

## **Cardinal Baseball Booster**

**Tuesday, October 21, 2025**

In attendance: Christy Otte, Mark Smith, Zach Contreras, Mike McCauley, Gina Barber, Denise Mooney, Coach Don Gawreluk

Meeting called to order at

This is the first meeting; therefore, there is no official agenda.

### **Board Positions:**

President: Christy Otte (Nominated by Mark Smith, seconded by Gina Barber, unanimously voted in)

Vice President: Denise Mooney (Nominated by Christy Otte, unanimously voted in)

Treasurer: Mike McCauley (Volunteered to fill in as needed)

Secretary: Gina Barber (Volunteered to fill in as needed)

Fundraising: Denise Mooney and Zach Contreras

Signage: Mark Smith

Volunteer Coordinator: Gina Barber

12<sup>th</sup> Grade (2026) Rep: Jessica Sloan

11<sup>th</sup> Grade (2027) Rep: Mike McCauley

10<sup>th</sup> Grade (2028) Rep: Zach Contreras

9<sup>th</sup> Grade (2029) Rep: Sill needed

Christy Otte reported that the checking account has a balance of \$4,692.69 and the savings account has a balance of \$28,908.63. There should be no outstanding checks.

### **Coach Don Gawreluk**

Coach Don introduced himself. He graduated from and played baseball for Coon Rapids High School and is very glad to be able to coach here. His goal is to make the baseball program competitive so that students will want to play baseball for Coon Rapids.

### Fundraisers

Coach Don asked about fundraisers we have had and what has been good. Our best fundraisers are SNAP, Cub bagging, and Gerten's flowers. We tried Shine Car Wash, but that one didn't go so well. We also did several restaurant fundraisers. Denise stated that some were worth it, and some were difficult to work with. Denise brought up having a store open through SNAP and having it open over the holidays. That is something to look in to. We also have field signs.

### Budget

Coach Don presented a possible budget that he prepared with high, medium and low priorities. The high priority items total to about \$27,530 and medium/low priority items total to about \$5,200 plus batting cage quote for medium and spring trip for low priority.

High priority items:

Coaches – The district will pay for 4 coaches (JV head coach, 2 V assistant coaches, and Assistant pitching coach). The Boosters will need to cover 3 more (JV Assistant, B/C head coach, and B/C assistant coach).

Player Packs – Coach Don made up a possible player pack to include a t-shirt, hat, socks, hoodie, belt and game jersey with name on the back. This is an idea and can be changed. Players/parents can pay for the pack out right for \$280, do online fundraising totaling \$350, or a varsity field fence sign.

Other high priority items are practice baseballs, game baseballs, 3 tanner tees, banquet, valve training gloves, coach clinics, Mehan Kouri Media, Senior scholarships, and Coach MSHSCA Membership (for insurance purposes). Pullovers/jackets for the coaches are a medium priority but are really wanted.

Zach Contreras brought up the possibility of Go Pros and scoreboards.

### Schedule

The Varsity game schedule is set. Coach Don posted the schedule to Facebook. The MN State High School League passed the Added Games Proposal so there are a few extra games and a tournament that will fall on a Saturday.

Since Spring Break is 3 weeks later than usual, it falls during the baseball season instead of before it. Therefore, there will be practices during Spring Break. Arm care will be March 10, 11, and 12. Tryouts will be March 16, 17, and 18. Any student planning on trying out will be required to attend arm care. Coach Don brought up having the parent meeting in February. The members of the board were receptive to this idea. Coach asked that the reps send out emails stating that if their son is planning on playing baseball, they need to attend the parent meeting.

### Banquet

Different locations were brought up on where to have the banquet. Denise is going to start calling around. Tentative dates would be 5/31/26 or 6/4/26.

Next meeting will be 11/18/25 @ 6:00 PM. Location is to be determined.