

Softball Booster Board meeting 05/18/15, LHS Cafeteria 6 p.m.

Present: Wes Hunter (President), Brad Kesel (VP), Bill Thompson (treasurer), Vince Cunard (fundraising chair), Coach Newmyer, Coach Levin, Coach Holmes, Dan Van Wormer (Field Chair), and Marisa Feliciano (secretary).

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Summer Work-outs are scheduled for Monday and Wednesday evenings 5:30-7 p.m. beginning June 1. Physicals must be valid (valid for one calendar year). Coach Levin and Coach Holmes will offer one-on-one lessons over the summer. Details to be determined.

Coach Newmyer informed us that JV team will have 14 games this coming season (11 regular games and 3 tournament games). The Emory softball camp scheduled for July 21-23 allows LHS to take 12 players. Coach Newmyer said that we have three open slots and she made the decision to offer the slots to the three 8th grade players.

The summer softball camp is scheduled for June 15-19. To date Coach Levin has only had five players sign up. To make it worthwhile we need at least ten.

Newmyer announced that the new JV uniforms will be black like Varsity's. JV will now have a purple set and black set. She plans to have the three seniors set up the Big Sister-Little Sister program to help mentor the younger players.

Bill Thompson gave a financial update. We met our fundraising goals last year and still have 3K to spend before June 30, 2015. Thompson felt like this money would easily get used as we need a shed in place before we purchase a field rake. The shed will cost approximately \$1500 if we build it ourselves per Wes Hunter. Building it would produce a better quality shed than a pre-fabricated aluminum shed. The goal will be to build the shed in June. Hunter suggested we could place the new shed by the baseball team's shed and he would talk with the baseball coach.

Wes Hunter brought up the water issues around the field. Coach Newmyer will put in a request through the County to see if they can take care of this matter before parental involvement. Hunter pointed out that the access boxes are sinking by the concessions stand. We also are in need of retaining walls. Estimates for walls are around \$4500. Hunter suggested we could do it ourselves for approximately \$1K.

Support roles for the team were discussed. Page Anderson expressed an interest in Team Building. Tara Van Wormer is willing to help with concessions. Coach Levin volunteered to tackle Alumni Outreach. Cindy Roberts expressed an interest in Spirit wear and Colicia Hanson may be willing to take on programs, Marisa Feliciano will set up the snack calendar for both JV and Varsity.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Softball Booster Club General meeting 05/18/15, LHS Cafeteria 6:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

President Wes Hunter introduced the board members and passed out sign-up sheets for support roles, booster club information, player contracts, a calendar, and sponsorship information.

Last year our Booster Club raised \$16K and spent \$13K to date. Part of the remaining funds have been earmarked for a shed to house a field rake. Coach Newmyer reported we have 25 girls on the team this year and after summer practices the determination will be made for JV and Varsity. She pointed out that a few players may play both. 8th graders can only play JV and seniors only Varsity. Summer practices will be held Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7 p.m. beginning June 1. Physicals must be turned in in order to practice. Coach stressed that practices need to be a priority, although not mandatory. JV will have 14 games, 11 regular games and 3 tournament games. The tournament is scheduled for September 11-12. Varsity will play 23 games. Their first region game is scheduled for August 28. Most JV games will be Monday and Wednesdays and Varsity games Tuesday and Thursday. Varsity will play in a tournament Sept 26-27. The player contract will be discussed with the girls.

Vince Cunard gave an overview of the fundraising goals and responsibilities. He encouraged each player to obtain at least one sponsor. A new sponsorship cost \$350 and a renewal \$300. The extra \$50 is to pay for the banner which will be hung on the fence around the field. In addition to banner sponsors, we have program sponsors for \$100. The name of the program sponsor will be listed in all programs and on the website. Friends and Family can also support the cause with a donation of \$20. A list of last year's sponsors was passed out. The outgoing senior's sponsors were assigned to the new players to help them get started. New this year the player that raises the most money will get a \$50 gift card. Cunard stressed that this is our one and only fundraiser. We do not have car washes or sell magazines. In addition to sponsor money, the concession profits and tournament fees also support the team's needs. Raising \$600 in any form of sponsorships will waive the booster club dues.

Pre-game meals were discussed. In past years parents have provided a hearty snack to the players at school before games. The coach stressed that the girls are hungry and last ate at lunch so they really need this snack to fuel their bodies.

Pre and post-game field help is needed at every home game. This will require about 30-60 minutes of time depending on the number of volunteers. The field needs to be prepared one hour before the game start time. We will have a "Field Day" before the season starts to get the field ready, clean out the shed and concession stand, and pressure wash. This event will last 2-4 hours. The girls need softball pants, cleats, and tennis shoes for practice.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.