

**Coon Rapids Marching Cardinals
Booster Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at Coon Rapids High School by President John Bennett.

Present were: Diane Haugen, John Bennett, Linda Bennett, Mary Standaert, Lori Jansen, Lisa Ness, Jeff Larson, Sherri Larson, Lois King, Teri Spano-Madden, Deb Vogel, Mark Vogel, Teresa Davis, Becky Thaisen, Michelle Davis.

The minutes of the March 2009 Booster Meeting were approved.

Financial Report

Diane Haugen reported that past due balances are at \$7,000 compared to \$11,000 a few months ago. Fees are trickling in but some students still have large outstanding balances.

There was discussion regarding transfer of funds between student band accounts. Guidelines for this are outlined in the Booster Bylaws.

Next year the fee for marching band will increase to \$240 for the fall season, with an additional \$150 for the summer season. In addition, the school district will pay for ten bus trips within 60 miles (one way). Any trips beyond that will be the responsibility of the band.

There was discussion regarding Uniform Nights and giving students credit, as has been done in the past, or having them divide up the actual amount collected during a fundraiser.

A motion was made by Mary Standaert and seconded by Becky Thaisen to divide up the proceeds of fundraisers, such as U-nights, equally among the participants. This will not affect Centerplate fundraising.

The motion passed.

Marching Band

John reported that the band has an opportunity to do volunteer work cleaning up a portion of Highway 10. He has committed to this and signups will be available in late summer. Students can use this for their volunteer hours for school. We will be cleaning the area of Highway 10 between Main Street and Hanson Blvd.

Marching Band signup night is expected to be either June 2 or June 4. The district has not yet announced the hiring of either a marching band director or the director of bands at the high school. John met with Mr. McGonigal earlier and discussed several issues, including allowing the Boosters to participate in interviews. John had several questions for Mr. McGonigal, including the number of assistants the director will be hiring, and whether the marching band director will also be responsible for drumline.

There are several other items that were brought up at the meeting:

- * All directors need to ride the bus with the students
- * Practices will start and end at a timely manner
- * Directors and staff will take responsibility for students when accompanying them
- * Any staff raises must be approved by the boosters or the amounts will not be paid
- * The Booster Board must be notified of any instances of harassment of any type.

The issue of replacing the tires on the four-wheeler which was used for the last several years was brought up. The four-wheeler belongs to Wallaces and was used by the marching band for summer and fall events. The group felt it was appropriate to replace the tires, which are quite worn, and voted to do so.

Fundraising

Lisa Ness reported that we do not have enough people to work the Centerplate games. We need additional people to sign up for the training and commit to working. Without enough workers we have not been able to work at the three-series games. This is a significant amount of funds that we are losing out on because of the lack of help. If you are interested, contact Lisa Ness or Pam Finney to sign up.

We have another opportunity to do program placement for the Vikings games. Mark will have a schedule available for people to sign up in advance. It is a four-hour minimum job and they require 20 people from our group. It usually runs from 6 - 10 p.m. and there are 10 games that need program placement. Pay is \$8 per hour. We will have a schedule available at signup night.

New Business

Jeff showed the proposed new marching band and colorguard website design. He hopes to have it completed by early June. The new site is more updated and user-friendly.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Lori Jansen, Secretary