

Saber Spirit Club – Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 19th, 2011

Members present: Jan Coenen, Kathy Adam, Connie Siegel, Karla White, Wendi Ward, Susan Fernandes, Andrea Darst, Mary Burns, Jill McCanna, Cindy Minshall, Sue Rand, Vicki Dunham, Lisa Hansing, Carolyn Baranowski, Jean Kriesel, Roxanne Christian, Patti Stawicki-Fischer, Anne Kosky

I. Guests – Mark Finney and Darlene Collins from Franklin Area Parents and Students United (FAPSU). FAPSU is a community partnership which focuses on reducing drug, tobacco, and alcohol use and encourages healthy choices. They are creating a network of parents, students and community resources and would like to involve our spirit club members. FAPSU is hosting a Town Hall meeting on Thursday, Sept, 29th at the Municipal Court building from 6-8 pm. Speakers will include FHS principal, students, the Chief of Police, Judge, and a Therapist from Wheaton Franciscan. They would like to include Saber Spirit Club on the flyer welcoming people to come to the meeting. A vote was taken and an OK was given to use the Spirit Club's name on their flyer.

II. Guest – Mark Cloutier, Manager of Buildings and Grounds for Franklin School District. Mr. Cloutier came to speak as a follow up to a question which came up at the last Spirit Club meeting. The question was, what would it take to get running water / flush toilets to the outdoor athletic field at the high school. Mr. Cloutier brought with him a master plan of the outdoor athletic field which was done about four years ago. The problem is the very high cost due to having to run sewer all the way to 51st street and the sewer piping would have to be big enough to accommodate public restrooms. The sewer cannot be attached to the High School due to the grading, as well as, the distance is almost the same. Another issue is the potential that the athletic fields would be part of an eventual school referendum and therefore it would not be feasible to make permanent changes to the existing fields at this time. A suggestion was made for less permanent options such as adding running water to our existing concession stand or a portable trailer which would have flush toilets and possibly running water. These can be rented by the season. Would still need water and electrical running to it. Mr. Cloutier will look into it as an option and will come back next month to let us know what he found out. The Spirit Club would then need to look into fundraising options. Ideas which were brought up included getting sponsors, and/or increasing ticket prices.

III. Secretary's Report – Minutes from last meeting were reviewed. No issues were noted. One addition was made. Juli Stefanczyk has volunteered to be in charge of Teacher Appreciation.

IV. Treasurers Report – New format for report was introduced for yearly budget. (see attachment) Membership was less this year. Sign up ends on Sept 23rd, to get a directory. Suggestion was made to do an e-mail blast, possibly put it on the school's website as well as the daily announcements.

V. Homecoming Update – Midwest Orthopedic Surgery Hospital (MOSH) asked to be parade marshals. They are big contributors to the school. Homecoming theme – Alice in Wonderland, Down the Rabbit Hole. Each class will get \$150.00 for float materials. Freshmen and Seniors still need a place to put together / house their floats. Saber Spirit Club will do a convertible with the school mascot. Parade is at 6:30pm, line up at 5:30. Colors are dark jewel tones.

VI. Saber Country Signs – Yard signs have been ordered and will be in this Friday. 500 were ordered. Cost was \$4.15 each. Size is 18" by 24". Will try to get out before homecoming. A list was distributed of all sporting events before homecoming. Will need volunteers to sell them. Could make approx. \$3700. Can we sell raffle tickets at the same time?

VII. Still have 6 stadium chairs to sell.

VIII. The Music Dept. will be having a Chili dinner on Oct 7th at the High School as a fundraiser.

IX. Next meeting date is Monday, October 17th at 6:30 pm.