

## **Bell Baseball Booster Club Meeting Notes**

The Meeting began at 6:00 pm on October 24, 2017 in the Team Room and there were 21 people in attendance.

**Thank-You's:** Dean Sifuentes thanked various individuals for helping with the Homecoming Parade and Fall Concessions

- Rick and Jennifer Gould for hosting the decorating party
- Ray and Paula Empkey for arranging the hay bales for the trailer
- Dean Sifuentes for arranging the trailer from B&B Wrecker
- Angie Herd and other parents for helping with Fall Concessions
- Everyone who came out to help decorate the float – great job
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### **Treasury Update:**

Paula Empkey stated we had \$17,553.50 in the Booster Club Account currently. We are in a better position than in some other years to start the year but we do have upcoming expenses. Some of the upcoming expenses:

- Field Improvements – seeding the field, 3 new L screens... Coach Gibson is in discussion with the district to see if they can offer some assistance with some of the field improvements and equipment needed
- Uniforms – Coach Gibson has used the money designated for our use through the district funding for new Navy Jersey's which resemble Stanford's V-Neck jerseys and he has ordered new pants
- Additional Uniforms – Booster Club will pay for new Colombia Blue Uniforms including both jersey's and pants for the Varsity. By doing this it allows us to upgrade the JV uniforms by passing down a Varsity uniform. Approximate cost \$4,000
- Hotels for the Varsity Tournament in Round Rock, Texas – Approximate cost \$ 2,500
- Coach Gibson has tentatively set up a block of rooms at the Marriott Courtyard for \$109 a night which includes breakfast. The district will pay for transportation.

### **Thanksgiving Food Drive:**

We as a club have agreed to provide Thanksgiving Meal Boxes for 25 Families in the Bell District.

Lacey Buynak has setup on Signup Genius which Dean is reviewing prior to it going live. We ask each family to sign up to provide a meal box or go in with another family or 2 and provide a box if possible.

There will be a list of the items that are needed to be in each box on the website.

We will need a couple of parents to drive the boys on November 16<sup>th</sup> to distribute the boxes to the families.

### **Christmas Providers Event:**

We agreed to take 6 Families with 2 – 3 children per family (2 per Grade Level – Sophomore, Junior and Senior) in order to buy presents for Christmas. These families will be within the Bell Secondary District.

The players will attend a Night of Wonder program where the families will be to help load gifts into parent's vehicles while the children are entertained elsewhere in the building.

**“Chalk Talk” with Coach Gibson:**

World Series Tournament is coming to a close and it has been a great opportunity to not only instruct but teach some life lessons as it relates to baseball including sportsmanship, body language, energy levels and teamwork.

Next the players will move into the weight training part of the program. Players will be given a schedule which will include lifting approximately 2 mornings each week so instruction can take place during the class period. With the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester upon us the class period will change to 5<sup>th</sup> period. Practice will end at 4:00 but players are welcomed and encouraged to stay and get in extra work.

The field will be over-seeded in the month of November. Please remind your players that they will not be permitted on the field during this time but can always use the concrete and turf areas to get in extra work.

Executive decision to not have a Baseball Booth at the craft fair was made. The players will still sign up to help with set up and or break down once Coach Gibson gets the list on what is needed.

*Tentative Upcoming Dates:*

November 14<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, Next Baseball Booster Club Meeting 6:00

December 5<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, Baseball Booster Club Meeting to finalize Christmas Providers

January 12<sup>th</sup> – Coaches Clinic in Waco

January 20<sup>th</sup> – Field Work Day and Hosting the North TX Coaches Clinic for Youth - High School Coaches

January 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday, First Day of Try-Outs

January 30<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, Mandatory Booster Club Meeting for all parents/guardians representing each player that made a team

February 16<sup>th</sup> – Tentative First Pitch Dinner

February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – Thursday- Saturday

Varsity – Rock Hardball Classic, Round Rock

JV Blue – JV Viking Tournament, Lamar High School

JV White – H.E.B. First Pitch Classic Tournament, Bell Host

March 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday – Saturday

Varsity – Blue Raider Classic Tournament, Bell Host picked up an additional team bringing the total to 7 teams

JV Blue – Birdville JV Tournament, Birdville / Haltom

JV White – Irving –Nimitz JV Classic, Irving / Nimitz

March 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Saturday

Varsity – Arlington Heights Classic Tournament, AHHS / Paschal

JV Blue – H.E.B. JV Classic Tournament, Bell Host

JV White – Richland JV Tournament, Richland