

**STOW-MUNROE FALLS ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING
December 12, 2007**

Chuck Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Chuck mentioned that the bricks are in for those who ordered with their membership and they will be put in as soon as possible. Tom Harrell motioned and Chip McClintock seconded that we accept the minutes from the November meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: Kim read an invitation from Stow Sports to an appreciation luncheon on Dec. 21st at Stow Sports for anyone interested.

Treasurers Report: No report. Neil is in Brazil and we didn't receive a copy yet.

Membership: No report

Concessions: No report.

Advertising: The winter program is out. Still collecting from advertising monies owed.

Night at the Races: Will be 3rd Friday in April – April 18th. Tickets will be \$20.00 per person. More info to come at next meeting.

So far we've had an outstanding winter with all sports. Congratulations to all the teams.

Coaches Report:

Swimming – Both teams are 3 – 0. Our 1st home meet at Akron General exceeded our expectations. Swimming parents should be commended. Thanks to the Boosters. The kids really seemed to enjoy themselves in their new surroundings.

Volleyball - We had open gym and 21 boys came out, 8 of them freshmen. In the state meet they have divided into 2 divisions and we are in Division 1 which should give us a good chance to do well in Columbus.

Baseball – Winter workouts are underway. The University of Akron donated a full field tarp to Stow so we can keep the fields in better shape in inclement weather. Our Reverse Raffle will be Feb. 2nd at SYB Hall for both baseball and softball.

Softball – We're in our winter workouts. The girls are playing in an indoor league at Cleveland State in a dome. So far they are 4 – 0 in the league. The team looks good.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR –

Please welcome Mr. Tom Adams, the Business Manager who has been instrumental in helping with the 5 year facility plan. The restroom/concession project is finally in a stage where we can see things being done. We've come up with a 5 year plan for the High School. An Athletic Complex Plan. We're reviewing what we want to do, what it will cost and then will put together a schedule. In January, we will be going to the Board to approve to move forward with the architect to keep moving on the High School Restroom/Concession Stand/Storage Facility. Not only are the Boosters enthusiastic but the City of Stow is also ready and willing to help. This will be a well-used / low maintenance building facility. We will be setting aside some money from the Permanent Improvement Fund over and above the cost of the architects. Chuck Duchon asked if the architect was set in stone and Mr. Adams replied that we have a history with these architects and would like to stay with them. A lot of good things should be happening in the next couple of years.

Chuck and Cyle both thanked Mr. Adams for the help, support and open communication.

Cyle reported he attended an Athletic Directors meeting. The Garfield Hts. Booster Club invited all Booster Club Presidents to meet and brainstorm.

There will be a district Levy Committee dinner on Friday January 11th from 5:30 – 7:30 before the Solon game. We will call Jennifer Huffman and see what we can do to help.

Dr. Jones and I met and discussed the upcoming Levy that will be put on the ballot in March for new money in the district. The Board is taking a new approach/direction to get to people we don't usually get to. The goal is to be excellent in all phases of our district including athletics and the community. The plan is to turf the stadium and truly have a multi purpose facility that will be used by the school and can also be used by the community. The opportunities are endless.

Other schools have stressed how much use they get out of their turfed stadium. This new levy will need to pass for it to happen. With a presidential primary, if we get the information out the opportunity to pass is higher. We need to talk this up, perhaps have neighborhood coffees. Dr. Jones would like to have 3 people on the committee from the Athletic Booster Club. See Cyle if interested. Cyle's been meeting with various turf companies to gather informational data on the pros and cons of each. Injuries have gone down in some schools. Right now we're identifying needs that the district has. The majority of costs will come from the district. This should be seen as a restoration phase. We need to get the community to look at the facts and start to say that makes sense to me. Part of the 5 year plan will also be to add more seating in the stadium. We will have more info at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS-

We have a funding request to fix the rims in the lower gym. Tom Harrell motioned and Tim Bohannon seconded to pay for the requests.

The press box is 1 hour away from being finished. Ben Ruhlin will be possibly getting the siding donated and will put it up for the amount we have allocated.

Barb Bailey mentioned that next year's senior class will be the 100th graduating class from Stow High School so we may want to check it out and do something special in next years program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by Kim DiSanto