



WOODLAND HILLS FOOTBALL BOOSTERS ASSOCIATION

George Novak, Head Coach
Colleen Sellman, President Emeritus
Christine McGowan, WHFBA Secretary

The Woodland Hills Football Boosters Association is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide financial, volunteer and fan support for the football program. The WHFBA is an action oriented group of parents, volunteers and administrators working together to promote athletic excellence, good sportsmanship and character-building relationships among athletes, coaches, parents and the community.

Minutes 2/28/08 Meeting

Officers Present: Colleen Sellman, Chris McGowan

Athletic Office present: Coach Novak, Coach Tim Bostard, Janet Johnson

Boosters in Attendance:

Deb Breitreutz, Suzi Evers, Melanie Rickard, Melissa Davis, Larry and Mia Jefferson, Angela Thomas, Wendy Porter, Melanie Rickard, Christa McBride, Terina Hicks, Mark and Kelly Lisovich, Stephanie Thompkins, Juan Henderson.

Coach Novak began the meeting at 7:15pm. He opened with a short history of when the School District was formed 21 years ago, there was a lot of negativity, and the first football program helped to bring the community together. Coach aspires to continue the tradition of being a first class football program, and he counts on the Boosters to help him achieve that goal.

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Our recent Banquet at Edgewood Country Club was a success, Coach said, and it gives the players an opportunity to experience a dignified event. Coach was very proud of their behavior, and their appropriate attire, as almost all wore a coat and tie. Coach gave a background on the three scholarship sponsors: M. P. Harmon, Pat Thomassey, and Dr. Harner. The recipients this year, respectively, were: Marcus Steele (\$4500), Joe Shaffo (\$1000) and Tim Jessell (\$400). Dr. Wilson was also recognized for her support of the football program and for her upcoming retirement.

Coach expressed his excitement and optimism for the upcoming season, as we were one of only 2 schools (McKeesport being the other) to be invited to the prestigious Kirk Herbstreit Ohio vs. USA Challenge. We will play our first game Saturday of Labor Day weekend at the Fawcett-Pro Football Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton, Ohio. Coach said

this will be an incredible experience for our players, as the stadium seats 30,000 and is next to the Football Hall of Fame.

Coach then recognized our outgoing President Colleen Sellman. Although Colleen has been the president for 7 years, Coach said she really has been actively involved in Boosters for 10 years. Coach said she has done a great job. Colleen was a friend to all of the players, and a good friend to Coach as well. Coach noted that many times when the lights were out at the Wolvarena, and he was headed home, Colleen would still be at the sink washing pots. Although Colleen could not attend the Banquet this year, Coach informed her he had publicly honored her devotion to the football program. He then invited Colleen to the podium.

Colleen stated our main fundraiser was the Program Book, and that this year it was \$8000 to \$9000 short from previous year, and that it was also 40 pages thinner. She stated this year the Program Book brought in \$10,000 but cost \$5800 to print, while in the past years, Boosters has usually netted \$10,000. Colleen also stated that Football Camp was an unexpected expense, as this year was first time it was held at the Wolvarena, and the Boosters provided 21 meals for 110 players. Colleen thanked Cindy Leone and Chris McGowan for all their help with Camp.

Coach Novak went over the Organizational Chart and stated that with an expected 80-100 players next season, there should be a large pool of people whose expertise needs to be identified, and that if we all help, we'll get a lot done. Coach suggested a trial run at the Concession Stand to familiarize volunteers with the procedures. Coach stressed Boosters needs to get active with fundraising prior to the end of the school year. Coach thanked all who contributed to Camp food donations, as it freed up monies to go towards \$6000 expenses owed from previous season. Coach detailed what Booster money goes towards: Camp, feeding players for away games, providing food after home games, weight equipment, and football equipment (when not enough in athletic budget), Banquet, both travel and practice apparel. And with a WPIAL Championship, Coach noted there are costly rings to be purchased. When the opportunity is there, Coach has engaged players to contribute as well. One year, the school district paid to have the bleachers painted, and demolition materials were sold for scrap.

Upon Coach's return to work after surgery, he would like to get the Boosters and players together in late April or early May for a scholarship requirements meeting. He thanked all in attendance for their interest, encouraged us to have fun this season, and opened it up for questions. The meeting ended at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine McGowan, Secretary