EWA Booster Club Meeting



Date: 04Aug2015

Attendees

\square	Steve Page	\boxtimes	Vicki Tobin	\boxtimes	Diane Lind
\boxtimes	Joy Fournier	\boxtimes	Ali Sprouse	\boxtimes	Bret Bystricky
\boxtimes	Crissy Seastrunk		Stephanie Stafford		Amy Puryear Turner
\square	Wendy Nipper		Pam Rose		

Community Partners

- Wendy Nipper suggested that we approach businesses to help support PAL and Boosters; Mr. Gay does not want PAL and Boosters approaching the same companies/organizations repeatedly so this effort would prevent duplication
- Businesses would have the opportunity to select different options/events from either PAL or Boosters; different options would have varying price points that would relate to different advertising levels
- Suggestion was made to create a menu of options for companies to select from and these levels could mimic the levels of banner advertisements
- 5310 page view sin last 30 days on athletic website

Fundraisers

- Charlotte Motor Speedway
 - The option to run a concession stand during the fall race has been presented
 - Fall races are Friday and Saturday October 9 & 10
 - Diane Lind will follow-up with the speedway to determine the requirements, number of people needed, expectations, etc.
- Frozen Pizza
 - Decision was made to pursue the Frozen pizza fundraiser for August
 - We collect the orders and they will drop it off; waiver will be required so we are not responsible for sales that are not picked up
 - Money would be collected in August/early September and then we pay them when pizzas are delivered so no money upfront is required
 - Joy will present the fundraiser to the school for approval; once approved the company will be ready to move forward
 - August 17-28, 2015 are the proposed dates for the fundraiser with a proposed pickup date of September 10, 2015
- Cookie Dough
 - Tentatively scheduled for January 2016 after winter trackout
- Dress Down Days
 - November 19, 2015
 - o March 10, 2015



• Money has already been collected for some of the year-long passes; Wendy will followup with PAL to determine when the distribution of funds for this sale will occur

Upcoming Activities

- Zombie Run
 - October 17th at Wendell Park; reserved from 9 am 1 pm
 - Fee to reserve trail was \$60 in 2014
 - Will need to purchase water
- Golf Tournament
 - October 23rd (early release) Zebulon Country Club
 - Historically the largest expense involved has been the food
 - o Suggestion was made to combine efforts with PAL to sell spaghetti dinner plates
 - Booster club would get revenue from golf tournament and split revenue from spaghetti dinner respectively
 - PAL and Booster could sell tickets (perhaps different colors) and money would be distributed according to ticket sales

Banner Sales

- Minimal sales in 2014
- \$150 fee is incurred to add anything to the website, per Bret
- Randy & Tonya Porteous (Router Xpress Signs) have indicated they would donate banners in exchange for volunteer time; Neuse Printing has been printing the banners in the past
- All parties agreed that if Router Xpress would provide the banners at zero cost, this was worth pursuing or investigating further
- Would be ideal to offer banner sales that would combine an online advertising option that would include a banner on the athletic website; currently at 5,310 page views over the past 30 days

Athletics

- Soccer
 - Suggestion was to purchase/create banners to be displayed at soccer fields but Bret indicated most likely the banners would have to be removed after each event
 - o Concessions should be removed after each event as other groups use the same facility
 - New fields are in Bailey/Middlesex; concern is for parents that cannot get to new location that is 11 miles from the school but 40 minutes from Knightdale area
 - \circ Knightdale Station fields are not available per Tina with the Knightdale Parks and Rec
 - EWA has agreed to donate soccer goals at the end of the current relationship; Bret would like to maintain/extend the relationship for at least two years
 - Benches are needed for the teams

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- Volleyball net system will be approximately 6-7k
- School is repairing the seams in the gym floor, providing permanent coaching marks and volleyball lines
- Center court logo estimate \$5300; Mr. Gay did not approve but indicated the school may split the cost with Boosters; if there is not a need for a large purchase of uniforms, Booster would be willing to purchase the center court logo; Boosters would even consider covering the full amount if funds are available and no additional large purchases will be needed this year
- Softball uniforms will need to be purchased in the Spring
- MS Cross Country uniforms could benefit from being replaced; currently only take 20 runners to each match; suggestion was made to just have the students purchase their own tank or t-shirt instead of purchasing such a large number of uniforms; uniforms would not be available for this school year
- Athletic fee has increased to \$100
- Goal is to purchase athletic chairs for basketball and volleyball; Steve will research the estimate he received last year
- Meet the Coaches Night 10Aug15
 - \circ $\;$ Bret plans to discuss the change in location for MS Soccer $\;$
- Goal will be to hold a combined athletic ceremony at the end of the year; Bret expressed that some coaches prefer to have a small ceremony at the end of each season but Boosters said it's not ideal if you have multi-sport athletes to get the recognition they deserve
- Concessions
 - First MS Home volleyball game is 24Aug15 and Home Varsity 27Aug15
 - Soccer concessions have the potential to be profitable as a result of not having eatery locations surrounding the stands
 - First soccer game is 20Aug15
 - Joy will be purchasing concessions but wants to locate the missing concession items from last year (popcorn machine, box of supplies)

Treasurer's Report

- \$3800.10 current balance
- Steve just purchased locks for the soccer goals and that is not reflected in the balance mentioned above
- Goal is to create an Endowment fund; minimum needed to open is \$10,000
- Non-profit status is in progress; will need \$400 to complete application online; Vicki is completing this task and Steve approved the completion and the \$400 amount

Focus Groups

• Small focus groups will be meeting along with members of the PAL Board, Boosters and other staff to discuss the important of Boosters and fundraising



- Meetings will be on 18Aug15 at 8:30 am & 6 pm in Eagle Hall
- Depending on attendance there may be a need to split up into small groups within the meeting to collaborate on ideas and then come back for a joint session at the end

Goals

- Develop bylaws for Boosters
 - Bret has been told by other Athletic Directors that they require a parent from each sport to be a part of Boosters

Actions

Action Item	Responsible Party	Status	
Create an email for the Zombie Run based on community	Mandy	Outstanding	
businesses that have expressed interest	Wendy	Outstanding	
F/U with Charlotte Motor Speedway for more information	Diane	Outstanding	
on concession fundraising opportunity	Diane	Outstanding	
Investigate Kohls Cares for both the Zombie Run & the Golf	Mondy	Outstanding	
Tournament	Wendy		
Confirm with PAL when money will be distributed from	Mondy	Outstanding	
sales of year-long dress-down passes	Wendy		
Obtain quote on MS Cross Country Uniforms	Bret	Outstanding	
Research estimate of athletic chairs	Steve	Outstanding	
Price lumber/building cost for soccer field benches	Steve	Outstanding	
Obtain key to concession stands at soccer fields	Bret	Outstanding	
Present Activity Forms for fundraiser dates to the Board			
for Cookie Dough & Zombie Run; completed pizza activity	Steve	Outstanding	
form was presented to Bret during the meeting		-	
Contact other Athletic Directors for access to their by-laws	Prot	Outstanding	
to be used for reference in creating a set for our Boosters	Bret		