

**Booster Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday, November 3, 2024**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Colleen and Gary Bailey; Blair & Jennifer Thoreson; Justin & Jenaah Hanson; Jami & Matt Olson; Rob & Shannon Gephart; Amanda and Mark Aslakson; Brenda Maughan; Dan Kielty & DeAnn Bjornson

**Members Absent:** Keith & Tiffany Knoke; Andy & Kara Kalbus; Adam & Amanda Kaldor; Linn & Wade Webb; Jack Maughan

**Others Present:** Dan Shultis

- I. **Call to Order:** President Gary Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. **Secretary's Report:** A motion was made to approve September's secretary report. Colleen Bailey moved to approve the minutes, Shannon Gephart seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Shannon Gebhart shared the treasurer's report. Matt Olson moved to approve the report, and Amanda Aslakson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- IV. **Committee Reports:**
  - Hospitality and Spirit** - Group will meet to decide fan appreciation nights for winter sports. Cookies will be served at an upcoming band concert.
  - Registration/Membership** - A few more memberships have come in; last call to those 20+ who need to pick up their swag - will encourage them to pick up at b-ball fan appreciation night.
  - Advertising** - Still would like to see data on parking/numbers for exposure for the back of the track sign for marketing purposes; some have expressed interest but would like numbers. Charitable gaming is moving along - not a done deal, but looking at the downtown Wurst Bier Hall location. It is a lengthy process, but hopefully we'll know at the next meeting. Justin Hanson is also looking at who might maintain it for us (possibly use the vendor that his workplace uses).
  - Communication** - Nothing new at this time.
  - Finance** - Shannon Gephart shared the treasury report earlier.

**V. Dates to Remember**

- A. 2024-2025 Upcoming Board Meeting Dates
  - December 8, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m. (Sunday)
- B. 2024-25 School Year Dates
  - Fan appreciation dates TBD for both bball and hockey nights.
  - TBD if a tshirt cannon could be utilized during these appreciation dates as well.

## VI. **Old Business**

- A. **Request Guide Review** - Gary Bailey distributed an updated copy and pointed out changes that were made; group had brief discussion regarding general total and budget. A motion was made to approve the changes by Shannon Gephart. Mark Aslakson seconded. Motion passed.
- B. **Booster Club Computer** - Dan Shultis led the discussion regarding whether to purchase one computer or 1-2 iPads. Group decided it made sense monetarily to purchase 2 iPad's and would be ideal for registration opportunities to have two. Motion was made by Matt Olson to purchase two iPad's for up to \$1,000. Dan Kielty seconded. Motion passed.
- C. **New sign on South Side** - Dan Shultis is waiting for the district to let him know the install date.
- D. **Wrestling Record Board** - As mentioned last month, Dan Shultis discussed replacing the current, outdated wrestling board to include girls wrestling. There are 2 options - for them both to be FN Spartan boards, one boys and one girls and have North colors and signage. The other option would be for the girls' to be the combined schools team (Stingers) with their signage/colors. If FN eventually has enough girls to form their own team, then it would have to be changed in the future. Either way, Dan can contribute \$1,000 and is asking for \$1,700 from Booster Club. A future cost of approx. \$500-600 to cover with plexiglass in the future would be a separate cost. Shannon Gephart made a motion for \$1,700 for the project. DeAnn Bjornson seconded. Motion passed.
- E. **Baseball/Softball Netting** - District is able to install, so Dan would like to move forward with the Phantom Indoor Cage. He shared a visual of what it would look like and explained that golf can use it as well. The company is holding a sale price for him, so he'd like to move forward with the purchase. If the Booster Board can cover partial costs, four programs can contribute as well (boys/girls golf; boys baseball; girls softball). Mark Aslakson made a motion to approve up to \$2,200 for the cage and Matt Olson seconded. Motion passed.

## VII. **New Business**

- A. **Drama Dept. Refrigerator** - Mr. Gillen dramatically reported to Dan Shultis that their fridge bit the dust. Dan Kielty made a motion to approve up to \$500 for the new refrigerator and Matt Olson seconded. Motion passed.
- B. **Gipper Renewal** - Dan Shultis explained the renewal of the social media platform already being used by some coaches. It is easy to use to push out and promote our clubs, activities and sports (he showed a brief demonstration). Fargo Hot Shots has directly loaded pictures on the site. Dan is asking for renewal. Up to 30 groups can use it for the cost of \$3,000. Groups would chip in. Shannon Gephart made a motion for \$2,100 towards funding it and Rob Gebhart seconded it. Motion passed.
- C. **JCL Latin Exams** - Cost = \$294; this is already approved, so no need for action.
- D. **GoDaddy** - We need to decide if we want to use GoDaddy in the future. We pay per transaction. It seemed to cause confusion. Let's revisit what we want from

Kristi, the website, Go Daddy, etc. and communicate that to her. We discussed that Davis is no longer using Kristi, but is going through a private company for their website.

#### VIII. **Long Term Projects**

- A. **Digital Trophy Case** - still an ongoing project
- B. **Weight Room Update** - Dan Shultis shared that it is still a process with the district - fortunately it will not go to a bid process if the money were raised (donated). \$132,000 total for the equipment cost and approx. \$8,000-9,000 in branding costs. The summer capacity will increase from 50 to 70 students. The Human Performance classes for the school year are also being developed.

**Next meeting will be December 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** (note that Dec. 1 would be the first Sunday, but follows the Thanksgiving holiday; therefore we will meet on 12/8/24 instead).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. by President Bailey with a firm, double tap of the gavel.