

Cougar Cheerleading Booster Meeting

February 22, 2017 6:45 pm

Cougar Building

In attendance: Jennifer Smith, Taryn Fink, Sherry Duncan, Tina Simmons, Steff Smeltzer, Andrea Lauber, Jennifer McWilliams, Jen Leader, Lindsey Sweger, Liz Spangler, Brandi Young, Mellissa Spradley, Becky Gibney, and Heather Jackson.

Meeting called to order at 6:52pm, by Commissioner, Jennifer Smith.

January meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted (1- Becky Gibney and 2-Liz Spangler).

Minutes are posted on the website for all to view.

Theft- Commissioner gave update on the theft case; restitution payments are in arrears by 5 months, ~\$1000 remains to be paid. Last payment was October 2016 to the court (late).

Treasurer's Report- Heather Jackson

Treasurer distributed the bank report for the Combined Rec and Comp Cheerleading Account for January 2017. All deposits and withdrawals were reviewed. Motion to approve by Jen Smith and was accepted (1- Jen Leader, 2- Brandi Young).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

UNIFORMS (Brandi Young)- all competition uniforms for Sparks have been returned.

OLD BUSINESS- Jen Smith

Competition News- Competition season has sadly come to a close. Becky Gibney notes that the girls looked fantastic and the purchase of choreography definitely paid off. Suggestion would be to improve the uniform to be closer aligned to all star, but not have Tshirts looking sloppy coming out of shorts, etc.; would love to see more bling and sparkle. Suggestion to hold a purse bingo to fundraise for new uniforms. Becky has access to the Yoe Fire Hall for bingo use.

NEW BUSINESS

Registration day- April 22- Times will be 9-11am for returning cheerleaders and 1-3pm for new cheerleaders. Registration will cost \$90 plus \$60/family fundraising raffle.

Registration Flyer- Lindsey Sweger

Information has been posted to the website and FB page. Flyers have been distributed to all schools. Call has been made to Community Courier to place an ad space.

Spirit Wear- Andrea Lauber

Andrea is working with 2 the Tee Outfitters and will have a variety of different price point items. She is taking suggestions for items:

- Items suggested include anything with "bling",
- the previous jerseys to customize with a name,
- both cold and warm weather items,
- Items that say Dallastown only and not cheer or Cougars
- Tie-dye shirt with paw print-gender neutral
- Ear bands and gloves.

Raffle Tickets- Nikki Garner (JS presented in absence)

This year will be a cash raffle.

Coaches for the 2017 season- Jen Smith

Staff has been set for the season. A few clearances are needed and Jen has already contacted those individuals.

Sponsorship Items- Lindsey Sweger

Lindsey has prices for yard signs. Other items that we already have in the Cougar building will also be available for purchase. Items may be held in an area of the concession stand to be available for sale all season. Lindsey will coordinate with football.

Rec Uniforms- Brandi Young

Dates will need to be determined for uniform fittings on 2 nights after registration.

Dinner Nights- Becky Gibney

February dinner day/night to benefit competition at Roma's in Cape Horn on 2/20/16- waiting to hear final total from Roma's

Check from Moe's for \$100 was received from last dinner night. We made \$22.45, but due to corporate troubles trying to host fundraiser night, Moe's raised the amount of money to \$100.

Next nights will be Rita's in July and Handel's in August.

Becky will also contact Rita's Ice to coordinate having ice available to purchase at Cougar field for all home games. Football schedule will not be set until late August.

Choreography-Leslie Cramer/Jen Smith

Jen spoke with Leslie to coordinate halftime cheers and dances for all 4 squads. Cheer must include the stunt, so it can be performed at fields that do not have sound available. She is having trouble finding music; Andy Smith may be able to help. Also, 2 small simple sideline dances to learn. Allie Smith is working on hello cheers for all of the squads. Suggestion made to start learning a simple sideline dance from Wildcats. Midgets may move away from some of the younger chants like "hot, hot, hot" and learn a few more chants from Wildcats.

Social Media/Website Information-Lindsey/Jen Smith

Website and FB pages have been updated with registration information. Revised rules will also be posted on social media.

Season Sweatshirts- Andrea passed out a few designs for votes. Suggestion was made by Sherry Duncan for either the season sweatshirt or spirit wear- "Love us or Fear us, either way you are going to hear us". Heather noted that the boys will be wearing new silver gray jerseys this year; perhaps our sweatshirt should be a gray with navy lettering.

DCA bricks- DCA fundraiser; bricks engraved with message and sport icons to be placed in front of the concession stand; \$100 per brick- profit of \$60 per brick; all online ordering. This has been shared on the FB page; feel free to share with all of your friends.

DCC Scholarship- DCC has a \$1000 scholarship through Dallastown Education Foundation (previously known as Dollar for Scholars). It is awarded to one senior (who applies) who has cheered for at least 3 consecutive years for Cougars. Cougars holds a cheer chart for who is eligible. The foundation will contact us each year for input on who to award the scholarship to. This year, 2 seniors have applied for the scholarship; one only cheered for Cougars and the other continued to cheer for Wildcats. Jen will contact Kathy Mentzer (DAEF) to present the scholarship check.

Presentation of New Commissioner Candidates- Jen received notification from Liz Spangler and Lindsey Sweger/Megan Landis (applying as co-Commissioners) as expressing an interest in the Commissioner position. Each candidate expressed words on their desire to fill the position. Voting will be tabled until the next meeting. Voting will be a private paper ballot vote. If members are not present at the next meeting, an email vote is acceptable.

Rules updated for the 2017 season- Rules were reviewed and amended in the presence of all in regards to late/missing games/practices. Demerit system will be implemented, and rules will be followed by all. Last season had too much absences and tardiness, and that will not be tolerated this season. Not only does it hurt the child that is missing, but it affects the whole squad for stunting, etc. Rules will be posted in advance of registration on all media outlets for all to see, and the rule signed acknowledgement page will be amended. Suggestion was made for refrigerator magnets with coach phone numbers and demerit system rules.

Next Booster Meeting Night

Next meeting is Wednesday, March 22th at 6:30pm in the Cougar Building.
Motion to adjourn by Jen Smith and was accepted (1- Jen Leader and 2-All).
Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Duncan
DCC Secretary