

**Victor J. Andrew High School
Athletic Booster Club
Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Rena Sheehan, followed by an introduction of all in attendance.

Secretary's Report:

- A motion was made by Mike Sheehan to waive the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. Mark Gierhahn seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report:

- Bruce Berkheimer presented the accounts.
- Currently, there is more than \$100,000 in the account.
- V-Show finances have not yet been finalized.
- At the previous meeting, up to \$8000 was allocated for a new scoreboard for the varsity softball field, \$15,000 was allocated for upgraded sound system for the football stadium, and \$5,000 was allocated for the construction of a pergola/gazebo structure in the open area between the freshman baseball field and the varsity softball field.
- A motion was made by Pat O'Connor to accept the treasurer's report and Maureen Berkheimer seconded the motion.

Spirit Wear Report:

- Keri Malone reported that the t-shirts for the incoming freshmen sold very well at the freshman registration on January 31, 2015. Only 7 shirts are left, but more will be ordered if there is enough demand.
- Lawn signs are now available for all sports.
- The spirit wear stand will be open for sales on April 4th and April 11th. Those are dates of track and field invites.

Communications Report:

- No updates

Membership Update:

- George Daly reported that he now has lists of participants in sports to compare against the Booster Club membership list.
- Dan Durkin presented prices for a Booster Club tablecloth and flag, along with possible designs for consideration. The cost for the flag with stand is \$335.50. The cost of an 8-foot table cloth is \$352.00. The design for the tablecloth was selected, but flag design will be decided later.

Concession Stand:

- Rena Sheehan reported that there is about \$16,442 in receipts, with \$2000 in expenses owed to Jet's pizza.
- The concession stand will be open for the two varsity track invites on April 4th and April 11th. It will also be open for some home soccer games.

- Water to the concession stand will need to be turned on before April 4th.

Team Rep Report:

- The team rep appreciation dinner will be on April 27th at 6:00 p.m. at Gatto's.
- The team rep meeting for fall sports will be held on March 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Market Day Report:

- Rena Sheehan reported that the February sale resulted in \$202.84 in fundraising.
- The next pick-up date is March 14th. Boys gymnastics and girls softball are assigned to assist.
- Orders for the pizza sale are due by May 1st.

Variety Show:

- Video sales totaled \$3500.

Fundraising:

- Charmaine O'Sullivan presented a fundraiser idea. Italo, near 151st and LaGrange, will offer 50% of sales on Saturday, May 2nd between 11:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. if the Booster Club is mentioned. Italo will provide the promotional material, but the Booster Club would be responsible for printing. This information should be made available at the team rep meeting to encourage participation.

Senior Party:

- The next meeting is being held on March 12, 2015.
- More donations of food, money, and prizes are needed.
- Remaining senior t-shirts will be donated. Money from sales of senior t-shirts will be put towards senior party.

Athletic Director's Report:

- Boys swimming sent one athlete to State.
- Boys basketball had a great crowd for senior night. Players from feeder programs were invited to attend.
- Girls basketball lost in the 1st round of playoffs.
- Girls gymnastics had one sectional qualifier.
- Girls bowling qualified for State and finished 3rd.
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- The turf on the football field has been cleared.
- Team practices for spring sports are underway. The number of freshman girls trying out for spring sports is better for the previous sports seasons.
- The tennis coach has been injured and former coach, John Tadla, will assist. The School Board needs to approve his appointment to officially coach.
- 8to18 will include Booster Club membership when registering athletes. The membership form is still not formatted properly.
- Mr. Dwyer provided updates to the previously approved expenditures:
 - Scoreboard for softball field – The scoreboard cost is \$4000. Sponsorship panels may be added. There would be a 4' X 4' panel on each side of the scoreboard which could be purchased by sponsors for \$1000 per year. There are also 3 smaller panels along the top of the scoreboard that could be sold for \$500 per year. Mr. Nolting will need to approve

sponsorships. Trusses over the scoreboard will be paid for by the Athletic Department. There is a 4-week turnaround.

- Sound system for football stadium – Two quotes were obtained. One is not doable. The other quote was for \$14,800 which is slightly under the amount previously approved. The main problems with the current sound system are that it is outdated and the position of the speakers is too high (not directed properly). Along with updating the equipment, extra speakers will be added, including one pointed towards the concession stand. There is a 3-week turnaround. Possible installation date is April 10th.
- Construction of structure in area behind center field of softball field – This will be done over the summer and will be constructed by the maintenance staff. It will have a pergola top.
- There was some discussion regarding who would get the sponsorship money, the Athletic Department or Booster Club. This has not yet been resolved.

New Business:

- Tony Serratore from the D230 School Board encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming School Board election being held on April 7th. He discussed the recent developments with Senate Bills 1 & 16 which could cost the school district \$7 million per year. Currently, our school district is operating with a balanced budget with no tax increases. Despite this, the school day has been extended and additional services are being offered. The cost per student is among the lowest in Illinois.
- Donation to Andrew Fest needs to be discussed.
- Ten tickets to the D230 Foundation fundraiser have been purchased by the Booster Club and are available for use.
- The next meeting will be held on April 15th.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:30 p.m. by Sue Warja and was seconded by Mike Sheehan.

Voting

- Purchase of Booster Club flag and table cloth with a maximum cost of \$700. Motion made by Mike Sheehan and seconded by Pat O'Connor.
- Donation to Andrew Fest - Motion made by Maureen Berkheimer and seconded by Cindy Levigne.
- All were in favor of these expenditures.