



**Westlake Demons Athletic Boosters Meeting Minutes  
January 7, 2021 – Zoom Virtual Meeting**

**Athletic Director's Report: Tony Cipollone**

- No new budget requests
- Tony invited Bill Ready as new Girls LAX coach, lives in Westlake – invited to put a face with name
- Bill is excited to get started, not sure what season will look like but excited to get started! Welcome Coach Ready!
- 21 responses for LAX already; will be playing in a championship, formed boys & girls league
- Northern Ohio Lacrosse League
- Thanks winter sports coaches & parents, everyone who is helping during this very challenging time
- Special thanks to REC center & aquatics director – super helpful with swimming Senior night
- New REC Director agreed to basically shut down pool to allow WHS to host the SWC meets – still no fans
- Big thanks to custodian, maintenance and transportation staff – have been very flexible and super to work with
- Winter sport updates – will have wrestling championship
- Bowling – championship at Buckeye Lane
- Gymnastics – held at Summit county fairgrounds in Tallmadge
- Questions about attendance for basketball – WHS is limited to 2 – cannot increase to 4
- OHSA quarantine is still 14 days for athletes that have been exposed
- Encourage to see the baseball fields to the progress
- Zoom call with Capital Improvement – Ed Deangelo – will create a power point to communicate the need to complete the fields
- Paperless ticketing had a few glitches but overall seems to be pretty nice and will most likely continue
- QR code for roster
- Personnel update – still in need of girl's soccer coach – other than that full staff
- GLC transition – fall schedule pretty well set – will try to add but not sure if he can add 2022 schedule yet
- Meeting with School Pride – would love to have parents or athletes to help out with - big school project to switch over to GLC conference –



- Homecoming for 2021 – looking at September 17<sup>th</sup> – home game against Bay Village – if too early look at Oct 1<sup>st</sup>
- Discussion about score board/side boards for basketball games – Tony explained he posted on his website for interested parties to contact him to work the games, 1 person expressed interest; he does not have enough people to run the sideboards and welcomes anyone who is interested in stepping up to take on the task – he will teach.

### **1. Requests/Financial/Guest Reports**

- No new budget requests

**President: Tim Bihn, not present- Dana Wolfe called meeting to order**

- **Approval of December Minutes –**
  - **Motion: Delicia Ostrowski**
  - **Second: Diane Gallagher**
  - **Motion carried, minutes approved**

Tim's report:

- Not present

**Vice President: Dana Wolfe**

- Car Raffle sold 131 online- have sold 2 of the 100 paper tickets; when there is a home game the car will be present for people to see
- If we sell our 300 we will be given more
- Demon Derby, need to discuss what to do with the Ultimate Tailgate Package
- If we are able to do the Derby would be March 20<sup>th</sup> – not looking to do virtually
- Maybe start to sell tickets for Derby online for some of the big raffle items; maybe could do after the car raffle.
- Maybe could do a March madness raffle
- Dana asked for feedback from group; she personally does not feel we should move forward with the in-person event due to pandemic.
- Discussion, several agree that it is too early to host an in-person event.
- Will have to put some ideas together with doing an on-line event- will need some suggestions and help to plan – send ideas to Dana on how to do an on-line event before next meeting.
- Suggestion to try and have raffle baskets available for people to see at the Spaghetti dinner; not sure how Spaghetti dinner will happen; in-person on order to go.
- Discussion about an online raffle bringing in the money WDAB would have raised from an online event; maybe save a few of the larger basket for an event later.

**Treasurer: Tricia Balch – not present, see balance sheet information**

- Will start posting balance sheet in monthly minutes



**Secretary: Ivy Arndt**

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

**Committee Reports**

**Alumni & Community Relations: Megan Moutoux**

- Not present- no update

**Concessions, Laura Lett**

- \$289 with basketball, rather slow
- Brought in pizza but not a good idea, not selling, not breaking even
- Wrestling, open for 2 matches not much was sold
- Only 2 fans are allowed per athlete – affecting sales
- Not sure have concessions open during wrestling is work anyone time
- Feb 13<sup>th</sup> WHS will host wrestling tournament; should have concessions open that day
- Maybe do some social media offer with concessions deals
- Communicate with away team that the concession stand will be open
- Tony does include email to other teams that concessions will be open

**Membership: Laurel Clarke**

- **193 members; over last year 188**
- **\$21K last this year close to \$28K due to not selling passes**
- **Team reps need to remind parents that family needs to be member in order to be eligible for scholarship**
- **1 more Yeti level pick-up/delivery and a few more of the t-shirts level**

**Public Relations: Marti Bowman**

- **Nothing to report**

**Scholarships: Laurie Walsh**

- Will start ramping up end of Feb- application is set and ready to go, waiting on direction from counselor office

**Senior Banners: Jessica Hennessey**

- Not much new to report
- There was some difficulty keeping banner hung in hallways; will need to look at another option for next year indoor banners
- Need to partner with school to ensure the banners remain hung- source of pride for the school and athletes
- Working to correct the issue for next year



- Potentially looking at hanging banners in gym- just an idea for now as the cost of a hanging system is expensive

#### **Social Media: Amy Havelka**

- Not much to share
- Let her know if there anything that needs to go on social media
- Right now focusing on promoting the car raffle & W Shop

#### **Spaghetti Dinner: Meredith LaVecchia & Amy Stanton**

- Not present, not sure if spaghetti dinner will be in-person or to-go orders

#### **Spirit Rally: Dana Hartup – not present**

- Did not happen in the fall – not sure what will happen next year

#### **Corporate Sponsorships: Dana Wolfe**

- One new sponsor

#### **Sports Programs: Dianne Gallagher**

- Will be a winter sports program
- A little challenging as there were no team photos and not all student showed up to get individual picture
- Should be ready by sometime next week or week after
- Need to get word out about the programs – not selling at games or concessions – not many spectators at games to sell to- affecting sales
- Team reps should email teams that WDAB can get program to family if they want to order
- Also look at doing a pre-order of programs
- If you are a WDAB member with a senior, you do get one free program
- Also sell programs at W Shop

#### **Volunteer & Team Reps: Carrie Rendziak**

- Nothing new to report
- Team reps please reply to emails so Carrie knows emails have been sent

#### **Varsity Jackets: Sharon Prexta**

- **Not present**

#### **The W Shop/Truck: Jenny Pirnat – not present, see report below**

- The website went back up on Sunday.
- Posted January and February store hours on all our media sites and they will be in all school blasts this week.

#### **Website: Tim Bihn**

- Send to Tim anything that needs posted to website



**Yard Signs: Carrie Rendziak**

- Sold 57 for winter sports
- Back at it for spring sports once winter season is over sometime mid-March

**LBMS Representative – Delicia Ostroski**

- Not much to report – teams are playing
- Continue to connect with Mr. Sullivan to ensure emails are getting to parents

**Capital Improvement Committee – needs to be created – looking for baseball & softball parent to be part of committee**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Open positions for next school year are President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer & Corporate Sponsorship

Virnette – who's responsibility to report roster & results – all coaches should have a sign-in and it is their responsibility to update roster & results – Tony will give access to Virnette to update results & roster.

- *Motion to adjourn: Delicia Ostrowski*
- *Second: Virnette Brown*  
*All vote motion carries to adjourn*

Next meeting:

Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> – In person or virtual will determine