

PTHS Diamond Backers Booster Meeting – November 7, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by President, Beth Thompson.

October booster meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by Kathy Lawlor; second by Brad Caven.

Treasurer's report*:

- PAYMENTS – Booster dues were due on November 1. \$100 check made payable to PT Diamondbackers. Additional \$50 fee for winter training is due no later than January 1. If your player is involved in a winter sport and will be able to attend limited sessions, this fee is reduced to \$20. Thank you to those that have already paid.
- PIRATE TICKET Sales - \$500 deposit was sent to the Pirates organization.
- RIPKEN - \$1000 deposit was made for the trip.

**Complete copy of the Treasury Report was provided at the meeting.*

COACH'S REPORT: Coach Maize was in attendance to discuss the following:

- CLOTHING – A percentage of the \$100 dues paid to PT Diamondbackers goes directly back to your player in the form of baseball clothing for the season that is not provided by the district. Coach Maize determines what will be ordered based on input from the Seniors. Examples in years past: hoodies, jackets, winter hats, extra ball caps. There is \$3500 designated by boosters for this clothing.
- FORMS – please be sure to visit the HS website: www.ptsd.k12.pa.us – choose PTHS, then athletics for the forms required to play a school sport. There is the activity fee, physical forms, and remember to sign up for / update your Family ID account to include PTHS baseball.
- PLAYER MEETING – Scheduled for November 9th after school and will last about an hour. Any player planning on trying out for the HS baseball team should be in attendance.
- Weight training schedule. Coach Maizer prefers that the boys workout as a team but understands other commitments. Boys should not lift alone. Plans for afterschool 2 times per weeks, likely Monday & Thursday to allow for rest between days. Schedule may change due to space in weight room. This will be communicated thru announcements at the school. Upperclassman will be expected to lead the younger players.
- Winter workouts at Bianco's. Pitchers and catchers scheduled to begin on January 18 & 20, 2017. All others begin on January 23rd. Sessions will be M-W-F from 3-5pm. There will be a total of 20 sessions for training and an additional 3 sessions the week of tryouts. These sessions are a valuable part of the program. There will be a bus to transport the players from the HS to Bianco; players are responsible for their own ride home. Inclement weather may affect practices and cancellations will be announced at the school.
- WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA – Saturday, December 17 at 10:30am; National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Reagan Lawlor and Tor Sehnart may present at the next meeting. All players are encouraged to participate in this community service activity.

Freshman parents – please sign up for email blasts / communications. Beth has asked Coach Maize to address with freshman players at the meeting.

FUNDRAISING

- Pirate Ticket Sales – Beth Mary and Andrea Young to chair; There is a 500 ticket sale obligation. All players will have a minimum number of tickets to sell. We are looking at the schedule to decide which games. Minimum of 2 games – 1 Sunday and 1 weekday game. Suggestions welcome as to which game/s we should choose.
- Media Guide – Greg Mottola to chair; Jennifer Ploskina volunteered to assist. This is our major fundraiser for the organization and made roughly \$10,000 last year. More volunteers are needed. Please contact Greg Mottola if interested.
- Sale of umbrellas, chairs, superbowl pool, tshirts – Dave Hoffman to get information and follow up.
- Coffee mugs at Dunkin Donuts – Shannon Edeburn to get information and follow up.
- Restaurant fundraisers (Max & Ermas, Chipotle, etc) – dates TBD; Greg Mottola to coordinate. Players & families are encouraged to participate. Email blast will be sent.
- Spring Youth Clinic – date TBD. Rich Riotto is chair for this event. Need another parent involved.
- Spring Car Wash – date TBD. Carrie Miller and Kim Dailey will chair event. Greg Mottola to check on availability of Century Sports vs. Brewsters. Looking at weekends in May.
- Alumni Game/Picnic – date TBD. need chair/volunteers.
- Senior Rec Night – tentative date is May 9; Michelle Vulcano and Beth Mary to chair. Will need more volunteers.
- Year-End Celebration – date TBD; need chair/volunteers.
- Organizational fundraiser was again discussed (ie cash bash). There was a bit more interest at this meeting as a way to offset costs. Ideas and suggestions are welcome. Will revisit for next year.
- Youth Night – tentative for May 8th

SPRING TRIP – deposit has been made; we will begin collecting payments in January from JV and Varsity players.

CLASS REPS: THANK YOU to Carrie Miller and Karen Caven for volunteering to be the Junior Class reps.

Volunteer opportunity – Coach Maize discussed a possible opportunity with the Washington County Food Bank. Details to follow.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, December 5, 2016 at 7pm in the cafeteria – window side.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.