

## OM Sports Boosters Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2010

Attendance: Sharon Lewis, Sara Simmons, Nancy Kenney, Vicki Kron, Wendy Shutter, Deb Dupuy, Mary and Lonny Johnson, Glenda Stermer-Simpson.

Call to order at 6pm.

### New Business

1. **Reading and acceptance of minutes.** Everyone approved the minutes without a re-reading.
2. **Reading of treasurer's report.** Discussion of account balances. Discussion on where to put memorials for Joanne Fitch. Recommendation on putting funds in sign fund. All approved. Discussion on profit from wrestling tournament. Profit was listed as \$550, but was closer to \$600. Questions were raised on the level of effort so little return. Discussed how wrestling is more of a service, than money maker.
3. **Officer resignations/nominations.** Vicki opened the floor for nominations. There were no nominations at this time. Nominations were closed and will reopen again next month.
4. **Jr. Honor Society.** Vicki talked to Deb Switzer. Each member must do 2 hours of community service each month. She is going to tell them students that they can work with the sports boosters. We had a student at the OM vs WG girls basketball game and it worked out well. We then had to send an email to Deb Switzer or Jane O'Neil to let them know they did their 2 hours. Be sure to note their time and name on game till sheet.
5. **Electronic sign update.** Vicki and Red are discussing the installation of the sign and issues such as electricity and placement. Red is busy, so Vicki is collecting technical and pricing data for him. She's going to research other companies. We do plan on sending out a questionnaire/survey of area residents on placement of the electronic sign. The plan is to ask questions on how people travel to the school or by the school, for school events or otherwise. The sign placement will greatly affect pricing. The closer to the road and the slower the traffic, the smaller the sign and lettering, the less expensive the sign. The faster the traffic and further from the road, increases costs because of lettering size increase. The idea is to see if, after the survey, we change our minds on where the sign should be installed. Deb D asked if this sign is strictly a sports booster fund raiser. Discussion: We should approach the other organizations and the PFOs for fund raising. We need more information on technical details and pricing before we ask other organizations to contribute to the sign fund, however, we should let them know we're coming. Wendy will do this. Lonny asked who will use the sign. The entire school will use the sign as another form of letting the community know what's going on.
6. **Concession Stand update.** Postponed to end of meeting.

### Old Business Items

1. **By-Law committee.** Sharon looked at other Section IV schools to see what their boosters do. There are 71 Section IV schools, 9 outside section 4, some outside of NY and some colleges. She

found very few schools have sports booster's presence online that was useful for her research. From the information she did find, she noted some interesting items. Some organizations combined secretary and treasurer into one position. The vice president position was not very well described or was simply "reports to and substitutes for president". She did find a few that have a presidential term of two years and vice president at one year. Some had member dues, i.e. pay \$25/year to be a booster member. Another incentive, the organization made donation to sports camps if the parents volunteered. For example, \$50 or 50% of the camp costs if the parents volunteered N hours. She didn't see any site that had a list of sports records kept. Vicki asked to see if anyone had suggestions on updates to the by-laws. Reminder on why we are doing this; there was a complaint on the level of detail expected of each position from a former officer. In addition, our by-laws state we will do a semi-annual review. Listing more duties might be useful for new officers. No one was in favor of the paid subscription for being a member. Another idea was to separate the by-laws from the membership contract. Put the details and routinely changing items in the membership contract, so it is easier to edit and change without a vote. Another suggestion was to have one person as the volunteer coordinator that deals with getting people to work that is not an officer. This is less intimidating than dealing directly with an officer. This has been working for the PFO. The suggestion was that people should write ideas on what a volunteer's job is so we can add this to the by-laws in some form. We're asking for written ideas by the next meeting.

2. **Varsity-O discussion.** Rose has been trying to contact school staff to talk to about this. She has not gotten any responses as of yet. She is going to see if the guidance department will head getting this organization together. The idea is that Juniors and Seniors from the school, who may or may not participate in athletics but want to be involved would form a Varsity O club. So as another club they would help our organization at sporting events. This club use to exist in the 1980s.

### **Concession Stand Discussion**

Vicki has been in touch with Red about the capital improvement project. She had drawings for people to look at. The bids have gone out. It's likely to be February before we get an update on the status. If construction starts as expected and we have ST Warriors this summer, we will have to serve out of a tent.

The outside concession will be approximately 13' x 19'. In addition there will be a 5' x 8' storage area. There will be men and women's handicap bathrooms. The building will be heated. There will be full plumbing. The design will be a stone building with a rubber roof, two serving windows, and a permanent 9' solid awning the entire length of the front of the building. Both serving windows will be on the same side, facing the football field. The square footage of the serving area is 258', larger than what we have now. Red is checking on whether the cabinets and other items in the drawing are included in the construction. The serving windows are 6' 8" wide.

The inside concession will be 272 sq ft. It will be placed in the existing court yard area. The door and window for the serving area will be on the same side. Mary asked who owns the concession stand? Can other organizations use the concession? For example, the fine arts boosters would like to use it during

plays. Vicki said that other organizations would have to arrange usage with sports boosters, but this sounds like a good idea. The internal area does not have a separate storage area. We should be able to keep the gym storage.

Pictures are needed of the old concession before it is torn down.

Adjourning the meeting at 7:05pm.