

Falcon Booster Club meeting, January 2018

The Falcon Booster Club met on the evening of Jan. 10, 2018, in the Multi-Purpose Room at St. John Paul II Catholic High School. Nine people attended the meeting.

The meeting began with a prayer at 5:39 p.m. Treasurer Tricia Hall gave the financial report. She said the FBC received \$14,100 last year in cash donations. She added that the recent 20/20 fundraiser produced net revenues of about \$10,000 and about \$12,000 in gross revenue.

Total revenue from membership, she said, is \$15,140 - an improvement from the 2016-17 school year. Profits from apparel, she said, has been \$3,500. Sales from media guides have been \$34,725, with profits of \$29,447.

She said the FBC has awarded \$24,400 to various athletic programs. Another \$19,000 is available to award, she said.

FBC President Paul Andrzejewski said those totals illustrate the FBC's success in fundraising ventures. "It's working," he said. "We're getting stuff out to our athletes. I don't think we've said no to anything that's been asked for. We've done a good job of raising and distributing funds."

Vice President Sherri Ross gave a fundraising update. She anticipated the FBC raising a net revenue of \$15,000 from the 20/20 fundraiser - "a good day," as she put it. She said the hope for additional revenue in the spring is that baseball signs will bring in greater sales, along with money from the spring media guide. Sales from the Chick-fil-A store "is not bringing in a ton of money - mainly it's for the kids," she said.

There was an update on Dancing with the Stars - the signature spring fundraising event. The name of the event has been changed to Dancing with the Falcons. Colleen Davis and Leslie Shields are the co-chairs of Dancing with the Falcons. A logo has been designed for the event, and the details of that event have been set - April 21 at the Jackson Center on the Hudson Alpha campus.

Colleen Davis and Leslie Shields gave their goals and many of the details for that event. They said they are hoping for as many as 10 couples to dance in the event. JP II is modeling the event after a similar event at McGill-Toolen High School in Mobile. McGill-Toolen raises about \$120,000 for its annual event.

Tickets will be \$75 without alcohol, \$100 with alcohol. Beer, wine and an open bar will be available. The goal is to raise \$35,000-\$40,000, with the hope of raising more. There will be a Facebook Live feed so people can watch the event online and vote. Advertising will include posters that will be placed in churches and at feeder schools. About 800-900 invitations will be printed. Five live auction items will be presented.

There was also an update on the annual golf tournament. It has been moved to August, so that it can complement the Back to School Icebreaker, which was held for the first time last August. The goal is to have 180 golfers.

Sherri Ross gave an update on the wish list, provided by the JPll coaches. She said close to \$80,000 has been awarded, with a need of about \$100,000 to fulfill those wishes. Some of the items on that list, she said, include uniforms for next school year. With money from the summer golf tournament, she said the FBC should be able to raise the additional money with little problem.

Paul Andrzejewski provided the AD update. He said use of the new school buses is expanding, with various athletic teams now taking advantage of them for tournaments, among other things. He reported great successes with several middle school programs.

There was also a discussion about fields and facilities. The JPll board of trustees is scheduled to discuss fields and facilities at its Jan. 18 meeting. Booster club representatives will not be allowed at that meeting, since the board closes those meetings to the public. Paul Andrzejewski said the goal is to proceed to Phase I of the building project after the board meeting. Projected cost of temporary football field and softball field is about \$1.3 million, excluding lights. Said Sherri Ross: "At some point, we have to do something." Said Paul Andrzejewski: "We're not waiting five years." Sherri Ross added that enrollment is suffering because of the lack of progress on fields and facilities.

Said Paul Andrzejewski: "The goal would be to have soccer and football fields ready by August. We'll know more in a couple of weeks (after the board meeting)."

The meeting closed with a prayer at 6:29 p.m.

Attending

Jeff Miller
Mike Peterson
Leslie Shields
Colleen Davis
Doug Shores
Sherri Ross
Tricia Hall
Paul Andrzejewski
Mike Marshall