



Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2008

Attendees: Tony Tabor, Lisa Armstrong, Jean Callahan, John D'Angelo, Stephen Friedman, Tom Janikis, Lisa Kerley, Steve Owens, Jon Simper, P.J. Staun, Malana Tharp

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Steve Owens.

Steve reported that the May 15 parents' information meetings had been very successful and that a number of parents had joined the Gridiron Club that evening. He thanked the Board for all their hard work in making the meetings so successful.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of May 6, 2008 were reviewed and approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

Stephen Friedman reported that the Gridiron Club had \$35,442.00 in the bank as of June 9, 2008. Stephen projected that anticipated expenses over the summer would come to approximately \$23,000 for such things as new weights and a sound system for the weight room, video editing software and equipment for the coaches, apparel costs, payment for activity passes that come with the Gridiron memberships, and miscellaneous additional costs related to the passing league.

Stephen also reported that there was \$7,783.00 in the football program's school tax credit account.

In response to a question by Coach Tabor, Stephen added that additional funds still needed to be collected from the lift-a-thon and that he would look into the possibility of sending bills to collect on the commitments made.

IV. Head Coach's Remarks

Coach Tabor reported that the incoming freshman class looked good and that many incoming freshmen were participating in the summer weightlifting program.

He also said that the varsity and junior varsity teams were doing well in the passing league. He added that the varsity had finished among the top teams at the NAU, ASU and U of A tournaments.

He reported that there may be a need to buy some additional equipment for the players this fall to fill in gaps and replace aging items, including some new jerseys for the freshmen and helmets and shoulder pads for varsity.

V. Fundraising

Jon Simper introduced David Dang, an assistant vice president with MidFirst Bank, who made a presentation on the bank's interest in sponsoring various activities at DMHS games this fall. Mr. Dang said that MidFirst would bring its "coin van" to the first varsity game on September 5 and would match up to \$1,000 in contributions from DMHS fans at the game. He said that MidFirst would do the same at the September 26 varsity Homecoming game and the October 16 varsity televised game, making for a potential total donation of \$3,000 in matching funds from the bank. Mr. Dang added that MidFirst would set up tents with games and activities at these three games and would give away tee-shirts and have a field goal kicking event at one or more of these games as well. He said that MidFirst would consider providing tents and activities at the August 16 Team Room dedication event as well.

The Board had a general discussion with Mr. Dang about the bank's interest in supporting DMHS football and thanked him and the bank for their help.

The Board then also had a broad discussion about soliciting advertising for the souvenir game program. Steve Owens redistributed the information he previously had provided about prior advertisers. Lisa Kerley volunteered to help coordinate the information about advertising contacts by Board members to avoid duplicative contacts. Steve said that Bob Lehman would provide information to the Board about the production costs and schedule for the souvenir program at the next Board meeting.

VI. August 16 Team Room Dedication Event

Jon Simper led a discussion of the August 16 Team Room dedication event. Jon will organize a committee to put the event together and get information out to parents and supporters about the event. Jean Callahan will supply Jon with the names of parents who have volunteered to serve on the Gridiron's Special Events Committee.

Jon and Steve Owens also briefly discussed some preliminary ideas for tailgating events at several of the varsity home games.

VII. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

VIII. New Business

Lisa Armstrong and Lisa Kerley asked for the contact lists for the Junior Varsity and incoming freshmen players, respectively, so that they could begin to communicate with them directly about Gridiron events and encourage parents to join the Gridiron. Jean Callahan said she would provide the lists to them.

IX. Next Meeting

Steve Owens advised the Board that because of his travel schedule he would be unable to attend the July Board meeting. Because of various members' vacation plans, the Board also agreed to move the date for the July Board meeting to July 9 and to hold the meeting at a location other than the Palomino Library in case the Board meeting needs to run longer than two hours.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.