** reported that the dolls for fall are here and are ready to be painted. Stated parents and athletes love these dolls that parents paint for their senior athletes and this is a wonderful tradition that West High has had for many years.

### **New Business**

Football game themes: 1<sup>st</sup> game All Wear White, 2nd game All Wear Pink, West vs. East wear neon and will be selling neon necklaces, West vs. CR Washington will be an All Wear Black Event.

Middle school Coordinators: We need coordinators for Hoover and Central. These volunteers will get information out to our feeder schools about upcoming events that are happening at West High. Lynn Rousselow suggested possibly having a Parent rep. for individual sports and events or maybe sending our athletes over to these middle schools to hang posters or do whatever is needed to get the information out to the middle school students.

Vacancies: Wayne can always be the “Fall Kick-off Guy” but stated that we still need candidates for President and Vice President.

### **Guest Speakers:**

**Debbie Robeson** is trying to raise funds for athlete John Litshgow who is wheel chair athlete and in need a hand cycle. This chair is priced at \$2200.00 and the JVA is confident that West High will be able to raise these funds and has already order the hand cycle without even getting a deposit from us. So far they have raised approximately \$100.00 for John. A UNI trainer spoke to us and stated that John will be a leader in these wheelchair events and is one of the hardest working athletes that he knows. Dr. Pappas motioned that the booster club match any donations up to \$1100.00 for this wheelchair and the motion was passed.

**Sarah Gorsche**, Yearbook Editor-in-chief, reported that last year the booster club purchased a 2 page ad at a cost of \$420.00 and Wayne motioned to do this again this year. Motion was passed. Sarah said that the cost of these ads are on the website and anyone who knows of businesses that want to purchase ads can see what there is to offer as afar as sizes and prices on the website.

**Glynis Worthington** mentioned that there will be a Blanket Drive at the CF game. These new or gently used blankets will be donated to people in the community who are in need. Last year this was a huge success for West High.

**Meeting adjourned 8:40**

**Next General Membership Meeting Monday October 11, 2010 7:00 p.m.**