**LSM Athletic Booster Club, Inc Monthly Meeting**

**May 23rd, 2023 - 6:30pm**

**LSM High School Weight Room Tour + Enclave Grille**

**Presiding Officer:**

Tina Thornton, President

**Board Members Present:**

Matt Mooney, Vice President/Events Coordinator; Laurie Dinunzio, Events Coordinator; Christine Bonini: Social Media Coordinator, Traci Carrano: Membership Coordinator; Kiersten Hallet: Membership Coordinator; Melanie Mills: Concessions Coordinator; Jay Pelchar: Athletic Director (non-voting board member)

**Non-Board Members Present:**

Heather Chirumbolo, Trish Rubbo, Cristy Rewenko, Tabitha Mooney

**Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Tina Thornton, President at the LSM High School Weight Room.

**Weight Room Tour:**

* The meeting began within the LSM Weight Room. Jay Pelchar took us through potential upgrades & costs.
* The goal would be to replace the floor, the 3 power racks in the room and the antiquated individual weigh machines. The walls and mirrors would stay as is, as would the rack of individual weights in the room.
* Jay Pelchar has gotten various quotes for the changes/additions. The quotes also include the disposal or donation of any old equipment that is no longer needed in the room.
* The quotes that Jay likes best include approx. $10K for flooring and $36K for equipment/storage/desk space for a total of $46-50K.
* Knowing that the weight room is used frequently by the football team, Cristy Rewenko brought up the potential for the Football Boosters to contribute to the total cost. TBD on that amount. This would help the Athletic Booster Club since 50K will deplete our funds, making it hard to contribute to other things over the next year.
* Several questions were asked about the use of the room. Great discussion as Jay answered each question.
	+ How do teams sign up to use the room/do all teams have an equal opportunity to use the space? There is a fairly standard use by many of the teams including girls/boys basketball, girls/boys lacrosse, football, baseball, etc… Jay believes there is plenty of time for all teams to use the room. The PE program also uses the room during the school day.
	+ Can it be used throughout the summer? Yes, if a coach or faculty member can chaperone in the room. A coach is also allowed to do any strength and conditioning in the summer or off season if the student athletes aren’t touching a ball or their respective athletic equipment.
	+ Does a faculty member need to be in the room, or will any approved adult suffice? The adult must be a coach or a school staff member.
	+ Would LSM ever consider hiring a strength and conditioning coach? This would be a cost to the district and would likely be a lower priority with other teaching needs.
* Next steps – Jay would like to get the proposal in front of the BOE at the June meeting. If we can get their buy-in now, we may be able to start, and finish the project this summer. The BOE does not meet in July.

Post tour, we moved the meeting to Enclave Grille in Burlington.

**Approval of Minutes:**

We did not have the April minutes completed for formal approval. They will be approved in the June meeting.

**Budget:**

* Mike Carrano couldn’t attend the meeting but shared an April treasury report via email.
* Ended the month with **$52,635** in the bank.
* Had a net gain of $11,799 for the month. Revenue was $17,937 ($16,900 from the golf event and $1030 from donations).
* Monthly expenses were $6138: $5950 for the batting cage relocation/install, $133 senior class expenses and $55 for the BJs annual membership renewal. Note that the batting cage has received very positive feedback from the student athletes and coaches!

**Events/Fundraising:**

* Spartan Open
	+ We currently have 122 golfers. There are 22 golf spots left.
	+ Plenty of dinner opportunities. Let’s continue to sell those spots.
	+ We’ve made $15K in sponsorships and hope to make over 20K in profit.
	+ Fairview Farm has agreed to allow the dinner to end at 10pm.
* Project Graduation – Thanks to Cristy Rewenko and the Project Graduation committee. They are purchasing over $9K in gift cards from our Raise Right account. Should make between $300-500 in profit.

**Financial Support:**

* Scholarship update – We have selected the 4 student-athlete candidates for our $500 scholarships. Not placing their names in the minutes to keep the surprise for those students. The committee will revise the scholarship forms for next year to provide a little more clarity with our prompts and expectations.
* Matt Mooney has completed the work to get state champion long sleeve t-shirts for the 3 athletes who were state champions this school year.
* Thanks to Cary Rubbo and Tina Thornton for creating thank you notes and adding $10 Starbucks cards as gifts to our 81 senior athletes. Those will go out with the student packets at graduation.

**Membership and Marketing:**

* After reviewing our incentive program, we will no longer be providing merchandise with memberships. Our members value season passes and concessions coupons, which we will continue. Still hopeful that Football will also be a part of our season pass as it has been in the past. Cristy Rewenko evaluating.
* Our membership coordinators will be modifying the form to reflect these changes.
* Keirsten Hallet will be stepping down as co-chair of the membership committee.
* Rosie Zeller has been working with the office at the school to put sports messages on the digital board. We will be wishing teams luck at the state champs and congratulating girls lacrosse on their CCC Champ.

**2023-’24 Board Members & Bylaws:**

* Tina Thornton will finish her 2-year term as President this summer. Matt Mooney (current VP) is the incumbent and will be voted in at the June meeting.
* We need to nominate a VP at our next meeting. Laurie Dinunzio has been suggested as a candidate.
* Heather King is stepping down as Secretary. We need to nominate a new person for this position. Christine Bonini has been suggested as a candidate.
* With Keirsten Hallet stepping down as a co-membership coordinator, we’ll be looking for someone to step up to help Traci Carrano. Tabitha Mooney has been suggested as a candidate.
* We are still looking for a Webmaster to keep our website updated. Tina Thornton has been suggested as a candidate for this position.
* We’re hopeful we can bring new members with younger athletes that will be interested in stepping up for board positions going forward.
* We need to approve Bylaws at our June meeting. Tina will provide the updated version for consideration.

**Other:**

* We discussed the Fall Picnic. The sentiment was we wanted to continue this back-to-school initiative. Melanie Mills is going to ask Chris Rau if school could donate $500 towards the initiative so that our Booster Club doesn’t take on the entire financial responsibility.
* In addition to soliciting membership at the picnic, it was suggested we consider raffle items to make additional revenue.
* **Next meeting will be Monday, June 12th. 6:30pm.**
* **Good luck to all working on and participating in the Spartan Open!**

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Tina Thornton and seconded by Matt Mooney & Christine Bonini to adjourn the meeting at 8:29pm. All in favor of adjournment; none opposed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Thornton, President

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