

WILDCATS DEN



Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, August 29, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Team Room

- I. Meeting Called to order at 6:36 PM by Joel Hernandez

- II. Minutes from prior two meetings were read. Nathan Lujan made a motion to accept the minutes and Chris Carpenter seconded the motion. Our goal is to have the minutes up on the Wildcats Den site a week before to be approved beforehand.

- III. Financial Updates
 - A. Financial calendar starts from July to June - in July there were no monies. Mr. Guzman reviewed the financial report.
 - B. Unbudgeted expenditures will be placed for a vote
 - C. Current bank total is \$23,333.07
 - i. Payments for \$6000 still outstanding to A1 for spirit wear, athletic wear, merchandise for membership drives and membership sales.
 - D. Application for 501(c)3 submitted July 27th, online site mentions 2-4 weeks for approval, however we are currently at 6 weeks.
 - E. Federally, we cannot provide a tax deduction at this time without the 501(c)3

- IV. New Business
 - A. Mr. Joel Hernandez mentioned the campus is like a new house and that we need to take care of our new home.
 - B. Mr. Hernandez mentioned that Open House is coming up on September 21st and to take the opportunity to meet with your students' teachers.
 - C. Mr. Hernandez mentioned to officially vote you need to be a Wildcat Den member.
 - D. Merchandise:
 - i. Merchandise Sign-Up Genius is Live. Volunteers are needed to take down merchandise during third quarter.
 - ii. Peanut Butter Bowl merchandise was at 300-400 shirts. Out of the total purchased, only 55 sold. PB merchandise may be donated or sold as *vintage* shirts.
 - iii. One idea that was considered is possibly designing a "Blackout Shirt" for the Blackout game versus Holmes HS. The Blackout Shirt could be utilized for further games or a Camo Shirt for Military/American Heroes night.
 - iv. Challenges: To be transparent, Mr. Hernandez informed the members that we have had issues with a merchandise/vendor company. The vendor is extremely behind on orders. Moving forward, we will not host vendor online.
 - v. The next available date is projected for September 6th, since no smalls or mediums were available.

- vi. Memberships at the Silver Level or above can have a credit and utilize to purchase merchandise.
 - vii. Furthermore, merchandise will be sold at the conclusion of the booster meeting.
- E. Concessions:
- i. The first NBA concession game is this Tuesday, September 30th.
 - ii. We need ten more volunteers for Thursday. If we are fined, it is a \$400-\$600 fine that goes to the school that works the concession stands. Currently, there are 18 participants. It was stated that there needs to be more adults than children (under 18 years of age). Additionally, it was stated that, “we never work our own game.”
 - iii. If a participant cannot make their volunteer time, we are asking for a twenty-four-hour notice so that we can fill that position.
 - iv. Volleyball concessions is more flexible. Football game participants need to be ready to volunteer by 5:30 pm to count, restock, clean, etc....At 3rd quarter, the group will begin cleaning up and only one window will remain open.
 - v. Freshmen concession was cancelled due to three teams playing on the same night.
 - vi. Food trucks will be utilized, 10% of all proceeds from food truck sales will go to Wildcat Den booster.
 - vii. Coach Morales provided further input that the counter will tell you when to clean up and begin closing out, usually midway of fourth quarter—starting cleaning to entirety, closing out, and getting out.
 - viii. NISD purchases Chick-Fil-A and pizza.
 - ix. As an organization, we can provide a meal for our workers. Every school is different, and we need to decide as an organization as to what that will look like.
 - x. Initially that may look like a popcorn and a soda or a hotdog and a soda—Booster pays for the meal per worker.
 - xi. It was stated that workers/volunteers are allowed to bring a bottle of water—please label with your name.
 - xii. Band concessions. It was mentioned that this will be an all-day competition, we ask for two-hour shifts per volunteer. It is usually at Farris or Gus Stadium. Dates are on concession sign-up from September 1st through out the end of October.
 - xiii. Requirements for concessions: Wear a cap or hair net. Volunteers have to be fourteen or older. No open-toed shoes, no short shorts, appropriate clothing, and a Sotomayor shirt or school colors.
 - xiv. The district is moving to an electronic system. It does not work flawlessly, so be flexible and be prepared.
 - xv. Student volunteers cannot touch money, or we can be fined by UIL. UIL could perceive it as “gifting a student athlete.”
 - xvi. Lessons learned: Freshman game 1st concessions we ran out of items due to a large crowd.
 - xvii. Volleyball home game on Friday at Sotomayor.
- F. Committee Chair Appointments:
- i. We need volunteers. Social Media, Scholarship Committee, Merchandising, and more.
 - ii. We need a representative from each sport to send highlights, pictures, and final scores. Social Media is an excellent way to communicate and grow school pride—each sport needs representation.

V. Coaches Announcements

A. Coach Goble:

- i. Volleyball—all Medina Valley.
- ii. Water Polo competed during Saturday matches.
- iii. Tennis with Coach Lopez—Yong team, very motivated, they continue to grow. Friday game against Harlan.
- iv. Cross Country—Medina Valley-Girls earned 2nd place and Boys earned 7th place.

B. Coach Morales

- i. Football--Not the W we wanted, but the stats we wanted. Awesome crowd; with first touchdown and first interception; statistically, #1 rusher in the city. Top Defense in city during first week games. Boys understand that there are little mistakes to work on and continue to grow with practice and experience.
- ii. Freshmen A & B-Bring lawn chairs; all area drains well.
- iii. JV procured the first win for Soto.
- iv. Administration is asking that students come in through the front. Doors will be automatically locked for safety measures.
- v. Parents are asked to park in the front of the school. They are currently parking where buses pick up children to go home. It is causing issues with the ALE buses.
- vi. Parking close to the Band Pad will get you closest to the field especially for Pep Rallies.
- vii. Restrooms closest to the Tennis Courts are for public use during games.
- viii. Weight Room tomorrow, Tuesday, August 30th.
- ix. We appreciate such a great support system.

VI. Next Regular Meeting

A. Projected Date: TBD

B. Since the number of members and participants is increasing, we will probably move to the cafeteria.

VII. Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 PM

Minutes submitted by: Catherine Rogers-Casarez

Attendees:

Morales, Juan	(Athletic Coordinator)
Goble, Kelli	(Assistant Athletic Coordinator)
Hernandez, Joel	(President)
Michael Guzman	(Treasurer)
Rogers-Casarez, Catherine	(Secretary)

Attendees (continued):

Laura Balditt	Erica Castilla
Chris Carpenter Sr.	Ingrid Crook

Natalie Cuellar
Francisco Delgado
Carly Echavarria
Crystal Esparza
Christi Freeman
Lindsey Gervais
Richard Gervais
Clarissa Gonzalez
Cyndi Gray
Ken Hebert
Deborah Hernandez
Tanaya Januacy
Nathasha Jarrett
Len Juarez
Heather Lopez
Nathan Lujan
Jenn Lujan
Janet Macias
Christine Moeller
Andrea Montoya
Jonathan Morales
Bonnie Moreno
Celina Moreno

Charles Noble
Maquisha Nunn
Tracy Olivo
Marilyn Perez
Yvonne Pete
Scott Raymond
Debra Ramirez
Edith Ramirez
John Reyes
Cynthia Rivera
Ericka Robinson
Shannon Robinson
Noel Rodriguez
Michelle Sanchez
Sabrina Sanchez
Elena Sixtos
Teresa Solis
April Tarpley
Chad Tarpley
Jayme Walker
Lauren Washington
Jessie Whitfield