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Metea Valley High School (Mustangs)
Athletic Booster Club – Monthly General Meeting
October 27, 2010

Attendees: Mike House, Robin Solomon, Tom Schweer, Rob Davis, Laura Karlins, Craig Laskey, Anne Meyer, Michele Fix, Gary Geldernick, Cheri Obendorf, Pam Turner, Sue Varchetto, and Jon Graham.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. September 2010 minutes were approved as submitted by members present.

- 1) **Fall Season Recap:** Tom Schweer reviewed some of the accomplishments from our first varsity fall season. On average we had about a .500 winning percentage, which is very respectable given our first-year full varsity status with no seniors. Girls cross country was the first team at MVHS to go to state as a team. We had a girls tennis player make it to state. And there were two girl golfers who also advanced to sectionals. Upcoming, our Metea stadium will host JR High football championships for District 203 and 204 on Monday November 1. We did not obligate ourselves to have the concessions available. We are starting preparations for indoor concessions and the first home varsity game of the winter season, Girls Basketball on November 16.
- 2) **New Steroid Testing Policy:** Effective for the winter IHSA sports season, all athletes will need to review and sign the new steroid policy, which basically indicates that an athlete can be tested at any time during the academic year after their sport has started. The coaches for the winter sports will be providing this new letter to their athletes for their signature. It also requires a parent signature.
- 3) **Winter Season Athletic Registration:** Just as a reminder any athlete wishing to try out for a winter sport needs to go on-line and be registered. Payment for the season can be brought into the Athletic office. No athlete can try out without being registered. If you cannot remember if you have registered for the winter season, contact Shari Olsen of the Athletic department and she can check for you.
- 4) **Upcoming booster fundraising:** Mike reviewed several different opportunities for funding athletic boosters. Clark's Car Care Fundraiser gives \$25 per oil change through Nov. 30 to MVHS Athletic boosters. All you need to do is make an appointment and indicate you are there on behalf of the MVHS athletic boosters. The entire cost of the oil change is donated to MVHS Boosters. The Athletes and Artists day at Meatheads will take place all day on Monday, Nov. 2 – 10% of all that is earned through MVHS athletes and artists goes back to the Athletic and Performing Arts departments at MVHS. You don't need to have the flyer or coupon, you can just bring up the electronic coupon on your smart phone and that will suffice to direct the proceeds to MVHS! One booster member also reminded us that the school has a "Noodles" night in December where the proceeds go toward the school positive referral program, the PBIS program.
- 5) **November 20- Boys Basketball Black & Gold scrimmage:** Tom indicated that this would follow morning pictures and all levels of the boys program will be participating in a scrimmage at MVHS. The scrimmage should begin around 10:30AM and end around noon. Tom indicated that concessions will not be needed. However, this may be a good opportunity to have the apparel store open for holiday shopping etc. Sue Varchetto will discuss further with Heather to determine the hours and number of volunteers required.
- 6) **MVHS PTSA Auction-** This year the auction will be on Friday, January 28 at Stonebridge country club. They will have the entire space and can accommodate 350 patrons as opposed to the 200 cap from last Spring. The Athletic Boosters plan to participate again by providing

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a few quality items of merchandise, tickets, passes, etc. and would reap a portion of the profit. Robin reminded the group of the Hagemasters donation of a dozen large "Crate and Barrel" glass containers that may be a unique way to display athletic merchandise and include desirable gift certificates themed with the contents in these large glass containers. We should gather a group of Athletic booster members that would be the committee to determine the items that we can donate toward this event and participate to assist PTSA as needed.

- 7) **Apparel merchandise update:** Sue indicated that the 20 stadium chairs should be in next week. The quantity was ordered based upon pre-order interest, so we will not be carrying a large inventory on these, perhaps 4-8 extra chairs. Heather and Sue have ordered more scarves and fleece jackets, and other winter apparel. Janine had indicated interest in researching printed flannel for a holiday "gift blanket kit" to be sold at the store. More information to follow. All seems to be going well with the store during the Friday lunch hours, albeit a bit slow, but come November/December they anticipate increased activity.
- 8) **Apparel/ merchandise holiday shopping promotion.** The group discussed the need to advertise holiday shopping dates that would be connected with athletic games or other school events. The three dates that have been determined are: Saturday November 20 (during the Boys basketball Black and Gold scrimmages); Tuesday December 7 (Boys varsity basketball vs. NVHS); and Saturday, December 11 (all levels of boys basketball playing from morning through evening). Actual times need to be finalized; however, communication about these holiday shopping hours needs to be provided through school list serve, our web page, TV monitors inside the school, and on the Booster Facebook page. Janine Horne will coordinate these channels as well as compose an e-mail to be sent out on our member e-mail distribution list to our current athletic booster members. Feeder schools may also want to be made aware of these sale dates for future freshmen, etc.
- 9) **Spirit Coordinator position wanted:** An additional apparel/merchandise position is being considered. This position would report to the Apparel merchandise chairperson and be involved in planning and purchasing spirit-related "trinkets" to be featured at various games. This position would also coordinate (or lay out the plan) to various school related clubs and groups such as Pep Club, MV Gov social committee and the Student PTSA. Robin suggests that we look at the boys varsity basketball game against NVHS on Dec. 7. Sue and Heather will discuss further. Robin had suggested an individual who may be interested in being the spirit coordinator who had connections with the school pep club and the school government, (MV Gov - social committee). The athletic booster club could take the lead and pull out games, events, etc. that Tom Schweer would consider critical or highly popular / important where there is a need to "show our Spirit" in a very coordinated manner to help our teams through selling spirit items while being another source of income for Boosters. The exec committee can review the dates and assemble a committee to look into this soon. In the meantime Heather and Sue may be able to coordinate some kind of trinket purchase and align it with current school clubs for the December 7 boys basketball game against NVHS. Sue indicated that they would continue to toss out the Mustang Mania t-shirts via the cheerleaders. There was some discussion in a prior exec committee meet to have some of the baseball guys assist the cheerleaders with throwing of the t-shirts into the stands. The idea of purchasing some kind of mechanical launchers for these items has been put on hold. Anyone interested in the position of spirit coordinator, please contact Mike House or one of the board members. Our hope is to have this position in place soon.
- 10) **Volunteer/membership/budget software recommendations desired:** To more efficiently communicate with our membership and schedule volunteers for events, etc. Robin suggests that the club review software that is presently being used by the MVHS PTSA called PTO manger. It costs approximately \$300 annually and if you add the budget component it

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would be ~\$400 a year. Robin will have some kind of information about this product at our next general membership meeting. She asked other members to bring forth software products that they may be aware of through other volunteer organizations or work, vendors, friends, etc. If we can trial them for a month in the winter/spring, then we can determine which system should be purchased and in place for the 2011-2012 school year.

11) Athletic Booster on facebook: Please "friend us" by going to our facebook page. If you have questions, please contact Janine Horne, Communication coordinator for MVHS Athletic boosters.

The next general membership meeting will be Wednesday, November 17 at 7 PM in the Metea Commons.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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