

SGCS Booster Meeting Minutes January 30, 2006

Attendance: George K., Rich C., Teri D., Tony L., Patty H., Dan G., Kathy U., Joe E., Mark G., Tom Y.

Secretary's report – minutes from last meeting were taken by Kathy U. and have been posted on the Boosters page of the website since November.

Treasurer's report – Tony shared the balance statement from the checking account.

Fundraiser Updates –

- Max & Erma's - we earned \$379. The wait was a bit too long for some, and Max & Erma's apologized – we had such a great turnout they were not staffed for us. Now that we've established a track record they will staff appropriately in the future. We have asked for another date in March. Some were delightfully surprised to know that our profit included a percent of money spent at the bar.
- Additional opportunities – we've been asked to staff the dessert booth at St. Max's fish fry this coming Saturday. Look for a flyer in this week's Thursday envelope.
- Flower Sale – forms are coming in

Boys Basketball – Tony reported that half way through the season teams are doing well. He also reported that Mark G. volunteered to serve as boys' basketball coordinator. Tony asked the board to vote on this at the meeting. Teri questioned the process of the board approving someone at an open meeting, and suggested that the board needs to be more disciplined with our processes, including discussing and approving coaches and coordinators. Tony withdrew the nomination and the board will review at a board meeting.

Girls Volleyball – Karin Z. was not at the meeting and there was nothing specific reported, other than we are halfway through the season and no major problems to report.

Spring Sports Update – registrations allowed us to form a 4th grade baseball and 5th grade softball team. Tom Y., on behalf of the softball team, requested Boosters to provide approximately \$240 for batting cage time. He also requested financial support for a fence in front of the player benches, and reported that the B. family has connections that may help put up the fence at a very inexpensive price. While supportive in concept, the Board agreed that we need an overall budget from Mary B., Softball/Baseball coordinator, for both sports, including any equipment needs and uniform needs. Joe E. stated that for the fencing, we need one voice talking to Fr. Fay on site issues – multiple people talking to him continues to be a problem. Joe said we would need a drawing or picture of where the fence would go, as well as top rail fencing and no exposed ends.

Banquet Planning - Teri D. stated that we still need a volunteer to chair the Banquet. Celeste asked that we keep the banquet a dance for Jr. High students, though she thought it was OK to cover recognize the younger children in a different way. Celeste reminded us that she had previously suggested that we arrange tables such that parents of 3-6th graders have to sit with them, and 7th and 8th grade students be allowed to sit by themselves as they are the older students. A discussion of the behavior at previous banquets ensued. A suggestion was made to have smaller events after each season rather than one big event. Teri reported that she and Kim B. had investigated this last year, and decided that the numbers at the winter banquet would be almost as large as one annual banquet. Kim and Teri had also done an informal survey on what format people preferred, and most people reported that they would rather have one event to go to rather than multiple. Joe requested that we think about a formal survey, as he hears repeated complaints from parents about their dislike of the banquet. Kathy U reported that the banquet the previous year seemed to go much smoother as the location was moved to St. Max, hall monitors were used, and parents were told they had to stay at the banquet with their children.

On the question of who will chair the banquet, Teri was asked to contact Joe K. directly to see if he would be willing.

Upcoming Elections - The timeline for the upcoming elections was shared – nominations opened via an announcement in the Thurs envelope on February 9, nominations due February 24, ballots out in time to be returned by March 24, new Board members onboard during April to be included in planning for next school year.

Old Business – Tony reported that we are not sure of the status of St. Francis for next year. Additional fundraisers will help us keep our options open if we need to rent higher-cost space next year.

Mark G. questioned why we don't build a gym. Discussion ensued on the benefits of a gym on the property. Celeste asked if the Advisory Board would bring up the issue at a future meeting. Teri stated that it is routinely brought up 2-3 times a year. Joe stated that Fr. Fay is not supportive for reasons of his own. George and Mark will ask Fr. Fay the question "if a gym could be built without any debt would you build it?" and report back to the Boosters.

New Business – Celeste asked about the situation of athletes moving from one CYO program to another and what CYO's position was on that. George reported that we had a situation like that this current year, and tried to follow CYO's stated rule, but that CYO overruled the Board and did not follow their own rule. CYO took the position that they would grandfather the moves in question this one time and after this there is no movement. The Booster Board will follow CYO's rule, even though we acknowledge that some other parishes do not enforce this rule.