

Dakota Boosters General Membership Meeting  
Minutes  
January 22, 2018

Board Members present: Shari Burnham, Debbie Fauer, Crystal Fedolak, Maureen LaFleure, Kyle Lefief, Jackie Ribbentrop, Mary Lou Saputo, Kelly Swanson, Kitty Vallee

Board members absent: None

Staff Members present: Mr. Fusco

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Maureen LaFleure

Administration Report – Mr. Fusco

- Administration and key personnel have been trained in and have begun work implementing restorative justice practices to improve student behavior over time. Focused on conflict resolution and long term behavioral adjustments.
- SAT workshops for SAT prep will be conducted again this year. Normally there are approximately 250 students that take advantage of these workshops. Dates have not been finalized yet.
- Students will be given incentives to participate in Kahn Academy.
- On Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, Dakota hosted an MLK, Jr. Day celebration event in conjunction with ICRJ (Interfaith Center for Racial Justice (Non-profit organization in Mount Clemens). Debbie Stebanow attended.
- On Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, STUGO held their “Rock the Runway” event, which is a charitable event. Fundraising this year was for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).
- Noted that midterm exams were being held the week of 1/22.
- Check the Macomb MAC website for up to date information on sports teams ([www.macombmac.misd.net](http://www.macombmac.misd.net))
  - Kitty asked about updating the Dakota website for a good link to all current sports information
    - Mr. Fusco directed us to go to Dakota Cougars main twitter feed where there is a link to sports
  - Discussion ensued regarding maintenance/upkeep of sports websites, etc. Mr. Fusco indicated that there just is not enough wherewithal for coaches to update their individual webpages. It is easier to use twitter.

Secretary's Report – Mary Lou Saputo, Secretary

- Minutes for the November 21<sup>st</sup> Executive and General meetings are in the process of being prepared and will be made available when finalized.

Treasurer's Report – Shari Burnham, Treasurer

- The treasurer's report for the months of November and December were handed out to the group. Copies are available on the Boosters website.
  - The November report reflects end of Fall season concession sales and Craft show.
  - The December report reflects concessions sales for the month.
  - End of December bank balance was \$37,254.24
- Detailed reports of Fall and Winter (to date) concessions activity were prepared to show (as best as possible) the profit (loss) realized for each activity/event. See attached. This information should prove useful in assisting the Board in scheduling future years events.

Donations Report – Kitty Vallee, Trustee

- Fall donation credits have been paid out.
- Kitty asked for assistance in identifying the people who volunteered at Monday Madness, November 20<sup>th</sup> as she did not have a sign in sheet for that event. Mary Lou and Maureen worked that event and Mary Lou provided Kitty with Maria Darbonne's name as one of the three non-board volunteers. Maureen was to get the other names to Kitty.

Fine Arts Report - Crystal Fedolak, Trustee - nothing to report.

Service Report – Debbie Fauer, Trustee

- STUGO held Rock the Runway event on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> huge success (raised close to \$3000 for NAMI National Alliance on Mental Illnesses - Michigan)
- STUGO/Link Crew - Snowcoming Dance 2/3/18 (tickets on sale during lunches and at the door \$10)

Sports Trustee Report – Kyle Lefief, Trustee

- Reported on girls and boys varsity basketball standings. At that time, believed the boys were 6-0 and the girls were 5-1.

Old Business

- Regarding pursuing corporate donations to Boosters - Kyle Lefief reported that after the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, he drafted a letter for Mr. Sibley to review for which revisions were requested. Those revisions were made and the revised letter is now again with Mr. Sibley for approval. This letter is to serve as our template for approaching businesses for donations to the Boosters.

New Business

- Discussion regarding price increases for concessions items – this topic has been raised previously. A detailed schedule of concession items sold was prepared by Shari Burnham which shows the profit per item based on current sales price. Suggested that the Board give serious consideration to raising prices to be in line with other area concession sales and to help improve our profit = more \$\$ available to give back to groups we support.
- Shari Burnham reported that she looked into a fundraising activity to be held at CJ Barrymores. Details as follows:
  - Idea is to have a year-end event geared toward 9 – 11<sup>th</sup> graders. Cost for student wristband providing almost full access - \$20. We would charge \$25, so \$5 profit to Boosters per wristband sold. Date suggested is Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> so this would not be a school sanctioned event. Event sign up would occur prior to school dismissal for the year – cutoff on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Board approved moving forward with this event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.