



MPW Board meeting
Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Start: 7:40 p.m.

End: 8:56 p.m.

-Keith:

-  Called meeting to order
-  Requested vote to amend emergency meeting vote in order to maintain it @ 7:30p.m on weds.
-  Request to vote in minutes from the last meeting. There are no minutes to vote in.

Open Discussion:

-  Concerns were raised regarding cheer coaches missing 3 meetings and being voted out. Keith reassured that no coach would be voted out as there was a valid reason for missing.
-  Point made about swapping the time to 8 p.m. Many chimed in to express dislike over this time.
-  Allyson stated that she was a no because there was a direct cheer-related conflict
-  Patrick seconded the motion to pass amended time, room was called to vote.

 **VOTE: Yes-13 No-4. Motion Passes**

Sheri: opened the discussion about music Bingo

 Tentative date October 7 at the VFW

 It is a good date right before competition and a way to beat out baseball

 Still trying to reach a person at VFW and it has proven to be difficult.

 She asked if anyone has contact with VFW

 Chelsey said she was a member.

 Sheri stated we have Edna ready to go

 Patrick reminded us that on October 7 U6 is hosting games

 Sheri stated it's at 7 pm and parents should be able to come.

 Christine expressed concerns over so many fundraisers in a short amount of time.

 Lauren responds that it was agreed upon to begin fundraising early at the last meeting.

 Lauren reminded everyone that we are preparing for nationals and that many were eager to fundraise at this evening's parent meeting.

 Sheri stated that we could do it at Sons but it would cost us \$600 while VFW could be free. She gets it at a better rate, normally they charge \$900.

 MPW was able to donate \$750 for the coach and his family, Sheri expressed how expensive it is for them to be in Boston or travel to get there. Proceeds from 50/50 were donated to coach and we raised some funds at concessions. She will be meeting with his wife to give her the cash. She expressed so much gratitude for the gesture.

 Question: can the video from Sunday's game be edited?

 Keith: let's hold off on this question, there is more information later on in the meeting.

Fundraising Update

Joleen: Opened dialogue regarding fundraising

Chocolates: We have received the chocolate for sale and will be available next week for distribution. Family signs out a box of \$60 and are responsible for paying that amount up front or after the sale even if they don't sell the whole box.

 Proceeds go to the championship fund

 Christine stated we should sell them at home games, and have girls walk around the stadium selling.

 It was stated we can have them at the bake sale stand also.

 We have upcoming canning in September and October as well as other raffles.

 Not all calendars have been sold, if they don't sell their calendars, they can sell the chocolates.

 This fundraiser is optional

 If a parent checks out it goes towards their fundraiser goals

 If checked out for concessions it goes to championship pot.

 Papa Gino's fundraiser is on Thursday the 14th from 4-8 pm

 Use code 19 for online orders, we will get 20% of sales.

Meadow Farms is another optional fundraiser

 We will get 30-50% kickback depending on items.

 Last year we did it in early September

 It was a pin in the butt to get it done

 Consider moving to November to hit up the holiday gift crowd.

 Sheri stated when we discussed this no other schools were doing it and now, they are doing it.

 Putting a hold on its b/c other schools are doing it

-Tabled-

Snap-Raise: it's a good fundraiser that gives each participant family 80% of the funds raised.

 It's a two-week fundraiser

 A good time to do it is between EMASS and Regionals (Oct. 29th - November 12th)

 It was stated that maybe they should just do an “I don’t wanna fundraise check” (joke)

-Tabled-

Motion: Laurens motions to vote for this date to begin snap-Raise, Cesy seconds, and Kayla 3rd (s)

Vote: 19 Unanimous votes.

Keith: there has been some discussion around a unified football program.

Hillary: explains that it is a program where children with disabilities can play.

 Basketball has a unified team

 Baseball has buddy ball.

 We will need “peer Model “helpers

 This would be for the 2024 season.

 Need to work on logistics

Keith: spoke to Dan in hopes of getting more information on the process.

 Want to include other organizations

 Open to Methuen and other surrounding towns.

 It will run simultaneously with the football season

 Need to discuss playing fields.

 **Paul:** Pop Warner has a challenger division, so why not join them, we could use their funds, rather than MPW being separate.

 There are so many hoops and rules

 Need 1:1

 Insurance and liability

 Want to include a flag football in the spring?



Question: Lauren what is the benefit or disadvantage of MPW or joining Pop Warner?

- there is not enough information to be able to answer that yet.

-Tabled-

 Football update: 

 U-6 starts this weekend @9:15 am.

 Games are in Woburn, Billerica, Malden, Everett

 Ida: 1st game is where? Woburn

 Keith is attending

 Please come support, help is needed

 We had a great opener, all teams won except for U10

 Cheerleaders look great with new uniforms



Question: what happened to the child that got hurt?

Lauren: That was Cesy's daughter Lex

Cesy: Lex dislocated shoulder and is in a sling, she is at practice but can't fully join in until Sunday/Monday.

 This weekend all games are away, weather permitting.

 Dave Romano has stepped down as U-12 coach and Athletics director.

 Keith appointed Patrick and he accepted to be athletic director

 Chad Smith is now U-12 coach.

 Cheer Update 

Lauren:

 We debuted our new uniforms that looked stunning on the field

 I sent out care instructions because everyone was soaked after the game.

 There are a few complaints about the shorts

 One parent emailed to apologize because once her daughter looked nice and fit well.

 We compete in Billerica in October

 October 14 is Competition 1

 Routines are progressing

 Nationals meeting went well, we informed on the fundraiser process, accommodations, and park tickets

 Nationals will look different this year and the booking process is difficult to understand.

 Fundraising has begun

 We sent out an updated fundraising letter

 Kids tend to drop out because of funding we are trying to get everyone who qualifies to go.

 There will be a tracker for bookings and for amounts kids raise.

 Fundraising cap is \$1,400 trying to raise that because of inflation and rising costs. -Tabled-

 Football must stay 7 days

 Cheer must stay 3-nights Saturday-Tuesday

 Competitions:

- **October 14 @ MHS**
 - Set up on the 13th might be a problem with the varsity game and no access to the gym.
 - Sheri: Joleen we need updated flower order for competition
 - Need summary for flower orders.

- **October 28th Billerica**

 Springfield:

- **November 11th D-E**
- **November 12th A-C**

Registration Software update

Danny:

 Thank you to everyone who stepped in to help, I really appreciate it.

 C-E cheer is being worked on

 All football is done (except. Pat)

 Cheer is more stressful because of WIKADA, music rights, and requirements.

 Books are in good shape though.

 U6/F team registration may be looked at to reduce cost.

 Parents complaining that they pay the same but get less than the rest.

 Christine/Hillary suggested they don't get uniforms and just use bows and t-shirts. Cheer board members responded with a no.

 Sheri: why not give them a cheer event at Canobie lake, something big and fun. Many agreed that would be a good idea.

 Sheri: why not remove their uniforms? Response: because it is how Lauren wanted it done.

 Discussion was initiated over registration cost:

 Joleen/Cesy stated that Methuen is one of the higher priced in area and that's why we chose not to increase.

 Keith stated no we are not and I will look into it

-Tabled-as new business

U-6 Game

 Saturday, October 7 @1:30

 Only have 3 games (technically 5)

 MPW has last game

 Need volunteers

 Want to run a scaled concessions stand

 5 teams will play, begins in afternoon

 Create a signup genius for volunteers

New Business

 Botox and Beers: -Tabled-

 Christine: we have families struggling to sign up to help at hut, when they try they are given a “no availability message” parents are frustrated that they have no opportunity to volunteer and that the same people volunteer taking away their opportunity.

 Cesy: where are these people? Because we are barely getting any new volunteers or those that help on Sunday

 These people want weekday concessions because they don't want to give up Sundays

 Christine: is there a list to see volunteers? Can we track who signs up?

 Patrick: if people have trouble signing up just have them send a message via the website and I'll work on it.

 We only need 1 other person during the week to fill in the hut

 Sheri” Absolutely no children in the hut, they are not good at tracking money or orders.

 We still need game day help, it's always the same core group and very few parents jump in. we need a solid 6 more people

- Cesy: ill commit to every home game and competition.
- We need 2 for every bake sale
- And one to cover Chelsey's table

 Patrick: we need to recondition the shoulder pads for next year
-“baby” bowl “big fundraiser” Chelmsford and Dracut gave verbal confirmation.

-Add F-team cheer to do sidelines/half time as well as perform their routine.

-Need volunteers to help plan.

- Want to use the stadium
- give out belts, rings, or trophies

 Vio Cam: does not work as intended, software doesn't allow for editing option as we thought.

- other options can cost upwards of \$2000
- Can we get a refund?
- we can use other Camaras/go pros with other software
- can only use the current camara right now

 Cesy: 1st: can we please begin planning the Santa parade asap, last year it was a mess and everything was last minute.

- o Keith: you mean Ghetto, it was ghetto, can you spearhead that, Cesy Yes, I'm going to need your \$ for that. I'll lay out a plan for the parade.
- o 2nd Please, when you are in the hut clean up after yourselves. If you make pop-corn please clean the machine.
- o Keith: ok let's look into that figure out what's going on.

-Meeting Adjourned-