

GPABC Minutes

November 12, 2008

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President Johnny Gardetto.

Opening Statement – Johnny Gardetto

- GPABC Board introductions were made and contact sheet was routed for attendance.
- A 'thank you' note to Bob Prindiville was routed for all sports reps to sign. Board members were asked to let Bob know what they liked about how the newly remodeled outdoor concession area works.
- The Board acknowledged **Judy Fons** for referring the "Step Up to Better Health Run / Walk" to the GPABC. This was a great opportunity for the GPABC to give back to the community. The event generated \$212 for the GPABC.
- **Gary Forbord** was again responsible for organizing the ticket taking at all Fall sport events, including the football and soccer playoff games. Thank you Gary for all your hard work this Fall season, and thanks to all the volunteers who responded to Gary's call for help!

October Minutes: Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved Minutes from meeting of October 9, 2008. Minutes are posted on the website, www.greendaleboosterclub.org.

Project selection – Gina Wilkins for Rob Hamby

- **Athletic Trainer:** Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved to spend \$3074.51 (if no delivery or setup charges) for new ice machine for the trainer's room. This request was originally approved by the Board on 6/10/07 at a cost of about \$2600, but with the high school renovations nearing, ordering the machine was postponed until now. Prior model has been discontinued and this model will fit the trainer's space. Gina will check on the validity of the warranty if the district installs the machine.
- **Project Selection Tracking Sheet:** Johnny routed a spreadsheet put together by Rob Hamby, Greg Turay and Gina Wilkins, summarizing the Board's project selection approvals for the 2008-09 fiscal year. This will track the expenditures the board approves, follow the purchases through the district's system and show the actual amounts charged to the GPABC. The officers review this sheet at each of their meetings.
- **Senior Gifts:** The officers were recently contacted by a sport rep as to whether balls used during the season could be used as senior gifts. Gina checked with all coaches as to their practice, and the consensus was that this is generally not done. Any balls purchased by the GPABC are district property. After they are deemed unusable by a coach, the AD determines whether they should be reused by the middle school, donated to Greendale's sister school, Clark Street School in Milwaukee or discarded. After a general discussion among the Board, it is the policy of the GPABC not to sponsor senior gifts. Donations for senior gifts should be discussed and determined among the families participating in each sport.

AD Update – Gina Wilkins

- **Fall Sports Wrap Up:** The Fall sport season will officially wrap up this weekend and was very successful. The Winter sport season started last week. In summary:
 - Girls Tennis:** 2008 Conference Champions! This is the first time Girls Tennis qualified for team state, Division 1. In addition, several girls qualified for and played individual state matches.
 - Cross-Country:** Bobby Laabs qualified for the individual state meet and finished 7th out of 152 runners in Division 2.
 - Boys Volleyball:** 2008 was a rebuilding year for the team. They did not make it out of regional play.
 - Girls Volleyball:** The team captured their third regional title in four years!
 - Boys Soccer:** First time ever Regional Champions!
 - Football:** 10-2 overall record this year, losing to WISCO in the third round playoffs. This is the fourth year in a row that Greendale qualified for post-season play (prior to 2005 the last playoff win was in 1981). Twelve players have been named to the 1st team in the Woodland Conference.
 - Girls Swim:** Erin Connell qualified to swim in the 100 yard freestyle Division 2 state meet this weekend. Good luck Erin!

Treasurer Report (attached report) – Greg Turay

- Audit Committee:** The GPABC By-Laws call for an Audit Committee to review the Treasurer's records. Instead of hiring an accountant and incurring expenses for this, we need three volunteers to form an audit committee. If you are interested in serving on this committee or if you know someone who might have the experience, please contact either Linda Marolt or Johnny Gardetto.
- Bank Divestment:** Currently, all our funds are deposited at National City Bank which was just purchased by PNC, a large east coast bank. Given the state of the economy, the officers discussed whether we should divest or spread some of our deposits to another bank – Layton State Bank was suggested. Greg will find out more details about deposits there and report to the Board at the December meeting. A discussion about whether to transfer some of our funds to another bank and vote will be taken at that time.
- Al Sikorski** commented about the financial condition of the GPABC at this time. He was involved with the formation of the all-school booster club in 1999. At that time, the officers and board members thought it would be great to raise thousands of dollars for the students and joked about a six figure amount. Everyone was willing – as we are now – to work hard to meet the financial goals. He expressed his congratulations to the Booster Club for raising all those funds and more for the students of Greendale High School. Several other sports reps commented about how other schools handle their athletic fund raising compared to the GPABC.

Fundraiser / Activity Reports

- Membership Drive – Johnny for Lisa Vickery.** The committee is working on ideas to promote membership for next year. If you have a need for tickets for winter sporting events, contact Lisa Vickery at lisajv01@hotmail.com or use the form on the website.
- Outdoor Concessions – Cindy Connell.** Cindy thanked all the volunteers who helped make concessions so successful throughout the year, especially during the cold playoffs. Lynn Meythaler has "retired" as her assistant. (Thank you, Lynn, for all your help!) Cindy is looking for someone to help her next year and possibly assume the committee when she "retires" after the 2009-10 season. Contact Linda Marolt or Cindy if you are interested in helping out with this important fund raiser.
- Indoor Concessions – Karen Rick.** Karen distributed the schedule for winter indoor concessions. (This list will also be posted to the website.) Karen and Linda Marolt are still trying to recruit a few other people to help coordinate indoor concessions. If you are willing to take on this responsibility, please let them know as soon as possible.
- Jimmy K's Night – Annette St. Martin.** October brought in \$84.95, up 28% from last month. Renee Bykowski was the winner the pizza drawing in October. Next date is Tuesday, **November 18th!**
- Casino Night – Steve Placek. Saturday, February 14th – Valentine Theme.** For the second year, the sport reps from each team are asked to come up with some kind of silent auction item, a basket, restaurant gift certificate, etc. Return your raffle items at the 1/14/09 meeting or by the end of January. Items can also be turned in to the AD's office. The committee will also be looking into a ticket-style 50/50 type Raffle with three to four places. Details will be set at the next committee meeting. National City Bank will be helping out with this fund raiser.

Officer reports

- Committee volunteer sheets – Linda Marolt.** Linda has commitments from Doreen Drumel (program book), Annette St. Martin and Janet Fendos (Homecoming Tailgate party), and Karen and Tom Rick (indoor concessions). Still looking for someone to handle this year's golf outing and Village Days.
- Website tracking update – Johnny Gardetto.** During the time period of October 1st to November 1st there were 192 visitors to the website; down 21% from September.
- Stadium Bleacher Seat name plates – Renee Brunelli.** Renee contacted Debbie Weyer and confirmed that the GPABC was the sponsor of that fund raiser. Each name plate was approximately \$100 and could be placed wherever the purchaser wanted. There are many "seats" still available. If we want to pursue this again, a committee and chairperson will need to step up. Judy Hansen and Mary Wanezek will check for volunteers at the football team banquet. This item will be revisited at December's meeting.
- Article in the Milwaukee Journal – Local booster club dissolved after being sued and not supported by its district – Johnny Gardetto.** Johnny explained what happened to this booster club because of its policy to pay for things directly instead of passing payment through the school district. All of the GPABC's "purchases" are ordered by the school district and the booster club reimburses the district for those expenses. Any questions or comments, please contact Johnny.
- Wheelchair event – January 10th – Johnny Gardetto.** This basketball event is organized by Matt Majszak a Greendale alumni from the Waukesha Thunder. Concessions will be open and Johnny asked whether the Club would like to further support this event by donating some of the concession proceeds. A general discussion took place about whether to donate funds to the team or the wheelchair league. Gina will get more details about this event and this item will be placed on the December agenda.
- Aprons and Shirts for GPABC Board Members – Johnny Gardetto.** Johnny obtained shirt and apron samples for the Board to look at and comment on. The shirts would be available to only Board members to support, market and promote the GPABC. The aprons would be worn for outdoor and indoor concessions. Cindy commented that the use of the buttons in the concession stand to promote the Club was very successful – so much so that some people asked if they could buy buttons! She worries that the aprons will not be worn by volunteers. A generic design for the shirts would be used, but we will not go

ahead with samples unless the sports reps are behind this project. Jane St. Onge suggested that Ms. Guida's class be used to give design ideas. The shirts would cost about \$24-26. Sports reps were invited to look at the samples available and further discussion about this will take place at December's meeting.

Old Business:

•**"Recruiting Realities"** – Judy Hansen. Judy attended and reported on the seminar regarding NCAA recruiting and scholarships available to athletes. She was very impressed with the presentation, but was surprised at the low turnout. Gina will have a book available in the AD's office which will give details about playing sports in college and will also promote this information in the Guidance Department.

•**GHS Grand Opening:** Gina Wilkins. The High School's renovations are finished and a "grand opening" ceremony will take place on November 22, 2008.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, December 9th at 6:30 PM in GHS Library

Wednesday, January 14th -GHS Library

Wednesday, March 11th -GHS Library

Wednesday May 13th GHS Library

Wednesday, February 11th -GHS Library

Tuesday, April 7th -GHS Library

Wednesday, June 10th GHS Library

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Prindiville, Secretary