

**STEINERT HIGH SCHOOL
FOOTBALL BOOSTER CLUB**

Meeting Date: Thursday, November 13, 2008
Meeting Time: The meeting was called to order at 7:40 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 7:40 by welcoming everyone.

JF read a letter from Mrs. Mattis regarding the conduct of coaching staff, players, etc. at the Princeton High School Football game on October 11th. Princeton High School is conducting an investigation and has included the NJSIAA. A letter of apology from the coaching staff at Princeton High School will be forwarded to JF from Steinert administration. Corrective action against Princeton High School will be taken but will remain confidential.

JF mentioned this Saturday's football game against South Plainfield. Since it is a NJSIAA event, booster membership passes will not be accepted. However all booster club members who prepared the field, concessions stand, etc. will be admitted for free at the gate by the concession stand.

Thanksgiving Day Game

JF went over the diagram for tent location on the day of the game. Band parents will man the 20 x 40 tent at the back of the field. Because of this, the booster club will donate their \$300.00 portion of the Chic Fil A challenge winnings to the Band. Also, if the day is very successful, additional funds will be donated to the band.

Becky Lang volunteered a turkey fryer, generator and large coffee pot. The Schneider family will look into obtaining some tarps. John Wilson will donate and install large plastic sheeting around the two 20 x 40 tents to protect against the wind on Thanksgiving Day.

The booster club will reserve a section by the press box for the parents who are working before the game.

Bagels will be served to the players in room B101. They will also be served in B101 on 11/15 due to the craft fair.

Treasurer's Report

Fred Ewell (FE) announced that our current balance as of 11/19/08 is 40,209.00. Approximate net income for the period includes \$500 for clothing, \$1,500 for comedy night and \$2,700 for concession stand. FE requested families submit their 50/50 ticket stubs and cash for the Thanksgiving Day drawing at Saturday's game. Doreen Norton (DN) moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Denise Koval (DK) seconded. The report will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Comedy Night – was a success, thanks to the efforts of DK, Lisa Goodarz and Sue Fiorello. JF mentioned that everyone had such a good time and they will look into doing that in the future.

Banquet – after some discussion, senior gifts will follow tradition with a duffle bag, DVD season highlight tape and composite photo from TSS Photography. Cindy Donnell will contact Brown Dog Marketing for pricing information on the bags for Becky Lang and Joanne Mauriello. Cheerleaders and their families will be invited. However, only senior cheerleaders are admitted free of charge. Mr. G. and Mrs. Mattis will be issued formal invitations.

Clothing – Cindy Donnell will be selling inventory with the hope that it can be depleted by end of Thanksgiving Day game. Some items will be discounted. Her tent will be set up for Thanksgiving Day regardless of weather. However, if this Saturday's (11/15) weather is bad, she will not set up the clothing tent.

TASK – have sufficient parents to drive the players for December. Coach Caruso will remind the players of the need for more volunteers. Volunteering at TASK will continue during the year.

Field Maintenance – practice field in good shape. Will meet this Saturday 11/15 at 10:30 to prepare game field.

Coach's Report - Coach Caruso – (CC) thanked all the parents for their volunteering. The games went smoothly because of the parents' efforts. CC feels we have developed a football family which was his goal at the beginning of the season.

This week's JV game has been moved to West in an effort to keep the football field in good shape for the Thanksgiving Day game. Game will start early at 3:15 due to daylight concerns.

12/8/08 – At 7 PM Trenton Catholic Academy will host an information session for senior football players. Approximately 30 colleges (D1AA, D2 and D3) will be there. Underclassmen can also attend but colleges are unable to talk with them at this time.

CC wants to talk to the senior parents whose children are interested in playing football at the college level. CC will arrange a time to meet next week at Steinert that is convenient for Coach Gatto and the Steinert football coaching staff.

CC will allow senior players to copy game films during their lunch and study hall periods.

Kevin Johnson, a professional football player from Hamilton, will be providing a \$2,500 scholarship for a senior player from both West and Steinert. Players were given a one day extension to complete their essay and return to Coach Caruso for consideration.

Secretary's Report – Doreen Norton (DN) indicated that minutes were available for review on the website. John Pulley made a motion to approve the minutes from October and Keith Hill seconded the motion.

Alumni Report - JF reported for Terry McCarty. There are approximately 200 alumni attending the Thanksgiving Day breakfast to be held at the cafeteria. He has ample volunteers to work during the breakfast but requested that the booster club remain after the pasta party on Wednesday night to help set up for the breakfast. No tickets were issued. Tesa Danaso will have a list of the names of attendees. FE indicated that he just received checks and will be deposited shortly.

Upcoming Events – 11/29/08 is the annual Kevin McCarthy memorial scholarship fund raiser. Proceeds go to the Steinert football and wrestling players. Cost is \$25.00 and is being held at the Hibernian Club on Kuser Road.

Next meeting December 4th at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Norton, Secretary