

**STEINERT HIGH SCHOOL
FOOTBALL BOOSTER CLUB**

Meeting Date: Thursday, July 3, 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.

Treasurer's Report

Fred Ewell (FE) went over the treasurer's report and detailed income (mini camp at \$5,500, lift-a-thon at \$504 and donations from Route 33 barbershop) and expenditures (\$450 for the autism walk, \$840 for 50th anniversary t-shirts and \$426 for weight room improvements). Balance as of June, 2008 is \$13,422. This balance does not include income from the car wash which was very successful and brought in \$1,100. FE indicated that mini camp attendance was down and that we did not meet budget which will have to be made up in other fund raisers. The report will be filed for audit.

Committees

Fund Raising – Denise Koval (DK) indicated that ads are coming in for the program book. Form on website.

Membership dues also coming in. Cost is \$35.00 for family which includes 2 season passes and \$25.00 for single membership which includes 1 season pass. A portion of the membership proceeds are being set aside for long term facility improvements. Forms on web site.

Coupon Cards – are being distributed to the players in mid August. The coaching staff will manage this fund raiser directly by keeping track of which player has been given which cards. The cards are numbered and cost \$20.00 each. Each player will receive 5 cards in mid August and will be responsible to sell those cards. Once they sell their first 5 cards, they will be asked to sell an additional 5 cards. We will only give the players 5 cards at a time to minimize risk of loss.

Clothing – Cindy Donnell indicated that she sold over \$600 in clothing on the last day of mini camp.

Task – Joe Conklin (JC) indicated there was a slight miscommunication in July in that parents and some of the players did not connect at school. We will meet in the parking lot for the August commitment. JC will see about getting players' cell phone numbers to the parents who are going in August. JC also indicated that in order to serve food, we have to wear closed toe shoes. Coach Caruso indicated that Tuesday is a vital practice day during the football season so in order to keep our commitment to TASK in Sept., Oct. and Nov., we would look to Freshman and JV players.

Long Term Facilities – JC needs a better handle on the amount of money he has available before decisions are made as to what improvements will be made. He feels that towards the end of the season, the booster club will be able to decide which improvements can be made. Also, we need to see what Terry McCarty raises through his alumni endeavors. John Pulley has volunteered to join the long term committee.

Coach's Report

Coach Dan Caruso (CC) confirmed his appointment as head coach of the football team. He introduced himself and said he has been coaching and teaching at Steinert for 6 years. He will put forth his best effort. His staff is in place and ready for the season. He introduced his new offensive coordinator, Pete Brescia (CB). CB has been the offensive line coach for the last 5 years at Notre Dame High School. He is currently working towards attaining his teaching

certificate. CB indicated it has been his dream to coach at Steinert as his father was the head coach for 18 years. CB says he has ties to the players and coaches from the 60's, 70's, 80's through his dad and he would love to help reach out for the 50th anniversary celebration. He is looking forward to having a positive influence on the boys. CC committed himself and his staff to be highly visible and a positive influence on the players. CC said mini camp was down this year due to the absence of the official coaching staff. There were no 6th or 7th graders present and only one 8th grader. CC indicated that Pop Warner is also struggling which may have contributed to the low turnout. CC said that the Mercer County 7 vs. 7 was cancelled this summer due to a lack of interest from area schools. However, Monroe High School will be holding their 7 vs. 7 again in July. This is for skilled positions only, no lineman. CC will be contacting Monroe to see if Steinert can begin participating July 15th. It is a turf field. CC will let the players know. Anyone who wants to car pool can discuss with other players and we can meet in the parking lot. CC needs new decals for helmets. CC would also like to get new headsets if at all possible this season. They normally cost between \$4,000 to \$6,000 however, he may be able to buy a used set from a college connection at a cost of approximately \$750.00 He is looking into it and seeing if there is any warranty left on the equipment. CC will have players choose their jerseys at the end of July. Seniors will have the option of keeping their old numbers first. The WWPN scrimmage was moved from 9/6 to 9/5 at 4:30 at Steinert. We will hold family picnic at the field after his game. CC looking into DVD tower so that he can make multiple copies of DVD's for players. Cost can run up to 1,000.

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.

Budget Item Updates:

Field Maintenance Dave Warrick (DW) will take the practice field irrigation plans to the Board of Education on July 23rd for approval. Only missing piece at this point is letter from Aqua detailing cost of line installation. Practice field will not be used in August while repairs are in progress. While the practice field is closed, Steinert will practice behind Reynolds. Rich Everett will replace the 60 amp service in the concession stand which will be needed for new irrigation system.

Game Field – board of Education committed to complete the aeration and installation of 20 tons of sand to improve drainage. We will wait until the fall to reseed the field.

Concession Stand Repairs-new roof and electric repairs and new faucet prior to new season.

Storage Container – We have budgeted 1,300 but may wait until next year as we were unable to get a container donated. DW may be able to get a container from Pack Rat firm. JF will see if this is a possibility.

Pre-Game Meals and Pasta Party. JC was able to obtain costs from Fred & Pete's deli. Tesa Danaso indicated that she has a contact with Rosa's for some of our events and will see what costs would be. CC would like to tone down the pre-game breakfast to Bagels since some of the players were getting ill, and the team was rushed getting ready for the games. Carla Hill indicated she would be willing to organize the breakfasts and she will ask Kim Allen to assist.

Website Update:

Tesa Danaso is making regular updates to the website. She also will talk to Mr. G for HTV announcements. July practice schedule is on the web site.

Fun Team events

There will be a softball game players vs. coaches on 7/24 at 6 PM on the girls varsity softball field.

On August 27th at 7:30 PM there is a mandatory meeting for all parents of incoming freshman (no players). Items to be discussed are concession stand duty, expectations for upcoming season, and a question and answer session. Membership, clothing and concession committee members will be present.

Next meeting is August 7th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30

