

Dugout Club Meeting Minutes January 26th, 2021

Quick introduction of all participants on the call.

1. **Treasurer Report** - Susan Smith

Balance of account information. No income and pitching mound expense coming up. 30 blast were purchased by the Dugout club and will be reimbursed by MBSC.

2. **Expenditure approval** - Voting members (expenses sent out before meeting)

Camp t-shirts

Helmets [baseball helmets for future](#) - if needed

Varsity Poster & Senior banners - all 3 items approved unanimously

Brent will put together a proposal to expand the dugout in March. May have an expense with that. If the field changes, due to current construction, we won't go forward. This expansion would add a railing with netting and redo concrete in the dugout and expand the current dugout. This will be a substantial expense, outline and estimate to follow before voting.

[2021 Senior Gifts](#) (already approved)

3. **Cardinals Strike Out Cancer Update** - Susan Smith and Tim Cleary

Had their first meeting January 19th, working on sponsors, t-shirts and hats.

Some people will be honored during the game, Levi (MHS sophomore) will be the Middleton honoree.

Asking all members to reach out to businesses that may be interested or provide this information to Tim or Susan so someone can follow up regarding sponsorship/donations. Save the date - June 10th - Middleton to host.

4. **Fundraising Update** -

Youth Tournament - (Kurt Paulsen) Gary Gmur provided an update - a few teams already signed up. There is a tab for the tournament info on the MSBC website.

Spring Youth Camp - Brent Jorgensen - Varsity kids will work, 25 kids per field.

Plan is to have 50 per group at one time at the fields for 2 hours - 2 dates

Sunday 4/25 and Sunday May 2nd (Make up date in case of weather- May 9th)

Kwik Trip Car Wash - Evelyn Paulsen - Fundraiser to replace the raffle for this year. Cards are good at any Kwik Trip that has a car wash, the card is for 5 Ultimate car washes and will sell for \$36; \$16 per card goes back to the program. These retail for \$40 and individually \$10 per car wash. You have 24 months to use them - deducts 1 car wash per month after that. Suggesting 3 cards sold per family. Incentive - 10 to 14 cards - pick from BSN catalog 1 item \$40 or less. 15 cards sold, chose a \$60 athletic wear item.

Funds to go towards a few items -

- freshman and sophomore coaches salary.
- board around/near the field for names of dugout club scholarship players

Flyer or FB distribution - player can decide. There will be a pre sell sheet.

Deadline for ordered Friday 2/12 - exact amount of cards will be ordered and cards go to the family for them to distribute and payment at that time of card delivery.

5. **Discussion on best way to honor previous and upcoming Dugout Club Winners**

How can we do this? Ideas

- Something on the back of the dugout?
- Something on the stadium and under the 'Middleton Baseball' sign?
- A large sign - where would this be placed?

This can be worked on as we are determining what will happen with the current stadium.

Jay Smith volunteered to take the lead on this and try to track down previous names and check out options. Troy will assist.

Also mentioned as doing something for Bob Joers.

6. **Spring Baseball Update** - Brent Jorgensen

No update on spring season or open gyms- working on alternate game locations if we can't play in Dane County.

Waiting to hear back from the high school on space available for open gym.

Could possibly do something at GRB Academy (De Forest) - the individuals going to the open gym would need to pay for this.

Season Update - looking for places to pay within 1 hour 20 min. bus ride.

Working with Woodside complex in Mauston. May contract with them for games

at that location if Dane County doesn't allow games. This may be for conference games or could be the first few weeks.

Discussion - Tim Cleary shared Booster Club Meeting info - Ben White and Jamie Sims are working hard getting winter schedules together in a short amount of time.

Brent shared - Dane county guidance for outdoor sports could improve before the season - the numbers are going in the right direction per a recent email he received.

If there is no school baseball season Brent will communicate that information as soon as he hears something and will work on providing possible options.

Regarding Dane county and who is setting the COVID rules - there is no one point of contact - seem to be getting the run around when coaches or parents are reaching out. Madison/Dane County is not accepting meetings on this issue either.

Tim Cleary suggested IF there isn't a school season that we find a way for the players to stay together and compete as a team. Coach Jorgenson agreed, this will help build the team/ community feel.

How to get more parent involvement to help with this spring and future springs?
IDEAS

- Personal communication from other dugout club members.
- Share success stories of the Club
- Possible video to freshman parents from Jorgensen outlining what we do
- Have class reps share information about the Dugout Club
- Share info at the first baseball meeting - introduce current Officers and reps
- Social media - information could be shared here across our account
- a reminder to all- if your son plays baseball you are already of the Dugout Club.

7. **Set time and date for next, and potentially last, Dugout Club Meeting**

Next meeting tentative - mid to late March.

Parent/ player meeting at the end of February.

Items that were ordered are to be delivered in 2 weeks. Coach will need help organizing and with distribution.