**Friends of Ironmen Football**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, September 10th, 2018**

* The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Jennifer Lowrance.
* The August Minutes were reviewed by Kim Kneller. Lisa Zbrozek motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Julie Patten seconded the motion.
* President – Jennifer Lowrance
* Player cutouts will be displayed for Homecoming and Playoffs.
* Homecoming, October 5 - Jennifer will speak to the AD regarding recognizing alumni at Homecoming; consider asking alum to stand for recognition at onset of the game. This will be shared out via social media at a later date.
* Jennifer raised consideration to coordinate with other sports (Ex: soccer, etc) to post NCHS Ironmen lightpole flags along the walkway from the football stands back to the soccer fields. There was positive response to this during the meeting.
* Jennifer solicited the number of players unable to pay from Coach D and the wish to audit against funds and solicit those able to pay. Patty suggested checking into solicitations from donors for pre-game snacks. Noted a decision needs to be made in near term regarding snacks/drinks due to limited funds due to lack of receipt of contributions from all players.
* Decision was made there would be no snacks before the Freshman/JV game on Saturday morning (Sept. 15)
* Vice President – Lisa Lay
  + No report.
* Treasurer - Julie Patten
  + Julie reviewed the current Income/Expense report. Current bank balance is $30,672.51.
  + Lisa, was the new accountant announced during this meeting and his fees? It seems like this was discussed but for some reason, I did not record in my notes.
* Sponsorships -Julie Hinman
  + Heartland Bank sponsorship has been received.
  + Three more people have contacted Julie regarding possible sponsorships.
  + Current player of the week sponsors are secured: Meatheads (Linemen), Portillo’s (Offense) and Avanti’s (Defense).
  + Portillo’s will be at the Sept. 14 game selling slices of cake; originally Portillo’s was offering 50% back from sales, they may instead offer 100% back to FOIF.
  + Krista Rawlings and Karen Quinn’s mother passed. Jennifer Lowrance motioned to the purchase of a $50 floral arrangement to be sent on behalf of FOIF and Jackie Kraft and Patty Brent seconded the motion.
    - Pursuant to the meeting, the board further reviewed this expenditure and motioned to send cards (to Krista and Karen) rather than a $50 floral arrangement; all executive board members voted and this change was carried by the majority.
* Kickoff Bash – Patti Brent
  + Patti shared net income from the Kickoff Bash was $8915.48
  + Patti provided feedback and several improvement areas for next year’s event. Some are included below:
    - Need more volunteers selling tickets.
    - Be prepared to sell at Parent’s Meeting in August.
    - Need more volunteers soliciting donations.
    - Parke – excellent location; lot of positive feedback.
    - Nelson’s – food was great; easy to work with and attentive.
    - Stage up front for cash prize drawing worked well.
    - Ensure Iron Angels sign up posted again and announce donors.
    - Enjoyed Rodger’s attendance.
    - Dana announcing went well.
    - If 180 attended instead of 131, would have possibly ran out of food.
    - Patti received a lot of email asking for instructions how to purchase tickets online.
    - Flip table setup next year.
    - Better tracking of live auctions.
    - Next year, consider splitting the cost of ticket and raffle ticket; lower ticket for cost of food and then sell raffle tickets.
    - Reminder to post donors on and, “thank yous,” on social media.
      * Following tonight’s meeting, Jennifer will post for this year’s event.
* Fundraising/Dine Arounds – Theresa Dever
  + Theresa has letterhead and is going to start approaching businesses.
* Food Committee – Lori Kiley
* Lori noted Moe’s will be providing the next meal followed by Flinger’s and then Longhorn.
* Jennifer will post, “thank yous,” to donors on social media.
* Concessions – Amy Pratt
  + Concessions going well.
  + West game was highest selling concessions game since FOIF has taken over.
* Communications – Jennifer Lowrance
  + Nothing to report.
* Photography – Danalee Alberts
  + Nothing to report.
* Team Parents – Kelly Johnson
  + Stocked in concessions area. 5 games to go/supply for.
* Old Business
  + Nothing to discuss.
* New Business
  + Jennifer shared InkSpot is looking for groups to cover cost of a printing newsletter and had asked FOIF to consider sponsoring $500 amount. Pending decision, but leaning toward not sponsoring or considering a smaller contribution amount.
  + Considering selling Ironmen football apparel at home games. Fans have been requesting this.
  + Sideline mats and stadium jackets were discussed. ~~Mats would be an AD decision and not sponsored by FOIF. Stadium jackets for players; an order could be offered, but would be a parent purchase.~~
* Meeting Adjourned at 7:09pm. Motion to adjourn by: Jackie Kraft and Julie Patten.

Next FOIF Meeting is Monday, October 8th, 2018 at 6:00 with location TBA.