

Middleton Baseball Dugout Club Meeting
November 13, 2022
Draft Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Aaron Harris at 8:00 pm.

Members/Members-at-large in attendance are: Dan Gilliland, Brent Jorgensen, Troy and Lori Hellenbrand, Jamie and Stacy Guerrero, Greg Rademacher, Joe and Kelly Kick, Steve Caldwell, Derrick and April Look, Brad and Karla Jolin, Tim Cleary, Rick Feinberg, Aaron Faessler, Diana (DeeDee) Heisler, Melodee Vogt, Anne Esser, Matt Peters

Treasurer's Report (Dan Gilliland): Bank balance is reconciled to statement, with outstanding items being one outstanding check (for the socks/belts order) and a balance in the Venmo account that has not been transferred over. No other major payables on the horizon. A more detailed report can be made available for future meetings, as desired. From a procedural perspective, any expenses are run by the directors for approval.

Raffle Fundraiser update (Coach Jorgensen): Tickets are out to the players who we have contact info for. Attempting to get out to all (including incoming freshman into the program). Raffle is booked at Holiday Inn on Fourier Drive for January 23rd date. Do have volunteers for collecting the raffle items as they come in. Next step is gathering raffle items / donated prizes.

Wiffle Ball Fundraiser (Derrick Look): Internally advertised at this point – only Middleton and Cross Plains. Have 5 committed and 3 more likely. Scheduled for 6 grade-based age groups with 8 teams per bracket. Anticipate each team will have a 5-6 hour block where they are competing. Hoping to have each team compete on only one day of the weekend. Will broadcast to the Big 8 conference coaches and other teams we have played in non-conference in recent years as the next level of recruiting. Ask that each player in the MHS program volunteer for 2 hours during the event. Estimated revenues are \$12,000 for a full field of registration plus concessions. (No sponsorship funds planned on this year.) If volunteer shifts are struggling, we may consider just assigning families shifts.

Spring Trip Update (Tim Cleary): Airline tickets are reserved, registration for lodging submitted, transportation (vans) are secured. There are discussions with private and anonymous donors interested in helping make this a legacy event that the program can count on taking every year.

Aside on Capital Budgeting: Discussion on how to balance out a desire to take the spring break trip with the need for capital improvements to the stadium. Technically funding responsibility falls on the school/district, but if they do not step up the work does not get done. Little control over that process, so to the extent we are able to raise private funding we are likely to be able to accelerate the completion timeline. Top priorities in Coach Jorgensen's mind are improving the dugouts and expanding the hitting shed to 2-3 cages that are functional year-round. Regarding dugouts, the MCPASD is on the hook for concrete work (about \$20k of the \$60k budget), so that would likely be a "go" when the district decides to move ahead.

Formal Expense approvals (current and upcoming):

1. 4 pocket radar guns (@ about \$200 per). Motion by Ann Esser, second by Derrick Look to pay up to \$800 for four units. Approved unanimously.

2. Upcoming items that may will likely require formal approval, but no motion necessary at this meeting:
 - a. Spring break trip expenses. Remainder of airfare due February 8th. Player has traditionally paid for his own airline ticket, so would be mostly reimbursed once roster is set.
 - b. Game and practice baseballs. (Likely to be funded through Booster Club account.)
 - c. Spillover Blast Motion expenses
 - d. Coach Jorgensen will conduct a more thorough inventory as open gyms get underway in December.

Fundraising / Capital Budgeting Committee: Will be looking to form a subcommittee to tackle these issues. Tabled until a future meeting. Primary role would be to gather the "wish list" from the program, facilitate discussion / establish priorities and perhaps a hoped for timeframe for tackling each, and gathering bids as needed. It is not the intent that this committee would assume the lead for actually raising funds.

Cardinals Strikeout Cancer game will occur again this season – Coach Jorgensen has confirmed with the new Sun Prairie East coach. Middleton will host this year, likely date is in mid-April. Will plan to collect hat sizes and payments.

Motion to adjourn by Rick Feinberg, second by Troy Hellenbrand. Motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:58.