

Bell Baseball Booster Club Agenda – 01.17.17
630pm at EDB Activity Center
2nd Floor/Team Meeting Room



Starting time: 6:30 P.M.

Ending time: 8:04 P.M.

Total Minutes: 94 minutes

Total in attendance: 22, plus Coach Gibson and Coach Carter

Treasury Update

Paula Empkey reported that **\$2,090(-)** was used out of team expenses for field and supplies. Our current balance is **\$3,245.12**.

1st Pitch Dinner Update

- The dinner will be held on Friday February 17th, 2017 at the Buinger Career and Technology Center.
- A vote was taken at the meeting regarding the catering of the event by either Crazy Cowboy or Miguelitos. It was decided by the vote that Miguelitos will be catering the event.
- Miguelitos will be charging \$2106.00 for the catering. They provide the servers to serve the food. The dinner will include chicken/beef fajitas, beans and rice, chips and salsa, and possibly a few side items like queso and guacamole.
- It is estimated that there will be approximately 200 people at the event. The players' tickets will be paid for by the booster club. Tickets for all others who attend will be \$20 per ticket. Family members are all welcomed to attend the event. This is a kick off into the 2017 baseball season. All coaches and teams will be introduced, and the theme for the year will be announced as well.

Sign-Up Genius

- Toni Kerns has been doing a fantastic job for the last couple of years with this sign-up system. Anyone wanting to shadow her for the remainder of the year would be welcomed. Someone will be needed in this area next year. Please contact Dean Sifuentes if you have any interest in this.
- During upcoming scrimmages, tournaments, and games, sign-ups will be available on sign-up Genius for the concession stand. Please be thinking if you would be available to help during these times.

Fundraiser/Email Campaign Update

- It has been decided that there will not be a hit-a-thon to go along with the e-mail campaign. We will only be doing the e-mail campaign asking for donations to be contributed to the L.D. Bell baseball program that Josh Dent presented back in November.
- All boys will be asked to gather 20-25 e-mails, and using their smart phones, they will be sending out the information about the donations. Boys will be held accountable for having available 20-25 e-mails that can be used for this campaign.
- The donation amounts received will be split 80% to the baseball program, and 20% to the fundraiser company.
- Be looking for information regarding the fundraiser in the next month.

Field Day Clean-up - Saturday, January 21st

- All boys and any parents wanting to help, please meet at the field on **Saturday, January 21st at 9:00 A.M.** to help prepare our field for the upcoming baseball season.
- Dean Sifuentes will make time this week to see what supplies/materials we have available at the field that can be used for the clean-up, and what will still be needed for Saturday.
- Coach Burgess, Coach Carter, and Coach Kygar will all be present for the field clean-up. Coach Gibson will be in and out due to a previously scheduled coaches meeting where he will be speaking.
- Elaine Mayer will be at the field to help out, and she will also be taking pictures throughout the day. These will be posted on the website, as well as in the baseball program.
- Some of the areas that will need cleaning up are the concession stand, bathrooms, press box, dug out areas, bullpen areas, shed, and home and visitor sections. Touch up painting will need to be needed on the front of the shed, benches, among other areas. The cork board in the home team dugout has been torn, and will either need to be replaced, or painted over.
- Needed supplies at this time: shovels, bags of clay, pressure washers (several have offered to bring these)

Open Discussion

- Ray Empkey will be updating forms and getting them to Melissa Rose for the player packets that will be given out at the mandatory beginning of season baseball meeting on **Wednesday, February 2, 2017**.
- Paula Empkey will be getting with Jenelle to get us our season tickets that will be going in the packages purchased by baseball families.
- Dean Sifuentes will get with Terry Mayer regarding the making of the tournament passes that will be going in the packages purchased by baseball families.
- Reserved seat tickets are also available, and the remaining tickets for the reserved seats can be found in the concession stand.
- Brick Orders will be available at the mandatory meeting, and will due by the first pitch dinner on **February 17th**. The orders will then be ordered, and another date will be set to place the bricks around the home side stands sometime before Spring Break. There were several orders found from last year that will also need to be placed. The brick order ordering process needs to be monitored, and began during the previous year to ensure that they are ordered before, and placed in the ground on field clean-up day.
- Melanie Grant has asked parents of Seniors to be on the lookout for baby pictures for their boys that will be used in the baseball program. The Senior boys are also needing to get their “thank you’s” for the program completed for the programs, as well, and send them to her A.S.A.P. Both of these will be needed for her no later than the 1st pitch dinner on **February 17th**. The sooner the better.
- Melanie Grant has asked for all families to be thinking of Ads that they may want to place in the baseball program, and contact her if you have any questions regarding Ads. These will also be needed no later than **February 17th**, at the 1st pitch dinner.
- Jake Atchley has a master list of all sponsors at this time. He has contacts, time committed, amounts paid, as well as those up for renewal. To date he has \$1800 committed, with around \$750 being discussed. If anyone has someone interested in a sponsorship, please contact him at jake.atchley@palmbeachtan.com
- On field day, measurements will be taken, and areas will be looked at to see where we can place the banners for our sponsors. If need be, Coach Gibson did say that we could use the outfield fence.
- Lee Peterson has offered to help with the Varsity boys’ music that will be played as their walk up songs for games. She said that an MP4 must be used, and the songs excerpts need to be 25 seconds long with no bad language, or adult content.

“Chalk Talk” with Coach Gibson

- Coach Carter talked about the Weight program that the boys have been doing during off season. He mentioned that they tested weight strength before they started, and then again in December before the break. The boys have progressed well. During the season, the boys will continue to do weights once a week for maintenance.
- Coach Gibson discussed the new pitch count rule. After going to the Coaching clinics, more information was discussed with coaches regarding this new rule. All teams will be required to keep a record of the number of pitches that each pitcher pitches during a game, and/or tournament. Tournament day will be linked together, so if a pitcher reaches the maximum number, they must have 3 days rest before they can pitch again. What this means is that the days of rest do not begin until the end of the tournament. So, if a they pitch during a tournament over a weekend, they may not be able to start for the Tuesday night game.
- We will have a designated pitch count person who works for the district, and a pitch count clock will be purchased and provided for the field. Mike Fielder has discussed with Coach Gibson that the district will pay for this.
- All schedules are out for the season. They are on the website. Coach Gibson said that they are 99% accurate. Ray Empey has sent out the most updated schedules at this time. The tournament the is scheduled the weekend of Good Friday has all been moved back a day. Varsity will play at 7:00 P.M. on that Thursday, J.V. will play at 10:00 A.M. on that Friday, and not on Saturday.
- Round Rock tournament is all set and ready to go. Varsity will be playing at Leander on Thursday, 2/23 at 7:00 P.M., a game against Lubbock Cooper on Friday, 2/24 at Round Rock HS, and games at 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, 2/25.
- Coach Gibson discussed that the Varsity boys will be taking their finals for the trimester on Thursday, 2/23 in the morning before the buses leave for Round Rock. Exemptions are very important for this time, and can possibly be used if they have earned them for attendance.

Upcoming Dates:

- Tryouts- Friday, 1/27, Saturday, 1/28, Monday, 1/30 (if necessary)
- Mandatory Baseball meeting- Wednesday, 2/1 @ 6:30 (EDB Activity Center-2nd floor/Team meeting room)
- 1st pitch dinner- Friday, 2/17 @Buinger Career and Technology Center