

Bell Baseball Booster Club Meeting Notes

The Meeting began at 6:00 pm on January 16, 2018 in the Team Room and there were 31 in attendance.

Treasury Update: Paula Emkey reported we had \$11,786.17 in the bank account.

Additional expenses to come include:

- Hotels for the Varsity Tournament in Round Rock, Texas – Approximate cost \$2,500
- Have agreed to fixing low spots on fields, home plate, base paths etc. for \$4,500 and delay a total field maintenance expense of \$12,000 for a future year
- Owe \$170 to the Super Fund which is based on Net Income for the period
- Purchased a new Reel Mower to cut the infield \$400

1st Pitch Dinner Update:

- Scheduled for Friday, February 16th, 2018 at the Buinger Career and Technology Center
- The Class Representatives were asked to form a committee to setup the catering for approximately 200

Sign-Up Genius:

- Lacy Buynak will begin working on setting the concession sign-ups for the scrimmages and games for all 3 teams. Keep in mind if signing up prior to teams being set that players may be moved around before district and Coach Gibson will place kids on teams based on what he believes will be best for the program.
- Varsity parents please step up and sign up for JV team games and JV parents look for opportunities to work the Varsity games. This way parents can focus on watching their children play instead of being preoccupied in the concession stand.
- JV teams will play Monday at 6:00. If White is home then Blue will be visitors at the opposing team field.
- Varsity will play Tuesday at 7:00.
- All 3 Teams will play on Friday. If Varsity is home at 7:00 (playing Trinity), then JV Blue will play at Trinity at 4:00 and JV White will play at Trinity at 7:00. Varsity parents will have to cover concessions for home Varsity games but JV White and Blue will be able to cover each other's games when possible.
- Furthermore, a separate signup will be prepared for Varsity Dinners during District play. These dinners will be on Thursday evenings following practice. One Varsity family hosts the meal each week but others Varsity parents are encouraged to sign-up to help with the meal along with the host family.

Fundraiser/Email Campaign Update:

- Spring fundraiser will be an email campaign asking for donations to the program, where the boys will input 20 – 25 emails into the fundraising system

Field Day:

- Saturday, January 20th, 2018 and starts at 9:00 am until complete usually around 1:00 pm
- Wear old clothes as we will be cleaning and or painting the concession stand, press box, dugouts and bathrooms.
- We need 2 power washers but have brushes and some paint left over from last year.
- Work also needs to be done to secure the batting cages and L screens

Spirit Wear:

- Vanessa Ornelas and Amy Ruby passed out Spirit Wear Order Forms
- Order Forms are due back Wednesday, January 31st at the Mandatory Parent Meeting
- Merchandise will be in to distribute Thursday, February 22nd in time for the first tournament games.

“Diamond Talk” with Coach Gibson:

The weight training part of the program will change starting the week of January 22nd. All players will work out in the mornings Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This will allow for all the players to be outside during 5th period.

Starting Friday, January 26th, 5th period practice will extend until between 5:30 – 6:00 and Saturday morning practice will start from 9:00 – 12:00 depending on weather the time might shift for a bit later start if necessary.

There will be a Mandatory Booster Club Meeting for all parents or guardians of players which made a team. The meeting will be held Wednesday, January 31st at 6:00. Coach Gibson reminded us that which team, players are on may not be set at this point. There may be underclassmen on Varsity at the beginning of the season that will not be on Varsity when district starts. He will place players on teams not according to classification but as he sees can help the program and ultimately help Varsity win. If there is a position on Varsity that is deep in players and your child might be 3rd to go into play. He may very well put that player on a JV team where he can play, gain experience and be ready to help the program in the future. Coach Gibson has reminded the boys that he has an open door policy. If your player wants to know where they stand, they are encouraged to come speak with him but they need to be prepared to receive his honest opinion of where they stand as a baseball player.

This is an exciting time and we are ready to kick off the season. We do play in a very tough district. Out of the top 10 teams in our Region, 3 of those teams are in our district. Varsity will be facing D1 commits to the SEC and Big 12 most every game. It is up to us to make a name for ourselves and take advantage of the opportunities to make plays. “No Excuses” “From Worst to First”

Upcoming Dates:

January 20th – Saturday, Field Work Day and Hosting the North TX Coaches Clinic for Youth - High School Coaches

January 26th – Friday, First Day of Try-Outs

January 31st – Wednesday, Mandatory Booster Club Meeting for all parents/guardians representing each player that made a team

February 3rd – Alumni Game

February 16th – Friday, First Pitch Dinner

February 22nd – First Tournament for all 3 Teams