

Minutes

*In Attendance:* Joan Roberts, Mike Gomez, Kevin Lowey, Paul Bohannon, Cathy Chamberlain, Stephanie Sullivan, Lynn Larkowski, Keith Kenyon, Sherrie McCullough, Sue Moynihan, Ken Taber, Julie Drake, Deb Chase, Ken Fowler, Michele Treese; *Guest:* Mike Manley (softball coach)

Kevin Lowey called the meeting to order at 6: PM. The minutes of the 12/3/12 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Julie distributed a summary report showing inflows of \$84,390, outflows of \$26,780, and a balance of \$57,610. She provided a list of some known 2013 spring expenses, including awards nights, the senior sports awards dinner, and winter and spring program printing. The resulting balance is approximately \$43,566. There will be some revenue from programs and concessions, plus additional Nauset Card sales by winter and spring teams. With Ken Fowler's help, Julie has filed paperwork for a sales tax exemption certificate. Our non-profit status with the IRS will need to be finalized before we receive the certificate; however some vendors will not charge us sales tax with the assumption that we will receive non-profit status.

Nauset Cards: Mike reported on sales to date. Net income is \$27,138. Many teams participated in Phase II sales, but some did not. Some spring teams had difficulty selling because their teams were not established in the fall, and their potential players were selling cards for their fall sports. Not all teams experienced this problem, as evidenced by the strong sales by the baseball team. Teams will be encouraged to sell, and the positive results for teams that did sell may prompt non-sellers to participate.

Mike and Cathy have been in conversation with Willy's Gym, who would like to have a stronger relationship with the school. Several teams use Willy's for various practices, and Willy's provides some discounts. Mike worked with Cape Tech to create prototype team banners that will hang at Willy's. We will continue to explore options for partnering.

2012 Filing: There was consensus that we should hire a CPA to prepare our 2012 taxes. While there will be routine turn-over on the board, having a consistent accountant will help ensure continuity and good record-keeping. A few names were suggested, and Kevin, Julie, and Ken will pursue.

Spring Fundraiser: The booster club has traditionally had a very successful spring fish fry. Parent Andrew Morgan, who has organized several fish fries, including the one in November that benefitted the football team, has offered to organize a fish fry at the Elks in May. The fall fish fry netted over \$6,000, so with good weather, sales at the door, and the expectation and anticipation from the community that there will be a spring event, there is potential to net \$10,000. An announcement will be placed in the winter and spring programs, and it will be mentioned at the winter awards night and spring orientation meeting. The booster club will need to help with ticket sales, the auction, and other aspects of the night.

Tribute Night: Paul is proceeding with planning this event, slated for spring.

Awards Night: Keith received many positive comments from parents about the change in the format for awards night. All athletes were recognized in the general session, and coaches utilized breakout rooms to make special presentations. A new projection screen has been purchased, which will improve the visual quality of AV presentations.

Logan Dunne's Passing: Keith expressed the school community's sadness at Logan Dunne's passing. The service for Logan will be held in the school auditorium and cafeteria on January 12 at 1:00 PM.

Senior Athlete Dinner: The event will be coordinated by Keith, Wendy, and the Awards Committee. The date is May 19, and Keith is awaiting confirmation on using the multi-purpose room at Our Lady of the Cape Church in Brewster. There was discussion about how to restructure the event so it appropriately honors senior athletes, is not overly-long, and is free or at nominal cost. Providing dessert and coffee instead of a dinner will be considered.

Requests from Unfunded Teams: Keith provided funding requests from four unfunded teams: boys and girls lacrosse, crew, and girls co-op ice hockey. Each team provided details on expenses that currently are not covered by the school budget, including such items as uniforms, transportation, officials, and equipment. Hockey and crew showed additional expenses, such as insurance, equipment rental, ice time, motor service and repair, EMTs, and more. There was lengthy discussion about the level of funding we should provide; the extent to which these teams are fundraising on their own and the amount of funds they are holding; the costs families must incur for their children to participate in these sports; and the degree to which the teams are supporting the booster club through the sales of Nauset Cards. Several ideas were presented regarding other funding priorities, as well as additional considerations, such as the role of the AD in advising what we should fund, adherence to our bylaws, and the account balance we should retain.

Keith suggested that we consider funding each of the four unfunded teams at 35% of their requests.

*Paul Bohannon made a motion that for the 2012-2013 school year, the club fund the girls lacrosse team at \$2450, the boys lacrosse team at \$2450, the girls ice hockey team at \$2838, and the crew team at \$4900 for a total of \$12,638. Mike Gomez seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.*

Letters will be sent to the four coaches advising them of the funding support we will provide, and encouraging them to support the booster club.

The next meeting will be held on February 4, 2013 at 6:00 PM in the NRHS library.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Sue Moynihan, Clerk