



**Westlake Demons Athletic Boosters Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2020 – COVID-19 Virtual Zoom Meeting**

Athletic Director's Report:

- Request to WDAB to re-implement \$2500 towards rental of gymnastics gym time; did not initially put in budget as we did not know what winter sports were going to look like.
- Thanks & Congrats to any who helped with fall sports!
- Thanks to Laura for getting concessions up & running; also to Jenny for Spirit Shop up and running
- Thanks to Dana for 50/50 and like the online raffle
- Kathy McKenzie doe have COVID, should be back on Monday
- Congrats to girls XC team, what a great story and outstanding season, all freshman and sophomore! Did not do a traditional State send-off.
- Fall sport parent, award ceremony a bit different (get dates from Tony)
- 2 students signing
- XC last man standing Columbus at State Championship this Saturday
- Moving Fall to Winter- see guidelines that Tony put out; will be meeting with coaches via Zoom
- Bask
- Tennis crack repair pushed to spring; hope to get it done in a week
- Pre-season rules and regulations will be available online by tomorrow afternoon
- If you are in direct contact with a person who has COVID you are in quarantine 14 days regardless of being tested
- Cases are up this week; winter will most likely look the same
- Virnette would have liked to something in-person
- Swimming question regarding swimming cuts being fair & equitable
- Virnette; why was drug trusting suspended? Tony; will not re-implement for this year; with not enough kids in school it would not have been a random/fair process.
- Virnette; streaming, can we offer streaming of games for all student game? Tony; this has been explored (especially for winter sports) and will be able to stream basketball, exploring other options to stream, lack some technology to be able to stream; Tony has been disappointed that we were not able to stream football.
- Award ceremonies will be streamed next week; will see how well the streaming goes
- Megan, has talked with other about streaming; school does not have great service, write to school board members about getting upgrade to allow to stream especially with limited or no fans at winter sports



- Parents are welcome to request to have student drug tested
- Motion to approve gymnastics – Megan makes motion- Virnette second 2nd - motion carries approved to off-set gym costs

1. Requests/Financial/Guest Reports

President: Tim Bihn, call meeting to order

- Approval of October Minutes
 - Motion: Megan
 - Second: Dana
 - Motion carried, minutes approved Oct 8th

Tim's report:

- December try to do an offsite meeting; any input on trying to do an offsite or try to meet person; might be able to use media center or a larger classroom. Any suggestions to go offsite to restaurant? Dana, suggest do a larger room at school; possibly bring in some pre-packaged snacks. A lot of conversation regarding a December meeting – Megan will look for a space a school and will book it for December
- Tim sent email to coaches to let them know what funding they have available- included tax form as well

Vice President: Dana Wolfe

- Finalizing getting payments in for fall advertisers
- WDAB meeting with Westlake Education Foundation on doing a fundraiser; work with WEF raffle to win a car, music boosters, PTA, Alumni Assoc. get 50% and every ticket will get \$12.50- promote on social media, they will create link and WDAB will push through social media and emails to WDAB members; not required to see a certain amount of tickets; each group will donate a prize for 2nd, 3rd, 4th prize – will use some of the baskets that we have from Demon Derby will put basket together. Virnette has a couple
- Demon Derby March 20th; still on the books but will wait to see what will be going on and make decision by December or January.
- Veterans Day display coming together nicely; Amy had great social media plan put together; Marti has sent out to PR company- will assist to get Veteran's platform to larger audience – yard company did donate all yard signs to recognize Veteran's
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Treasurer: Tricia Balch –

Going well, Tim helped put system – see Tricia report.

- \$91000; minus \$2500 (gymnastics) in excess cash right now

Secretary: Ivy Arndt

- Please send in emails if not able to attend meeting with any committee updates.



Committee Reports

Alumni & Community Relations: Megan Moutoux

- Moving along; partnered with WEF for car raffle- Serpentini offered car to raffle
- Cannot do Fall Induction; looking to do something in the Spring
- Nominating for 2021 class

Concessions, Laura Lett – not present

- About \$500 everything ran smoothly
- Working on winter sports concessions
- Tony – working on list of dates from Laura
- Did pizza get approve

Membership: Laurel Clarke – not present

See Laurel's report:

We are doing well with memberships. We currently have 181 memberships which is just below last year's total of 188. Our membership dues are up from last year by over \$6,000. This is due to the fact that our giveaways cost less than the passes that were part of our memberships in years past. Team Reps, please continue to encourage your families to join. I will be holding another pick-up for membership items shortly and will let members know the date and time.

Public Relations: Marti Bowman

- Not present

Scholarships: Laurie Walsh

- Not present

Senior Banners: Jessica Hennessey

- Will take down banners tomorrow at 2PM; prepare for distribution to award to students at awards ceremony next week
- Winter pics on Sat Nov 14 & 15 at Picture Takers – will be sign-ups sent out

Social Media: Amy Havelka,

- Ready for Veteran's day; plan Sunday to show some general posts –Monday & Tuesday every hour dedicated to team and veteran
- Send any media posts
- Tim; asked to have a post about girls XC sent off video tomorrow at 10AM. With a congrats from WDAB!

Spaghetti Dinner:

- Not present; not sure what is going on due to Covid restrictions

Spirit Rally: Dana Hartup

- Did not happen



Corporate Sponsorships: Dana Wolfe

- A couple of new sponsors – if you bought an ad in the fall it was good for all 3 books

Sports Programs: Dianne Gallagher

- Working on winter programs
- Will be challenging again on not having team photos
- Every winter student athlete must show up for photos
- Tony, with the amount of kids quarantined might have to push pictures back

Volunteer & Team Reps: Carrie Rendziak

- Nothing much – get info from Dana on what needs sent out – Amy Hevelka is rep for boys bowling- girls bowling rep is

Varsity Jackets: Sharon Prexta

- Not present

The W Shop/Truck: Jenny Pirnat

- Not present – will be open for holiday sales

Website: Tim Bihn

- Anything to add to website send to Tim
- Had a glitch where the website linked to different site; this has been fixed

Yard Signs: Carrie Rendziak

- Winter info order out deadline in Nov 18th – order online
- Amy has posted on social media
- Vendor of CalTech donated yard signs for Veteran's signs donated all 27 signs

NEW BUSINESS:

John – talk about baseball & softball fields and how WDAB can help

- Background; some baseball parents got together to come up with improvements for baseball & softball fields at high school; took idea to board on what needs to be done to improve quality of play; put out 8 to 9 bids, narrowed down to 1 vendor and presented to board and had a good discussion on improvements for baseball & softball; board asked about fundraising to raise funds to field improvements? Improvement committee what would ideal facility look like to baseball/softball and identified key elements for both fields – draining and turf for infield for both bb & sb- price was looking - some can between around \$750 - \$800K - some capital improvement but primarily money would come from fund created. Board asked about raising funds to help off-set the cost of turf. Tony added, when football field was completed it was under guise of football athlete association. John proposing if WDAB is ok with this; could have a separate committee made up of bb & sb parents to assist in planning the improvements. Tony; in his opinion city should be embarrassed by conditions of fields; wants students to be proud of



facilities. John & Tony fully support of getting this going and to assist in getting committee together. Cannot take as long as football (4.5 years) sense of urgency to get this completed.

- School district is willing to support an amount into fields; if want something over and above what is playable then need to get parents to fundraise to support plans and funds. Would not be able to play home team this year if planned moved forward; John pushing to get created with improvement dollars- maybe get loans and sponsorships to assist with cost.
- How much \$\$ is being asked to be raised by WDAB sub-committee- to come up with \$800K would take from permanent fund but take loan to offset cost to get it fixed sooner than later. If WDAB can get \$20-\$30K per year from sponsors/year to assist in off-set cost.
- Much discussion surrounding where the funding will come from; how will the sub-committee works; how will this committee expand the sponsor database as we keep going back to the same "well" to ask for funding. Asking for baseball & softball parents, as well as Tony, to get a committee together and present to board that this a good project to move forward with through getting sponsorships.
- What is time frame on getting this completed; next board meeting is on Monday; John will be asking Board to make commitment on those dollars; would like to get sub-committee together sooner than later. When you like fields completed within 4 weeks to a month to get project, including turf; if we look do start project now would have to get this started ASAP. Can also look at renting out fields to tournaments for a cost to help fund, somewhere around \$20-\$30K per summer. Could also look at hosting some soft ball tournaments to helps support funding.
- Tony asked if it is ok start approaching parents to form a committee
- A motion needs to be presented in order request to have a committee
- Megan made motion to allow a sub-committee to be formed, for athletic capitol improvement committee with no financial motion approved from WDAB
- Delicia , 2nd
- Submit to Westlake Baseball & Softball league to be part of committee with no financial – motion made and approved.
- *Motion to adjourn: Megan*
- *Second: Dana*
- All vote motion carries to adjourn*

Next meeting:

Thursday, December 3, 2020 – via Zoom at 7PM or in person, TBD?



Athletic Director Report 11/5/2020

1. Requests/Financial/Guest

- a. Introduce Chelsea Cahill
- b. Request for \$2500 to go towards the rental of the Gymnastics gym time (annual)
- c. Would like permission to create a WDAB sub committee (Softball/Baseball Field Improvements)

2. Thank you to all/Congrats/Prayers/Volunteer opportunities

- a. Thank you to all our fall helpers and workers and coaches and athletes for making this fall a great success.
- b. Thank you to Laura who was able to get the concessions up and running on basically the drop of a dime.
- c. Thank you to Jenny for her work at football games with the store and Dana with 50/50.
- d. Prayers that Kathy will return on Monday! Covid!
- e. Congrats and good luck to our Girls XC team at State Championships this weekend!

3. Updates

- a. Fall Sports award ceremonies schedule

i. Monday

1. Boys Golf-5:30
2. Girls Golf-6:30

ii. Tuesday

1. Boys XC-5:30
2. Girls XC 6:30
3. Girls Soccer-7:30

iii. Wednesday

1. Girls Tennis-5:30
2. Boys Soccer-6:30
3. Volleyball-7:30

iv. Monday 11/16

1. Cheerleading-5:30
2. Football-6:30

- b. School updates/Winter Sport updates

.General Protocols have been published

i. Coaches Winter sport meeting-Sunday night

1. Basketball-will look much like volleyball
2. Wrestling-schedule being amended to more duals and tri meets
3. Bowling/Gymnastics-will be following alley and gym rules could mean no fans
4. Hockey-Rink policies,
5. Swimming-no fans

ii. Review WCSD policy on COVID

- c. Facilities updates

.Tennis courts-hopefully early spring

i. Baseball/Softball Project-more on Monday night at the board meeting

ii. The Read Field project is still on the list

- d. Paperless ticketing should be ready to go for winter sports...GoFan will be our company, I will work with them to possibly do our season tickets for next season through them
- e. Preseason OHSAA meeting should be available by tomorrow afternoon

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