

Regina Athletic Booster Club Meeting
Wednesday November 11th,2021 at 6:00 PM
Location: Regina High School Media Center

Prayer/Attendance: Sean Beard, Tim Foley, Annie Gavin, Mike Gavin, Ed Hinkel, Betsy Hoffman, Taylor Hoteck, Angela Kessler, Barry Lehmen, Erin Litton, Sarah McLaughlin, Molly Petersen, Zach Ries, Leigha Rios, Chase Stafford, Todd Streb

Reports:

AD-Taylor Hoteck (Tim Foley spoke on his behalf):

This Friday, Saturday, and Sunday is the fall play for the high school, try to get out and support. He will be hosting post season meetings with the coaches from fall sports starting the week of November 15. Cross Country finished 5th and 8th place at state, football ended up 9-1. There were 4 Academic All State Adam Boblenz, Peyton Nave, Josie Pursley, and Alex Spies. Head golf coach gave notice, we will need to fill that position.

President-Sean Beard: Spoke on the financials in Myrna's absence. Concessions stand and spirit store sales are strong. We have \$78k in the bank account right now and need to come up with long term planning and budget for upcoming expenses. We did get the check from Saint Birch for the Fish Fry for \$1,996 from last year.

Fish fry-Molly Joss will be leading them again this year. Brett Hoffman will be assisting her with them. A small group met to start the discussion on how to make it profitable. They are looking at simplifying the menu and controlling more of the costs.

Spirit Store Update-Opened online store from 11/5-11/21. The products will then be ready for pick up at the basketball games on 12/14 in time for the holidays. Keely ordered 30 seats that attach to the bleachers that will sell for \$60 a piece and hope to have them ready by Christmas.

Coaches:

Softball:

Angela Kessler. She is going to have 36 players this spring and the condition of the batting cages will make it impossible to have them all there to batting practice. We need to move quickly so that is would be done by April when practices start. Sean is working with Charlie on the bid for rebuilding the cages. He did the baseball cages.

She is putting together the helmet and bag order now to order before Christmas. The supplier now only has 32 bags and she needs 36. Also having a hard time finding softballs. Trying to be proactive to get all that she needs to be ready.

Next item on her wish list after the cages is getting the field leveled.

Boys Basketball:

Barry Lehmen. Basketball starts in 5 days. There are 36 kids out this year and they are ready to go! He feels there are going to be “good surprises” from this group. He is looking forward to filling the gym and getting the student section excited to support them.

We are looking for at least one new person for the score table or possibly two.

Chairs are looking rough. The chairs are used for boys/girls basketball, wrestling, volleyball. We would repurpose the existing chairs for the softball, baseball, and football press boxes. There was a bid from Varsity Group for 48 chairs and the rack for \$6,363. Sean made motioned to approve, Sara seconded, all approved, motion carried.

Wrestling:

Zach Ries. Wrestling starts Monday and we have 16 kids out. The only two weights we need is 120 and heavy weight. He is feeling good about this year. Big Athletics apparel forms ends this Friday. Mark from Big Athletics was great to work with. They do have another store(Ironside) that will be open for a while longer. Mat Pac youth program from City High still can't use their facility and they are practicing with us. Annie Gavin is going to help get more exposure for the youth program and the apparel. Junior High first met was this past Monday. Taylor and Drew have about 15 kids out. We have our first girl wrestler this year.

Old Business:

Review/approval of minutes from October 13, 2021: Any questions or comments? Ed Hinkel found a correction on that should have been \$10k under the physical therapy room to be corrected, Sean made a motion to approve, Erin second, all in favor, motion carries.

Chili Supper:

Chili supper has been moved to January 29th with the uptick of COVID. Should be a great event as it is after home basketball games and before the family fun night for the elementary.

Physical Therapy Room:

This project has been put on hold for right now. Looking at other avenues to make the room more functional with not as much work. The first bid from Built to Suite is \$40k without any equipment. Al Zahasky is going to come take a look and give us a bid.

Signs in Outdoor Sports Complex:

First bid came in and it was \$23k.

Retaining Wall:

Second quote came in today for \$9k. The original quote was \$20k. This was put on hold until the Boosters meet with Joy and Taylor to establish who is responsible for these types of expenses. Hoping for a meeting next week.

New Business:

Concession Stand Coordinators:

We have a family that will be joining Regina on November 15th. The parents are very interested in taking on the concession stand coordinator position that was on the Regina Booster page. Amy Mills has done a great job with it and we need to see if now that the volunteers are going to be managed by Taylor if she would like to continue to do it.

Membership Involvement:

We need to make sure that our members are present at the meetings. Looking at adding in the bylaws that no more than 3 unexcused absences per year.

Track Resurface:

Alan mentioned that it is about due to be resurfaced. Tim mentioned that it was done in 2015 and he will get us the information. There is a dip in the last three lanes on the Hickory Hill side. Could be due to the drainpipe and erosion from that. If we do another resurface in another 5-10 years it will need completely redone. We should start to plan for this and put at least \$10k aside each year for this expense.

Light Poles:

Ed Hinkel got a quote for just the bulbs for the football/soccer field. We would be able to use the existing poles and wiring. Most high school lights are between 500-600 watts. We would need 8 bulbs per pole. The estimate for the different bulbs is: \$63k for 500 watt bulbs, \$93k for 600 watt bulbs, and \$155k for 1200 watt bulbs.

Next Meeting:

We discussed again that we need more clarity on what the Booster Club is responsible for expense wise. The group decided the next meeting will be focused on working on a budget. We would like to set a fundraising goal that we need to raise each year. Then budgeting for short term projects, long term projects, and building/grounds. Sean is going to request a meeting with Joy and Taylor before the next meeting to see if we can come to what the Boosters should pay for. Myrna will be a great resource for the budgeting meeting and looking at inviting Angela as well.

December meeting will be held at Blackstone.

No other business, Sean makes a motion to adjourn Leigha second, all approve.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Hoffman

