

**STEINERT HIGH SCHOOL
FOOTBALL BOOSTER CLUB**

Meeting Date: Thursday, August 7, 2008
Meeting Time: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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 7:30 by welcoming everyone.

Treasurer's Report

Fred Ewell (FE) was not present so Joe Ferrara (JF) went over the treasurer's report. Balance as of August 2, 2008 is \$17,200.56. Ken Norton moved to approve the treasurer's report. Tesa Danaso seconded the motion. The report will be filed for audit.

Committees

Fund Raising – Denise Koval (DK) indicated that ads are coming in for the program book. The program book has been a big success this year as we have already exceeded the budgeted income of \$5,000. DK will begin compiling the program book this week.

Membership dues also coming in.

Picture Day is August 26. This is a fundraiser. Seniors will also have pictures taken in shirt and tie for senior section.

Banquet is scheduled for December 14th at 9 AM at Colonial Firehouse. Joanne Mauriello requested a small amount of approximately \$200.00 for decorations. JF will check with FE. Permit is in place for 50/50 that day. There is \$4,000 set aside for senior gifts. Players go to the banquet at no cost. Any family member can attend and the cost of the ticket will be determined.

Clothing – Cindy Donnell indicated that she ordered additional Thanksgiving Day T-shirts which should be in this week. She will be at the Freshman meeting, scrimmages and September general meeting with merchandise for sale.

TASK – Joanne Mauriello indicated this month's trip went well. September may be hard to fill slots as many of the Freshman are unaware of the program. Parents volunteered to fill in the students positions during the month of September if need be. Joe Conklin made a note of volunteers. Coach Caruso (CC) reiterated 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. Varsity players will be unable to fill this commitment during football season.

Long Term Facilities – JC mentioned some improvements could be a field house and uniform pants. He needs a better handle on the amount of money he has available before final decisions are made. He feels that in October the booster club will be able to decide which improvements can be made once we see what Terry McCarty raises through his alumni endeavors. Also, one half of membership fees is going towards long term facilities improvements.

50th Anniversary Celebration Update

Joe Ferrara, Joe Conklin and Coach Caruso attended luncheon at The Times. They are geared for a big event. If we have nice weather, we could have 10,000 fans attending. The Times has a staff of 15 people working on their end.

Coach's Report

Coach Dan Caruso (CC) was reintroduced by JF as head coach of the football team . CC stressed the need to have all physical forms due to Steinert before the start of practice. On August 13th at 9AM the district physician will be at the school to perform physicals for any player needing one. The players who did not have papers in were notified by the parent reps. Players can also leave message with school nurse to see if anything is missing. It is the parent's and player's responsibility to make sure all paperwork is complete prior to August 15th. Two-a-days will be held behind Reynolds Middle School as the booster club is refurbishing the practice field. CC would like to commend the players' commitment and excitement. CC feels the players are performing better. CC will have the coupon card fund raiser for the players on August 26th at 5PM after pictures. Each player will be responsible to sell 5 cards at \$20.00 each and we will receive at least 50% of proceeds. Any unsold cards must be returned. The coaching staff will manage this fund raiser directly by keeping track of which player has been given which cards as the cards are numbered.

Senior biography forms are due in by August 20th.

Pre-Season-schedule is on the web-site. Two-a-days begin 8/18 on Reynolds field at 7:15. Afternoon session begins at 4PM in classroom and will end in the classroom after practice. Coaches urged need to stay hydrated and to refrain from caffeine, soda and sugar. Drink Pedialyte at night.

Home games might be changed – please check web site regularly.

Secretary's Report

The minutes for July were submitted for approval. DK mentioned that TASK should be in all caps. Tesa Danaso made a motion to approve the minutes and DK seconded the motion. The minutes will be filed for audit.

Budget Item Updates:

Practice field-cut and seeded practice field 31/2 weeks ago. Have been watering the field regularly since and seed is beginning to germinate. Booster club needs new volunteers to water field and relieve the parents and players who have been watering the field.

Game Field-this Saturday from approximately 8 AM to 9: 15 AM the practice field will be fertilized and seeded. Volunteers requested.

Sprinkler System- the Board of Education has decided to install the sprinkler system on the practice field. JF was unable to reach Board to see when installation would occur. Also waiting to hear where pump will be housed. JF mentioned that we have \$3,500 earmarked for the project.

Concession Stand – 60 AMP electrical improvements completed by Richard Everett. CC requested additional 2,500 for coaching staff. JF will look into it.

Website Update:

Tesa Danaso is making regular updates to the website. Mentioned that clothing pictures are on web. Requested players and their families register for family picnic on 9/5/08 so that appropriate supplies could be purchased.

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

Next meeting September 4th at 7:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24