

Steinert High School
Football Booster Club

Meeting Date: November 9, 2010

Meeting Time: 7:30

Presiding: John Pulley, President of the Booster Club

The meeting came to order at 7:45. John Pulley led us in the flag salute. He then welcomed the parents and thanked everyone for coming. He explained the reason for the meeting was primarily to prepare for the Thanksgiving day game. He also made mention of the playoff game on Friday which was greeted with much applause.

John said that the Thanksgiving Day game could be compared to the Homecoming day game. The crowds would be at least as large and could be much larger depending on the weather.

He mentioned that the Thanksgiving game is a good opportunity to fundraise in areas such as concessions, 50/50, candy sales / raffle, and the bake sale.

He also said that we have to be prepared for weather conditions so the food for the concession stand will not be purchased until the Monday before the game based on weather forecasts. For example, if a warm day is predicted more water and cold drinks will be purchased; if a cold day is forecast then we will be prepared to make more coffee and hot chocolate; and if a stormy day is predicted then less food will be purchased because attendance will be lower.

John said that we will have tents no matter what the weather conditions that day but we will need to have additional tarps if it rains. Dave Warrick also graciously agreed to provide hay to lay on the grass.

John next explained who does what at the game. The freshmen and sophomore parents run the concession stand. There will be 2 shifts: 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The freshmen and sophomore parents in attendance were advised to sign up for a shift before they left the meeting. Those not at the meeting will be assigned a time. Of course if someone is out of town on Thanksgiving Day we don't expect them to cancel their plans to be here. The sophomore parents are also in charge of the 50/50. John Zim advised that he already has 4 groups of 2 to go through the stands selling the 50/50s and he has one alternate. John told him that that was enough volunteers and he also advised him that he would have a table near the entrance to sell the 50/50s and the programs before the start of the game. John and Barbara Zim seem to have the 50/50s under control and they have done a great job at all our other home games this season. The junior parents are in charge of garbage can detail (emptying the cans during the game) and also clean up at the end of the game. Senior parents are in charge of set-up. They arrive at 7:30 and help set up the field and the concession stand until 10:00 when they are dismissed to go watch the game.

John then spoke about additional items that we need for the Thanksgiving game. The Raposts were kind enough to offer their turkey fryer to us for the day. Lairetta Lucchessi will see if she can borrow long handled utensils from Rosa's to stir the hot chocolate with. Kathy Manfredi said that she will need 2 more coffee pots for the concession stand but she was advised that we will be able to borrow one from the PTA and one from the wrestling booster club.

Fundraising

Maria Parmigiani spoke about the Thanksgiving Day bake sale. She has offered to run this bake sale for us believing that it is a great fundraiser and an easy way to make 100% profit. She said that if each family could donate at least one baked good that would be great. It was pointed out that cake mixes are on sale at Shop Rite this week for .77 so it is a real cheap way to support our team. Maria said the baked goods could be dropped off at her house anytime on Wednesday November 24th or brought to the game on Thursday morning. If you are leaving town on Wednesday she said you could also drop it off at her house on Tuesday if that would be easier. She also said that if you could dress up your baked goods in a fall theme with ribbons, bows, baskets, etc. that would be awesome. If not, no problem, she'll be happy to do it for you. She's hoping that people will buy these baked goods to take to their Thanksgiving celebrations after the game.

Kim Allen advised that the booster club will be hosting a "Girls Night Out" at Nottingham Ballroom on March 4th 2011. It will be catered by Rosa's, there will be a tricky tray, and tickets will be \$25.00 apiece. We will be looking for gift baskets to be donated by each family. We hope this will be a fun way to make money for the booster club and it will be discussed in more detail at upcoming meetings. (We are also going to be looking to our players to be servers at this event.)

There will be a Pancake Breakfast on December 12th at Applebee's. It will be from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. with a cost of \$6.50 per person. We are hoping each player will be able to sell 4 tickets.

Spirit – Pasta and Pregame Meals

Mary Kate Gonzales stated that there will be a pasta party on Wednesday, November 24th. More details will follow. Kim Allen also graciously volunteered to cook for the boys this coming Friday. The bus leaves around 4:15 to go to the playoff game so there will not be enough time to go home to eat. Details about this meal are being discussed with Coach Caruso.

Banquet

Cindy Donnell advised that the football banquet forms were given to each of the players. The cost for the players are free, their guests are \$20.00 per person. Even though the players are free they must return their forms so that Cindy and Michelle Elberson will have an accurate head count to give to Mastoris. Michelle also requested a guest list so that she can send out invitations to invited guests. Cindy said that she had extra forms with her if anyone needed one.

Charitable

Maureen Gallagher advised that she is in need of volunteers to drive to TASK. The Steinert football team sends players the first Tuesday of every month year round. They leave the school around 2:45 and are back around 5:00.

Also, on the day of the banquet we are asking people to bring toys and non-perishable food to donate to the Grafton House. Maureen asked why the boys couldn't help sort and wrap gifts at the Grafton House. She felt it would be a really good experience for them.

Maureen is also looking into the Miracle League and Habitat for Humanity to see about the boys volunteering.

Coach's Report

Coach Caruso started out by saying that the varsity team has qualified for playoffs for the second year in a row. This was again met with much applause. Coach is trying to get the freshmen game changed from Friday to another day so it doesn't prevent the freshmen from coming to see the varsity play.

Coach advised that the card program is finally closed out and he thanked everyone from the very good results from the Yankee Candle sale.

Coach Caruso is looking to start the sweatsuit sale. It will give the kids the options of buying a sweatsuit with their number on it. He is looking to keep the cost as low as possible. He is hoping to start tomorrow.

Miscellaneous

Michelle Elberson wanted confirmation that the address the athletic director gave her for Middletown was correct. She'll put it on the Website with Mapquest directions. Coach Caruso said that as far as he knows the directions are correct.

Lisa Mastrangoli suggested that the players all watch the video "The Boys of Fall". It's a great video and very inspirational.

In closing, John Pulley asked that no one forget to sign up for the Thanksgiving Day game. He reminded everyone that banquet forms are due by November 24th. He thanked everyone again for coming and adjourned the meeting at 8:50.

Respectfully,
Robyn Zandomenego, Secretary

