

First and Ten Meeting Minutes

Norton High School Café

April 11, 2017

Meeting began at 7 pm.

Those in attendance: Michelle Petersen, Tricia McGurr, Tammy Freeman, Jennifer Kearsley, Beth Walter, Paul Healey, Michael Reynolds, Stacey Bernritter, Jackie, Hunt, Cindy MacDonald, Denise O'Neill, Jan Marie Combs

This was the agenda for the meeting:

1. Welcome
2. Board Openings - President and Fundraising Coordinator - Election
3. Secretary's Report
4. Treasurers Report
5. Grade Parent Coordinator Update
6. Upcoming Events- Canning, Equipment Pick-up, VFW Clean-Up, Practice Gear
7. New Ideas and suggestions for fundraising

Welcome: Due to the absence of a current President, Jan Marie Combs, Secretary, began the meeting at 7 pm and took minutes accordingly. Jan asked for someone to step forward to fill the position of President. At that point, no one stepped forward – there was no interest expressed by anyone in attendance.

Board Openings –Elections: Jan then asked if there was anyone interested in filling the open Fundraising and Program Coordinator position and Jennifer Kearsley stepped forward and offered to take that position. Stacey Bernritter made a motion to elect Jennifer Kearsley, it was seconded by Tricia McGurr - all were in favor – unanimous - as shown by a show of hands. Congratulations Jennifer and thank you! Beth Walter stated that she would be available to answer questions, support Jennifer and serve as a solid guide along the way. Thank you Beth! Beth gave Jennifer a tip that it would be very important to coordinate team meals and fundraising as there is some overlap between the two, thus touch base and coordinate with Denise who will continue to oversee any food-related needs.

Secretary's Report: Jan reported that all minutes that she took last year are on the Norton Lancer Football First and Ten website and copies were made available at the meeting. In addition, all of the events that are scheduled to date (including games) are on the website. The website is a great resource for families.

Jan asked the group when they would like to meet each month. The group decided that Tuesday night's work the best and a location at NHS is best, either the Cafeteria or another room in the high school. Jan will be scheduling the meetings throughout the year and will focus on Tuesday nights, mid-month if possible. Jan will try to book May 9th at NHS next month. As soon as confirmed, she promised to share the date with the group. The group discussed that we would really like to all see an increase in the numbers that attend the meetings. We are not expecting big numbers of freshman coming in, thus we really need to spread the word to all grades to hopefully increase participation. In addition, spaghetti suppers on calendar. Cheer will be hosting three of them so they need to pick their dates and we will note accordingly. Cindy will coordinate this with Michelle Nordbeck/Cheer.

Treasurer's Report: Stacey reported details of the First and Ten financials. She shared the Treasure's Report ending December 31, 2016 and reviewed and asked if anyone had questions or needed clarification about any expense, etc, on the report. No one questioned any of the details of the report. Stacey also shared current balance information. Current account balance is \$2861.19. Recent expenses were paid and included the website annual fee and HUDL. Upcoming expense of \$1600.00 (16 senior \$100 scholarships) still needs to be paid out of the current account balance. Stacey made a motion to vote to approve the \$1600 payment for the senior scholarships. Trisha seconded it and the group voted – it was unanimous – no one, when asked, had issue with approving this expense. Jan offered to remind senior parents to complete scholarship applications and will put a notice on the website. Senior night is May 30th at Norton High School. Jan brought up the point that someone needs to hand out the scholarships at Senior Night. Stacey made a motion that Michelle Petersen hand them out at Senior Night since she is the outgoing President. All approved – unanimous. Jan asked if anyone had issue with that and no one stated that they did.

Stacey suggested getting going on fundraising initiatives as our funding is very low.

She did report that the Helmet fundraiser yielded about \$250 this year, which was already deposited, and that amount was down from the year before.

She also mentioned that Spaghetti Supper is one of our largest expenses – but that that expense has been pretty consistent from year to year. Michelle Petersen stated that the coaches have requested that they be done weekly. We will continue to brainstorm ways of trying to do them cheaper – such as getting more donations from families and/or businesses. Vice President will continue to oversee all food-related events and needs.

Grade Parent Coordinator Update: Tammy Freeman reported that she will be staying on the next year as the grade parent coordinator and will be in touch with parents to plan upcoming events. We confirmed the grade parents and they are listed below:

Jackie Hunt – Senior Coordinator

Sharon O'Brien– Junior Parent

Bill/Michelle McNichols – Sophomore Parents

TBD - Freshman Parent NEEDED (we need to promote football program at fall sports meeting).

Upcoming Events:

Canning: Jan confirmed that she booked Roche Bros for canning for both days of Father's Day Weekend – June 17 and 18. We will have the boys can from 9 am – 5 pm both days in two hour shifts. Jan will put together a schedule and give to the captains who will need to solicit volunteers and oversee sign-ups. Last year this fundraiser was very successful so we have high hopes for this year as well.

Game Heads Up: There will be a Varsity Game on Saturday afternoon HOME September 23rd. This is on the calendar but Michelle wanted to give the group a heads up.

Spaghetti Suppers: Jackie will contact the VFW to book the Spaghetti Supper dates.

Photography: Jan Combs will continue as team photographer. Stacey made a motion, seconded by Tammy, and it was unanimous.

Equipment Pick Up and BBQ: Coach Tim McCarthy will need to provide us with the date he would like. Jan will contact Coach via email and request he provide the date. Jackie will book the Everett Leonard Park once a date has been determined. Practice Gear will need to be ordered by the new President and handed out at BBQ. Captains will get a catalogue from Coach Currel and select some options, then the Coaches will decide. NHS continues to be a Nike school.

VFW Clean Up: This will need to be arranged with Gary at the VFW and will be held outside of the regular football season – perhaps post-season in November. Cindy suggested that kids bring gloves and wear long sleeves as her son George as well as other kids got very bad cases of poison ivy last year. It was suggested that VFW spray for poison ivy prior to when kids do the clean up.

NEW IDEAS: Raffle baskets and gear are available and left over from last year thus these can be used for fundraising. Also, Home Plate is booked for a Wednesday night where they will give 20% back to us. They will let us know what our date is at some point. Dick's Sporting Goods may also be there to support a fundraiser. Other new ideas were shared such as doing a Comedy Night (Raynham Dog Track), wine tasting, Bog Brewing, Chipolte, Bertuccies, Five Below, Jake and Joes, TGIF's.....

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Next meeting - Tuesday May 9th at NHS.