

PAA Board Meeting Minutes

February 08, 2023 - Meeting called to order at 6:45pm

Members Present:

- Treasurer – Tiffanie Meehling
- President – Anika Nero
- VP Athletics – Dalesha Bowman
- Softball Director – Melissa Johnson
- Baseball Director – Dalesha Bowman
- Baseball Director (on the phone) – Afton Barth
- Basketball Director (on the phone) – Lavar Chambers
- Assistant Cheer Director – Rhonda Smithbey

Treasurer's Report & General Finance

- February Treasurer's report – Board approved
- Issues with getting ledger balanced for the past 6 months. Tiffanie believes we have less money than the bank does. Would like to reconcile the overage (approx. \$150) to the scholarship fund effective March 2023 – Board approved
- Need to check the PO Box to see if scholarship money (\$550?) from Anika's job has arrived. \$50 into scholarship fund, \$125 into each of the 4 sports – Board approved

- Discussed option to increase PAA scholarship max and family max per season (currently \$500 max for season and \$150 per family)
- Currently have \$4200 in the scholarship fund
- Gave out \$300 for basketball and cheer families (\$150 per sport), evenly divided among the applying families
- Increase PAA scholarship max to \$600 per season – Board approved
- Eliminate family max cap for the scholarship – Board approved
- Some families may not get any scholarship money, even if they qualify – Board approved
- Update disclaimer on the scholarship application Google form to clarify that this is an application and not families will get the scholarship, even if they qualify – Tiffanie
- Update disclaimer on the FAQ website about the scholarship to clarify that this is an application and not families will get the scholarship, even if they qualify – Rhonda
- For the current softball and baseball seasons, will close the application on Monday, February 13th. VP of Athletics and President will review applications and make announcement of scholarship winners on Wednesday, February 15th.
- Next season, set the scholarship application deadline one month before start of season
- Sibling discount applications can be submitted until the last day of registration
- Fundraising – Directors can use their existing Stripe links for general fundraising, but if we have something in particular we'd like to fundraise for Tiffanie will provide a new Stripe link so that it's clear in the bank statements that the payment is separate from budgeted items

General Business

- Cheer and basketball directors need to update the membership spreadsheet with

sibling information

- Emails – VP of Athletics has been sending out invoices to softball and baseball families using her personal email account. Can we get access to the actual @paasports.com email addresses so communication to PAA families is more official?
 - Yes – Using the MicroConcept website we should be able to setup 8 more emails and get access to the actual mailbox to send and receive emails. The only existing emails we can do this with are president@paasports.com and webmaster@paasports.com. The other emails are in a weird state where we can't get to their inboxes, and can only forward the emails. But we can setup new emails (like paa@paasports.com or vpathletics@paasports.com)
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- Can anyone attend and setup a booth at Math Night at Providence Elementary on 2/9?
- Open the Blue Sombrero Spirit wear store for all sports all year – Dalesha
 - Question: How does Blue Sombrero do spirit wear deposits? Tiffanie looked and did not see any obvious deposits from Blue Sombrero for the past 6 months
 - Dalesha will work with the Blue Sombrero rep to figure this out
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- Recommend purchasing two tablets and hotspot to help facilitate registrations
 - Board members and directors have several tablets they are willing to donate for this. (Would still need the hotspot and service for internet access)
 - Would need to setup system for checking out the equipment and procedure for maintaining the equipment
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- Not everyone getting their own emails when replying to @paasports.com email. This is weird because they should be automatically forwarded the emails. But this is probably controlled by the email provider, and not much we can do except

copy ourselves on the emails

- Starting in March we will start having the board meeting as a Zoom meeting. Tiffanie will look into getting a paid Zoom subscription so there won't be a time limit – Board approved

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With the following exceptions:

- January – Meet in person for elections and full membership meeting
- September – Meet in person for school kick off meeting

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Sports

Baseball

- Question from baseball director – Are we locked into using the batting cage funds for a batting cage? We have \$4530.25 in the budget for the batting cage

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Answer from Tiffanie – We need to have a full membership meeting to change this. But we could get a solar powered generator, pitching machines and semi-permanent nets, then get volunteers to set it all up

- Risks/Questions:

- Semi-permanent nets could be stolen
- Can we setup a non-secure structure on the school property? (has to be able to withstand the elements and not be safety hazard) (some structures are rated for weather)

- Can we investigate a permanent generator (cost and delay)? structure with a
 - Can we look into getting nets and pitching machines? (We don't to spend all the funds at once)
 - Does the generator bank the solar power?
 - Can we get a used generator?
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- Need to order uniforms soon
- Considering Baseball gear swap
 - Set low prices for all items
 - Could sell extra pom poms to parents to use at games
 - Talk with Dr. Rucker about doing this at Providence Elementary
 - Raffle for new gear donated by vendors
 - March 11th?

Softball

- Change registration deadline to March 3rd, to give parents an additional day to pay fees before practices start on March 4th – Rhonda
- Remove Cathy from the sports@paasports.com forwarded list so she won't get the PAA sports registration emails - Rhonda
- Cathy has passes for fundraisers (Cheer could use these possibly)
- So far, not a lot of players for the younger teams

Cheer

- Minor and Junior squad (combined) started cheering at games a few weeks ago
- Melissa has (very kindly) volunteered to be the minor/junior squad head coach
- The Flag squad was supposed to start cheering last weekend, but those games were cancelled due to a lack of referees.
- Ordered two additional skirts and they should be arriving soon
- Need to schedule picture day (with basketball) with TSS. Will work with Lavar to pick a date
- Considering a fundraiser for uniforms so that parents can use the uniforms and return them instead of having to pay for them next season

Basketball

- Just had a family register child for Rookie team
- No known changes for the games scheduled for the upcoming weekend
- No updates on rescheduling the cancelled Rookie games from last weekend

Meeting ended at 9:20pm