

**STEINERT HIGH SCHOOL
FOOTBALL BOOSTER CLUB**

Meeting Date: Thursday, June 5, 2008

Meeting Time: The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm

Presiding: Joe Ferrara, President of the Booster Club

Members present: Please see sign-in sheet

Joe Ferrara (JF), President of the Booster Club, opened the meeting at 7:35 by welcoming everyone and introducing Mrs. Mattis for the principals report.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Mattis once again acknowledged the ongoing investigation of the football coach by the Mercer County Prosecutors Office. At this time, she has no information on head coach. Board attorney indicated that it was not proper protocol to address this issue at this time. At this point, the coaches that are also part of the teaching staff of Hamilton Township are the go-to people. Mrs. Mattis said they are outstanding staff that are already working with the players. Mr. Giallella acting as executive head coach at this time. Mr. Ferrara will funnel questions to Mr. Giallella and Mrs. Mattis. Mrs. Mattis assured us that the program is going forward through summer. There is no time line to name a head coach. Waiting for information from the prosecutors office before decisions are made.

Joe Conklin (JC) mentioned coach Jordan had been meeting with players to discuss college football goals. Mrs. Mattis said the staff would address that later in the evening.

Regarding the Thanksgiving Day Game: Both West and East have been meeting to discuss the events. The Times will be sponsoring the event and will be mailing a commemorative ad book to Hamilton residents. Looking to embrace the communal spirit of the two schools coming together. Some events being planned are an alumni dinner at Mercer Oaks on Wednesday that West is coordinating and an alumni Thanksgiving Day breakfast at Steinert's cafeteria that East is coordinating. The cost for the breakfast will be \$10.00 and includes breakfast and either green and white T-shirt or Black and Orange T-Shirt. The Times is donating a large portion of the throw back Jersey's that the players will be wearing for the game. Mr. Giallella will be renting additional bleachers.

Treasurer's Report

Fred Ewell (FE) then went over the treasurer's report and detailed expenditures for the month. Balance as of May, 2008 is \$8,255. Denise Koval (DK) moved to approve the treasurer's report. Sue Ferrara seconded the motion. The report will be filed for audit.

FE then read the amendment to bylaws to change membership dues: each member of the association shall pay an annual membership fee of either \$25 for a general membership, which shall include one season pass to all home football games and one vote at meetings; or \$35 for a family membership, which shall include two season passes to all home football games and voting privileges for two parents and/ or guardians. FE moved to approve the amended bylaws. DK seconded the motion and the motion passed.

JC explained the reason for the increase in membership dues was to set aside a portion for capital improvement projects in future years and for large expenditures i.e. football pants will be purchased next year per Coach Caruso's request.

Committees

Fund Raising

DK distributed mini-camp forms \$75 pre-registration and \$85 walk-on registration. Form on web site. Coach Caruso needs players to submit registration forms ASAP. Coach Caruso mentioned that the camp would be run by Steinert Football coaches as well as 2 college coaches and other guest coaches. Bob Ziegler and Kevin Williams will be the guest college coaches. Coach Yasek and Pop Warner coaches will also participate.

In attendance at this meeting were Coach Dan Caruso, Coach Adam Jankos and Coach Joe Panfili. Coach Cooper had a conflict and could not attend. The coaches communicate through morning announcements and at weight lifting 3 times per week. Parents and students need to visit the web site frequently.

DK then went over fund raising program ad book. The book will include profiles for seniors. Looking for sponsorships. Made \$3,000 last year and looking to double that for the 2008 season. Ads need to be submitted by 8/1/08 in order to be included in the ad book. DK handed out program order forms at meeting. These will be available on the website as well. JF mentioned that they are going to coordinate which grades go to which business establishments so that we can avoid duplication. Will make a mandatory ad sale of \$100 for each player. DK will keep a running spreadsheet on the web-site so we don't bother the same businesses.

DK went over dates to remember which are:

Friday, June 6 Lift-a-Thon

Saturday, June 7 5K Autism Walk/Run 8:30 Veterans Park

Beginning June 16 7v7 Practices (Monday/Wednesdays/Fridays)

Friday, June 13 Football Mini-camp pre-registration Form due to Coach Caruso

Friday, June 13 Annual Athletic Pre-Participation Form is due to Coach Caruso

Beginning June 25 Mini-Camp

Saturday, June 28 Car Wash at Chic-Fil-A

First Tuesday of Month – TASK (3:30 – 5:30)

Wednesday, July 2 Sunshine Classic at TCNJ

If you have a question regarding physicals, particularly if your child's physical is in August, call Steinert school nurse to schedule a school physical.

Banquet

Joanne Mauriello said the banquet date is set for 12/7. However, the coaches said this date is the hydration test date for wrestling and they would be unable to attend banquet. We are keeping date as is and coaches looking further into hydration testing date.

Alumni Report

Terry McCarty (TM) went over the events for the Thanksgiving Day 50th anniversary celebration. All events have to be approved by Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Bencivengo and both school principals. TM mentioned the Mercer Oaks dinner and breakfast again. If anyone wants to order a throw back jersey, they are free to do so

but no extras will be made. The funds for these events will be kept at TM's bank under a separate account using the school board tax ID number. This account will be temporary and will be used only for the Thanksgiving Day events income and expenditures. TM said there would be no profit on these events. However, once this event is over, TM will be starting up his capital fund raising campaign where large sponsors will be honored on a plaque. Expecting to raise between \$50,000 to \$100,000 and has already received commitments totally \$15,000 from 4 alumni. These donations will be mainly from Steinert Alumni. Mrs. Mattis had approved pending written proposal by TM. TM indicated that booster club would be free to use money as they saw fit but that he would like to see major improvements made to the football fields.

TASK

JC reported that about 6 boys attended this week. During the summer, we need to coordinate where to meet. Will discuss continuing TASK during football season. Coach Jordan had indicated that he did not have a problem with players missing practice to fulfill our volunteer obligation to TASK. We may also expand to more TASK dates or to other volunteer activities if we have increased volunteers.

For example Pop Warner will be holding an "Unofficial" punt, pass and kick clinic on 6/14 from 9 AM to 12 PM for players ages 5 to 14. Need high school players to help with camp. Any interested players need to contact JF who will forward to TM. The concession stand will be open during this event.

Freshman parent reps are: Deb Amodie and Beth Riese. Their contact information is on the website.

Coaches Report

Coach Adam Jankos said that plan is in place and coaches will continue to move forward. Coach Dan Caruso said season is coming fast. Working out a new offensive play book. All coaches stepping up to the plate. Coach Panfili said to continue encouraging the boys. Summer schedule is being compiled. June schedule is set and on website. Mini Camp is first organized practice where offense and defense is set up with the players. Coach Panfili asked the incoming freshman parents to have their children spread the word regarding the mini camp. TM offered to forward his player list from last year. JF will have freshmen reps call the players who provided names and numbers.

Carla Hill asked for directions on how to contact coaches if player is unable to make practice, etc. Coach Jankos likes text messaging. The coaches will make their cell phones available to the players.

Coach Panfili discussing with coaches about how to get ready for the season. He works out at Hamilton Martial Arts. The owner is an ex Detroit Lion player and is willing to give the players a discounted monthly cost of \$60 for 8 classes per month. Coaches trying to provide a wide variety for the boys to condition. Weight room is open 5 to 7 four nights per week in summer. 7 vs. 7 practice held after weight room.

Secretary's Report

The minutes were submitted for approval. No comments were made regarding corrections. DK made a motion to approve the minutes and Susan Ferrara seconded the motion. The minutes will be filed for audit.

JF indicated that Nancy Everett has resigned as secretary and made a motion to nominate Doreen Norton. Tesa Danaso seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Budget Item Updates:

Field Maintenance

Dave Warrick is mired in bureaucratic red tape. Will continue to call township regarding approvals for sprinkler system on practice field which has become a tedious process with the township. In the meantime, he mentioned that we could set up a schedule to manually water the field.

Washington Township's aerating equipment is broken so we will have to rent equipment at a cost of \$600 to \$1,000. There are funds in the budget to complete this project. The field maintenance crew will continue to seed before every home game so that the players spikes will work seeds into field during the game.

Concession Stand Repairs

JF setting a few dates for parents to get together to repair stand. Items worth noting are new roof, electrical repairs including new box and outlet, leaky faucet, broken spigot, roof shingles. The stand also has to be completely emptied and washed. Grills need to be cleaned. Emails will be sent out with dates.

Storage Container – DK has no update at this point. Dave Warrick mentioned he may be able to get a container from Pack Rat firm. We need to see what material the container is made of for security purposes.

Website Update:

Tesa Danaso is making regular updates to the website. She also had HTV announcements being made for car wash, mini camp and alumni outreach.

Off Season

12 players applied to Rutgers Football camp through Becky Lang. A few others have also sent in applications.

Fun Team events

JC mentioned possible social events for the boys. Coach Caruso said he felt it would increase the communal feeling for the team. There will be a softball game players vs. coaches on 7/24 with a possible B-B-Q after the game. Also looking into Trenton Thunder game on Friday 7/11.

Miscellaneous Business

JC is treasurer for 2009 after prom committee. They are looking for additional volunteers. See JC for more information.

H & H Gas will donate their commercial gas grill for every home game. JC mentioned we need to let fire department know model number.

July 3rd meeting cancelled due to holiday.

Cindy Donnell made a basket which was donated to 33's barbershop for their blood drive.

Anyone interested in hosting a pasta party should contact Doreen Norton.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30