

Grain Valley Eagles Football Booster Club Meeting Minutes

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

In attendance: at the meeting John Overstreet, John Miller, Tina Miller, Scot Sodano, Brenda Sodano, Ami Fogle, Pratt Buster, Jamie Welch, Lisa Nace, Mike Oddo, Amie Rogers, Dorothy Smith, Fran Glaviano, Bob Perry, Christa Perry, Cindy Hall, Jerry Goade, Jim Ferlisi, Lory Lindsey, Kim Vittetoe, and Jeff Fisher.

Call to Order:

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

Elect Representative to Scholarship Committee:

John Overstreet handed out a copy of the letter that went to address the football scholarship committee, those that were eligible to apply, the purpose, guidelines and requirements, along with an application. He nominated Jim Ferlisi for the scholarship liaison and the motion carried.

Locker Room Upgrade-School Board Meeting:

John Overstreet reported to the club that the school board hasn't made and probably won't make any decisions until all bids for the new construction are in, somewhere around the first of May 2009.

John Miller asked if anyone had seen Jan Reding's comment in the paper about our concerns about the locker-room conditions being for our opposing teams.

John said he e-mailed her to let her know that she had misunderstood, and that our concerns was not for the opposing teams but for our boys.

John Overstreet asked me (Brenda Sodano) if there had been anymore disgruntled e-mails from anyone who opposed the e-mail letter that was addressed to the football booster club in reference to the locker room needs and school board meeting. Fortunately there have been no more.

Lisa Nace asked John Overstreet about the school board meeting, and he explained why we had gone to the meeting and what we had hoped to gain. John Miller, Pratt Buster, Ami Fogle also joined in the discussion briefly. Cindy Hall asked if we had seen the article about the meeting in the examiner, many replied they had.

Introduction of Guest:

John Overstreet informed those members at the meeting that the Grain Valley Youth Athletic Association has applied for a fireworks permit with the Board of Alderman. He introduced Jeff Fisher who is present at this time.

Discussion of Joint Project with GVAA:

John Overstreet explained that the Grain Valley Athletic Association might be interested in participating in a group effort in respect to the fireworks tent. John commented that their maybe some joint effort to split the work and proceeds 50/50. At this point John opened the meeting to some discussion about the fireworks tent.

Jim Ferlesi and Jamie Welch voiced concerns about manpower for running the tent. Jeff Fisher said they have about 600 kids from grades K-7th signed up to play a variety of sports for the Grain Valley Youth Athletic Association. And that they had a lot of parent help last year and expect the same or more this year.

John Overstreet said that there are now three applicants that have filed for a fireworks tent in the city of Grain Valley. The Chambers of Commerce to be at Sni-A-Bar Blvd and Eagles Parkway, the GV Youth Athletic Assoc. to be at the 40 Hwy/ I-70/ Main Street Junction, and ours at Eagles Parkway and Buckner Tarsney.

Ami Fogle asked Jeff Fisher how his group feels about teaming up with us, he responded that he thinks his group is very open to the idea.

I, Brenda Sodano asked him exactly how many adults over the age of 21 does he have in his organization that he without a doubt could count on devoting themselves to the fireworks tent, his response was about forty.

John said regardless of whether we work with the GV Youth Athletic Association or go on our own we will be splitting the profits because there are only so many people who are going to purchase only so many fireworks.

Christa Perry stated that we should control anymore firework tent license from being approved by leaving ours active even if we went with the GV Youth Athletic Association, since the city only allows three.

Firework coupons were a suggestion, maybe on our website or in the paper or handed out at blue and white night.

John Overstreet said we would have to make a decision to join or not to join with the GV Youth Athletic Association.

Tina Miller stated that maybe we could do both stands and divide the work and profits of both 50/50.

John Overstreet stated that the work needs to be 50/50 and the profits need to be 50/50. He stressed the point that we need to meet with the GV Youth Athletic Association to work out the details, if we want to pursue this further. We took a vote to possibly join the GV Youth Athletic Association in the selling of fireworks, and the motion carries.

Committee and Officer Reports:

Fundraising:

I, Brenda Sodano informed the club of when and where the Car Wash was going to be and sign up sheets were circulated. I stated that fireworks have already been discussed and it was further discussed that some of us would attend the next GV Youth AA meeting at City Hall. Also the probability that if for some reason we didn't participate in selling of fireworks we would have to add at least three possible more fundraisers to try to reap the loss. At our next fundraising meeting we will be making decisions on what other fundraisers we may do, especially if the fireworks stand doesn't work out.

Lisa Nace made a suggestion to sale bags (she had a sample with her) that would hold many items that people might want for carrying items to and from the games. She approximated that the bags would cost about \$1.50 per bag if we bought 100 bags, and possibly less if we bought more bags. Lisa further estimated that we could sale them for \$4.00. Lisa asked how does it work, she asked if she needed to purchase the bags and then get reimbursed or does the club pay for them and does the club have enough funds to make the purchase. She was asked to gather the information in definite cost amounts including set up fees and to bring the information to our next fundraising meeting for approval. And then if approved the club would pay for them and that there are more than enough funds to purchase them.

Food:

Jamie Welch had to leave the meeting early but spoke to John Overstreet who relayed to us that she hasn't gotten any prices on meals yet. There was some discussion about the donuts that we provide for the boys on Saturday's. Christa Perry stated she knew the owners of Daylight Donuts and possible she could speak to them about the cost.

Membership:

Ami Fogle said that Blue and White night was scheduled for May 15th. And that we would use our usual media coverage and in addition distribute fliers for this event during the car wash. John Overstreet discussed that we still might be able to play 15 minutes intervals of football with the boys, the parents would have to sign a release, a disclaimer for football, with no insurance for injuries. All this would need to be approved by Jeff Tebbenkamp.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 P.M. and the motion carried.

Next meeting date is set for Tuesday, April 7th 2009 at 6:30 P.M. at GVHS.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda D. Sodano

Secretary of the GV Eagles Football Booster Club 09

