

Amesbury High School All Sports Boosters
Minutes of Meeting

March 9, 2009

Minutes Taken By: Priscilla Terry

Meeting Time: 7:00p.m.

Attendance: Leo Norton, Kathy Scholtz, Priscilla Terry, Marcia Stellmach, Drew Stellmach, Janice Syphers, Nancy Beecy-Tomasz, Larry Lingley, Sam Wilmot, Joelyn Pray

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's report was accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was accepted and approved.

Athletic Director's Report:

*The Athletic Director reported that the recommendation to the budget subcommittee was to recommend to the budget committee the elimination of freshman sports next year in an effort to close a \$40,000 budget gap. After the budget committee votes this will go before a public hearing then to a final vote at the beginning of April.

*We discussed many concerns with Elizabeth that are connected to both old and new business. Both parties agreed that changes and clarification of procedures and expectations need to be defined more clearly. This is something that is going to be ongoing with the full results being realized for the fall sports season.

*Elaine ordered five blankets for this years recipients. Varsity letter criteria and the role it plays in the Boosters awarding of blankets needs to be revisited. The Boosters doesn't need to be involved in setting the criteria for receiving letters, but does need the information to decide on the criteria to set forth for awarding the blanket.

*Liz is also having her assistant put up Sal's Fundraiser flyers and arranging for a connect-ed message to go out.

*In an effort to put Memorial Fund money to good use, at the request of the committee, Elizabeth presented the committee with information on two items. One item is an AED to be placed in the gym, and the other is a taping station to be put in the athletic trainer's room. The total cost for both items including shipping is approx. \$2628.00. The committee voted unanimously to approve the request and cover the additional cost of the items and cost for donation plaques from the general fund.

Correspondence/Comments:

*Janice put Sal's Pizza fundraiser info. in the newspaper.

*We received a bill for trophies.

*We received a bank statement from The provident.

Membership Update:

There were no new memberships to report.

Business Old/New:

*Drew is going to look at the By-laws and we will look at what he finds and see if we need to form a By-Law Review Committee.

*Larry Lingley, Joelyn Pray, Janice Syphers, and Leo Norton will be the scholarship committee. I will act as the communication person between the guidance office and the committee, as well as prepare the applications for review. As soon as I receive the applications I will contact everyone to pass them along and set up a final date for review and disclosure of the names.

*The Sal's Fundraiser is on March 16th. Liz is having a student assistant post flyers and she is arranging to have a connect-ed message go out the night before. Information will also be in the AHS Weekly this Friday.

*The Flatbread Fundraiser is on April 14th. Leo is meeting with them this Sunday evening to finalize details and check on the need for a banner.

*As described in the AD report the use of the memorial funds has been finalized. The Boosters has voted to pick up the shortfall to order the two items and have plaques made.

*Since no progress has been made in regards to the tax filings, the board has decided we need to move in another direction and take care of it. Nancy will be providing the necessary information to the new accountant and informing Laurie that although appreciated, we will no longer be in need of her services.

*As discussed with Elizabeth, we need to clarify the role the Boosters plays in AHS athletics. We discussed having a parent liaison from each sport handle the senior flowers and communicate with the Boosters. We also discussed establishing criteria for letters, blankets and designing a packet of procedures that she could hand out to her coaches.

*Nancy is corresponding with the representative from the Citi Smith Barney matching donation.

*We will be distributing a new procedure packet for the coaches and/or parent liaison. Marcia is going to be putting together a packet to hand out Wednesday night, but a more detailed packet will be distributed for the fall. Larry Lingley offered to shop around for a new vendor for Senior flowers since our old vendor closed.

The next meeting is Monday, April 6, 2009