



President: Mark Bryant

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Treasurer: Kris Bakke

Communications: Krista Nielsen

Secretary: Dana Frederick

Blaine High School Boys Basketball Booster Club

January 3rd, 2024 6:30 p.m.

Monthly Meeting – BHS Room SW175

In Attendance: Mark Bryant Kurt Kearin Cyndi Cain Lance Pettis
Laurie Bakke Kris Bakke (on phone) Dana Frederick Krista Nielsen
Sharon Leis Robyn Cummings Yassah Gibson Oduwa Aganmwonyi
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AGENDA

I. Review/Approve December meeting minutes:

- Motion to Approve - Krista, Laurie

II. Treasurer's Report – Kris Bakke

- Expenses: I
 - Have not yet paid invoices for game program and posters.
 - Expenses for Youth Night were right on budget.
 - Team meal expenses for 9th grade and B Squad have been paid.
 - We are waiting for invoices from the bus and hotel for Owatonna. We spent less on that trip because players didn't stop for dinner on Saturday night and Friday night dinner was provided by the tournament.
 - We paid our portion of the scoring table. (see Blaine Festival donation notes below)
 - Travel gear - have \$4000 worth of gear to sell.
 - Sam's Club membership was renewed for \$50.
- Income:
 - The gambling manager from the Blaine Festival approved a \$5000 gift which will cover our portion of the scoring table. The rest goes to youth basketball and the girls basketball program.
 - Blast - Kris has started the process to withdraw funds from Blast and deposit to our checking account.
 - Youth night we sold \$3100 in travel gear and pizza
 - Received \$500 from Owatonna for holiday tournament.
 - Received \$1000 from Ham Lake Chamber of Commerce.
 - Quik Trip fundraising - have about 25 players who have not done any significant fundraising. May need to reach out directly to those players/parents. Decision: We will give the coaches a list of players who have not met their goal to sell cards and coaches will follow up.
- We still have a few sponsorship payments outstanding: Build and Balance (**ACTION**: Krista will follow up), Toppers, Meineke, TCO, BYB (**ACTION**: Krista will follow up), Blaine Youth Hockey
- The budget looks good with \$26-27k in cash and many available sponsorship trades. There is still money in the budget for team events/parties.
- Motion to approve - Kurt, Robyn

III. Head Coach Update – Coach Pettis

- Coach thanked the booster club for the holiday tournament support. Everything went very smoothly. JV/Varsity are invited back for next year.
- The feedback from the tournament at University of Northwestern for 9th grade and B Squad is mixed. Ticket prices were expensive (\$13/day. \$10/day for students and seniors) and there was no seating. There was a late cancellation for 9th grade and our team played 7th/8th graders.
- Coach has already started scheduling games for next year.
- Coach purchased 12 new water bottles and a new sticky pad ~ \$200. Booster Club voted in favor of covering the expenses.
- Coaches will talk to players who have not sold car wash cards.
- Coach is ok with an incentive for those who entered their ten Blast email contacts..
- Coach is supportive of scheduling a team dinner at Pizza Ranch at the end of January

IV. Blast / Communication Update - Krista

- The colors on some of the Blast store items are wrong. Josh is working on a resolution process. After that is known, we will send a communication to people who ordered.
- Blast - 10% of all donations are reserved for players associated with those donations to use for gear sales through Blast. This can be turned off. Booster Club voted to reverse and use those funds for the program as a whole.
- Blast has resumed sending weekly update emails to people who have not donated. If you already donated, you don't get another reminder.

V. Open Discussion Items / Upcoming Events – Mark

- We need a date to invite Nautical Bowls to come and provide samples. Options include Feb 12, 14, 23
- Blaine Youth Hockey Update - Donation request has been submitted. We asked them to cover the costs of the game program and a few other things. The total was \$7500. We have not heard back about whether they want us to come to an upcoming meeting.
- Blaine Festival Donation - \$5000 was granted to cover costs of the scoring table:
 - our costs (\$1700)
 - youth program (\$2000)
 - girl's program (\$1300). The girl's program may receive their own donation in which case we will keep that portion of the donation.
- FMSC went really well. The boys had fun. Dan Bell took a picture of the whole program at the end.
- Youth Night - great atmosphere. Right at budget for food, giveaways.. We have posters left over that will be given to game program sponsors. **Action:** Need to order poster frames (about 15) to give to the donors.
- Printed Program - is completed. The partnership with the district print shop went well and we had the programs for the first home game.
- Staff Appreciation (Jan 8) - Krista and Laurie are taking the lead and have most things covered. There is an all staff announcement that Coach Pettis will email and will also post on social media. The plan is to have cheerleaders hand out candy. We have extra t-shirts that we can launch / throw into the crowd at the Varsity game. Boys are giving the invitations to their selected teachers. We have volunteers to hand out giveaways and gear sales. Teachers will get a framed certificate, thank you note from the booster club, and a \$10 gift card.
- Youth Tournament (Jan 13/14) - The volunteer Sign Up is created. **Action:** Dana will send an email to all parents. We will set up on Friday night. There is a home game on Friday night so we

will set up after the game. We have coolers, but need to inventory and stock the bins. Player volunteers will get a free meal, snack, and drink. Players working at NSC will get a stipend to purchase their own concessions.

- Parent Night (Feb 1) - Dana will lead the planning. Kris will take photos. Need to purchase Nothing Bundt Cakes. Dance team will dance at half time. Thank you cards will be distributed at an upcoming practice.
- Senior Night (Feb 26) - Robyn and Sharon will take the lead. Jennifer Lewis, Allison Buffo, Jim Buffo all offered to help.

VI. Next meeting, Tuesday, February 6

VII. Motion for adjournment - Krista, Sharon