

Grain Valley Eagles Football Booster Club Meeting Minutes

The GV Eagles Football Booster Club met on February 10, 2009 in the Library of the GVHS at 6:30 P.M.

In attendance at the meeting were John Overstreet, John Miller, Tina Miller, Scot Sodano, Brenda Sodano, Ami Fogel, Paula Kremeier, Warren Kremeier, Pratt Buster, Angie Buster, Jamie Welch, Lisa Nace, Mike Oddo, Amie Rogers, Dorothy Smith, Fran Glaviano, Bob Perry, Christa Perry, Cindy Hall, and Jerry Goade.

Prior to the meeting being called to order, JP Pauley, Coach Rovello, and Steve Steiner spoke.

JP notified the boosters that the Grain Valley School Board has 1.5 million dollars worth of funds in reserve. He further expressed this money should be used to build a field house and/or build a new locker room. The locker room as it stands now is the original locker room when the school was built and it has enough lockers and space for about 45 students. This is no way near enough for most of the sports that are participated in by our students here at the high school. He further expressed it needs to meet the needs of at least 150 students. JP said the School Board was teetering almost 50/50 on using the funds for these purposes. JP said it is a health issue now. JP asked if the Football Booster Club had \$50,000 to \$100, 000 to donate towards a field house.

John Overstreet responded that the booster club itself is hurting for help and that we need more parent participation. John said we would like to help in any way that we can, but if your hope is that the booster club is going to raise \$50,000 towards a field house this year that is just not going to happen.

JP urged us to e-mail the board and express our needs for our student here at the high school.

Paula Kremeier asked if all sports will benefit from this building. JP answers all will benefit with the exception of wrestling and basketball if we build a field house.

Pratt Buster asked JP if he was primarily looking for financial support, JP responded that it would be nice but since that doesn't sound possible, please e-mail the board and let them know your thoughts and to come to a the school board meeting on Tuesday, February 17th at 6:30P.M. at the Administration Office on Pink Hill Rd.

JP was asked if he would like us to send out a mass e-mail to all that we knew in reference to e-mailing the school board and about the school board meeting on this subject and he replied, "yes".

Ami Fogel spoke next letting JP be aware that we were trying to increase our booster membership and the communities involvement by having an event called Blue and White

night, which would be for all of grain valley. We are planning on serving free hot dogs and having raffles and some music. We are hoping to increase awareness, membership and interest in the football booster club.

Coach Rovello spoke next, he wanted us to know that the conditions for storage are so far out of hand he is on his 5th temporary place for storage. He encourages us to give the school the push to do what they can and should do by building the necessary facilities for all the athletic students. To say, "The squeaky wheel gets greased". He also thanked the Booster Club for all our hard work and he remembers the years when there was no booster club and he stated life is always better for the boys and for the coaches when the booster club is in full force.

Steve Steiner was introduced next as our fireworks contact. He said he has been involved in fireworks stands for many years and had done the one in Grain Valley that the Chambers of Commerce has had for the past several years. He said there was a lot of money to be made selling fireworks if done correctly. He stated if done right he estimated \$15,000 - \$20,000 in sales with half of that being profit for the booster club.

He said he needed one person to be the main contact person, John Miller was assigned to that task. John Overstreet asked about liability insurance and is it paid to him (Steve Steiner). He said yes then it is paid to Premise Liability which would protect the booster club and the city if anyone gets hurt while on the premises. Product Liability is usually provided by the product manufacturer.

There was discussion about tables he made it clear we would have to have our own tables, and for the amount that we would start at would probably need 20-25/ 8 feet tables.

There was discussion about the need for credit/debit card sales and wireless verses land telephone line. This was decided to investigate later and John Miller stated he already had all the information and cost involving that that we would discuss at a later date.

Tina said we would need people to help for 8 days, also we will need 10 people to help setup. Steve Steiner said we would need two adults at all times and that it is slowest during the day then starts to pick up in the afternoon and most busy in the evening. The busiest days being 2nd 3rd and 4th of July. And on those days in the evening it would be best to have 5 or more people to help.

John Overstreet called the meeting to order and the previous meeting's minutes were reviewed by all and the motion carried for their approval.

Financial report given by Tina Miller, she had a hand out that reflected our current funds and what monies we have spent thus far. There were no questions.

Membership Committee report given by Ami Fogel, she had a flyer with the information about Blue and White night. She discussed the plans for the event as listed on the flyer. Free hot dogs and beverages, face painting, music, name plate sales for fan board, GVHS activity pass sales, raffles for stadium blankets, and other memorabilia. Possible 50/50 sales that day. This event is scheduled for Friday, May 15th at 6:30 P.M. at the school outside weather permitting, inside in case of bad weather. There was discussing about the boys playing 7 on 7 scrimmage, then maybe parents against players. This will be decided at a later date do to the schools liability. Advertising from flyers, Mike Oddo asked if the elementary students were also going to get the flyers and Ami responded yes. Also having the info on the schools new sign.

John Overstreet said he heard that there was maybe going to be an All District Camp this year. That was going to include possible 5th or 6th grade up to HS age. And that this would be good exposure time for the Grain Valley Football Booster Club.

Angie Buster asked about having football booster club information in a nice frame and placed in the high school showcases. This would need approval first. John Overstreet suggested that if that wasn't possible maybe a poster on the wall. Dorothy Smith added that yet should have all the events for the year listed too. John Overstreet to ask Tebbenkamp about this idea.

Food Committee reported by Jamie Welch, she said she would collect the ball park figures for the upcoming season's food cost and how much money parents would need to pay to feed their child and she would have this information at the next meeting. Ami Fogel added parents would have the opportunity to pay on line this year via our website through pay pal.

Lisa Nace if the all the boys were going to be fed at all the games this year, and Mike Oddo said we should price Brad Kramer's meals also. Jamie said she would have the information at the next meeting.

John Overstreet responded to Mike Oddo, that we did price them with Brad Kramer last year but HyVee did better all things considered price/quality/quantity. But that Brad would be given an opportunity again this year.

Fund Raising Committee report given by Brenda Sodano, the flyer summed up the scheduled events for this year and how many man hours it would require to reach our goal. The Car wash scheduled for May 2nd, we are going to need extra help, I understand there are baseball games and many students and members are not going to be there. The fireworks tent has been discussed in detail, and again touched on the idea that it will take at least 190-200 hours total to pull it off and that we need to get more people to help with this event. I expressed that at least 20 hours had already been spent organizing it and meeting the city's and Board of Alderman requirements. Right now we are waiting on approval by the Board of Alderman before we proceed with out next step. The annual Steak Dinner tickets will be reduced from \$20.00 per person to \$12.00 - \$12.50 per person and we will make available a childs meal ticket for a hot dog and chips for \$5.00

per person. And in order to profit what we profited last year we would have to sale at least 250 adult tickets this year that is 150 more tickets than last year. I discussed that we had are work cut out for us and my best hope is that our membership drive and/or by other means have a much higher level of participation otherwise we will not reach our goals.

Angie and Pratt Buster suggested maybe we should do and family ticket and that auction donators should get in for free or half price. Another suggestion was to have a price for an auction ticket without dinner, which we did for a few last year. There was a suggestion to have the players required to sale so many tickets. Lisa Nace stated that she bought tickets last year and gave them away because she wasn't good at sales, she voiced her disappointment that the tickets and auction items were all purchased by parents and that it was just us giving our money.

Then the discussion moved on to the annual athletic meeting held each year by the school and that we should have our sign up sheets in there for all our events and then the parent is just told to sign up and they do. John Overstreet said that is a good idea and will be good for 2010 season but of course too late for this year because most all the fund raising events will be over. Jamie Welch stated maybe we should have sign up sheets ready and available in May at Blue and White night.

Boosters and parents were asked to build a contact list with names and addresses by send your own child to school and tell him to come home with five of the players names, phone numbers, home addresses, and e-mails. Having Booster contact information on business cards were discussed. Tina Miller suggested that we could get all the names of the players off the Rooster off the website.

John Overstreet, handed out information about the football scholarship we were going to start this year. He discussed it requirements and eligibility. He said it was very open and that he wanted to keep it this way. There was a motion to pass and the motion carried. Left open to decide if there would be (1) \$500.00 scholarship or (2) \$500.00 scholarships.

There was more discussion about the School Board and the bond issue and the field house by many members. Ami Fogel reminded everyone to come on Tuesday to the School Board meeting and 6:30 and where Grain Valley attire if you could to support the board in there decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 P.M. and the motion carried.

Next meeting date is set for Tuesday, March 2nd 2009 at 6:30 P.M. at GVHS.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda D. Sodano

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