

Booster Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday March 2, 2025

Members Present: Amanda & Mark Aslakson; Shannon & Rob Gephart; Jennifer & Blair Thoreson; Linn & Wade Webb; Amanda & Adam Kaldor; Kara Kalbus; Brenda Maughan; Justin Hanson; DeAnn Bjornson & Dan Kielty

Members Absent: Colleen & Gary Bailey; Jami & Matt Olson; Andy Kalbus; Jack Maughan; Jenaah Hanson; Tiffany & Keith Knoke

Others Present: Dan Shultis

- I. **Call to Order:** Vice President Mark Aslakson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. with a triple tap, twice in fact, in order to quiet the chatty group.
- II. **Secretary's Report:** Prior to the meeting, Brenda Maughan emailed members the February meeting minutes. Kara Kalbus made a motion to approve February's minutes and Rob Gephart seconded; motion passed.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Shannon Gebhart shared 2 financial statements. A report of the business checking, which is where the expenditures are, indicated a balance of \$5,429.99. A brief discussion was had regarding insurance expenses this month. One of the insurance coverages involves track @ Bismarck State and Dan Shultis is following up on that. Money market savings has a balance of \$67,175.78. The high balance is due to Fund 61 closing and that fund was deposited into the money market savings. Shannon also reported that all membership money will go directly into the business interest checking account. Wade Webb made a motion to approve February's treasury report and Blair Thoreson seconded; motion passed.
- IV. **Committee Reports:**
 - Hospitality and Spirit** - Fan appreciation nights went well for basketball, concerts and hockey, although we may look at concession vouchers next year. It is possibly better to give a free item (ex. candy or popcorn) vs the money off as there may have been some confusion for the student volunteers working concessions. Next event will be the National Honor Society induction night. Brenda Maughan will look into ordering donuts for that event.
 - Registration/Membership** - Nothing at this time.
 - Advertising** - Blair Thoreson will update us later on charitable gaming when he has more information. Dan Shultis mentioned that we might consider looking into working with Fargo South as they are trying to find a charitable gaming site and running into the same problems we are. Blair shared some of the political aspects of gaming.

Hangry Joe's brought the board dinner tonight (and it was awesome!). Dan Shultis shared that they will sponsor Neptune Music. Shannon reported earlier that they may be interested in a sign (currently, only an electronic sign option). Discussion was had regarding our current signs on the FB field and track being full and if we want to add a frame to other places for further advertising opportunities (ie the gym; swimming pool;

track). Dan says Indigo would hang the frame, but we have to buy one. Adam Kaldor discussed how his company could possibly help with physically constructing the frame. He and Dan Shultis will look into it further.

Communications - Nothing at this time. Website info will be shared later in the agenda.

Finance - Shannon Gephart shared the Treasurer's report earlier.

V. Dates to Remember:

2024-2025 Board Meeting Dates

April 6, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

VI. Old Business

- A. **Website** - Kara Kalbus met with Kristi Ulrich, website creator. It was a very positive meeting. Lack of communication has been a problem in the past, but we are moving forward. We now have a Google calendar in which Kara and DeAnn Bjornson have access. Kara's recommendation is that we keep the website as it is functional and looks good. Kara now has editing access and can complete updates.

Our original contract with Kristi was for building the site and creation of the domain in 2022 for \$1,830. In 2024 we added the QR codes and banners, etc. of which the board has not been invoiced and therefore not paid yet (possible total \$3,800?). The original contract was going to charge \$500 a year for maintenance. Kara negotiated \$350 going forward since we can do a lot of updating ourselves. Our original contract is on the Booster google drive. Dan Shultis suggested we revisit this.

- B. **Baseball Shed** - We discussed and approved this at January's meeting. Dan Shultis said he will probably pull funds for this in August/September.

VII. New Business

- A. **Advertising Opportunity** - Hangry Joe's wants to be involved. We discussed this briefly earlier during committee reports. Dan Shultis says there is a team meal opportunity. They provided food for us tonight which was fantastic.
- B. **New Member Candidates** - Various current members are following up with people and need to firm up their commitments by our next meeting. Possible candidates are: Jed & Annika Hilmer; Tyler & Amanda Tracy; Ben & Amber Sanders; Kathy & Keith Bergseth; Halvorson's; Nancy Ulmer.
- C. **Dream Seats** - Currently, the chairs need to be replaced due to wear and tear and age. These are the chairs used for PT Conferences, sports related events (PA/scoreclock workers) etc. Dan Shultis would be looking at purchasing 48 chairs and a rack to store and transport. He'll receive approx. \$4,000 in BSN credit, so he will be approx. \$8,000 ask. We are tabling it for now. He would need to buy these by the end of the school year.

- D. **Academic Breakfast** - We don't need to vote on this; just awareness that it will be approx. \$1,500.
- E. **End of Season Banquet** - Roz Johnson (wrestling parent) will be reimbursed \$89.48. No vote necessary.

VIII. Long Term Projects

- A. **Digital Trophy Case** - Dan Shultis explained that Fargo South just put a Wall of Fame in this school year (funds were donated). They removed a trophy case and put in a screen. Dan is thinking North would do something different. Possibly something you could look at online. It would be \$10,000 to upload all the content and \$1500 to maintain annually. FN literally has a basement full of "stuff" (trophies, etc.) that needs to be dealt with.

VIV. Next Meeting: April 6, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

X. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. by Vice President Mark Aslakson.