

Cardinal Baseball Booster
November 18, 2025

In attendance: Coach G, Christy Otte, Denise Mooney, Gina Barber, Mark Smith, Zach Contreras, Mike McCauley, Jessica Sloan, Brandy

The board welcomed Brandy. She has a 9th grader.

Meeting is called to order at 6:05 PM.

The minutes from the meeting on October 21, 2025 were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Christy/Mike

Checking account: \$4,692.69

Savings account: \$28,908.88

3 checks were written: National Convention for Coach G, the flight, and State Coaches Clinic.

Coach G's Report:

- Coaches: Coach G is still looking for 3 more coaches for JV and C levels. The applicants are in Jeff's files. Postings are also up on the Anoka-Hennepin ISD web page. Coach G has had many discussions with prospective coaches. He is looking for good fits with our philosophy of development, skill acquisition and developing tomorrow's coaches. The coaches currently on board are Don Gawreluk, Pat Gornick, Barry Boevers, and Brian Johnston.
- Player Pack Info: Coach G has been working with Steve Culley at Rebyl and Steve Miley from Zephyr hats. Coach received pricing for the following items:
 - ThT-shirt - \$8.50
 - CR Hoodie - \$21.25
 - Sublimated Game Jersey - \$35.50
 - Belt - \$6.00
 - Black Socks - \$5.00
 - Mock Long Sleeve - \$22.45
 - Game Pants (White with black braid) - \$30.00
 - Hat (from Zephyr) - \$13.25

This totals \$141.95 per player. The hats are quite a bit less expensive than previous years. We will need to order these soon.

- Schedule: The most updated schedules are on the Northwest Suburban Conference site, and they can be downloaded to your phone.
- Fields: Coach G sent a request to Jeremy Johnson at CRCLL asking for \$3500.00 to purchase a 2018 lawn mower from MN Power Equipment in Ham Lake. This mower has the power to drag the infield, mow, and pull things to and from each field.
 - Coach G would like to get the temporary fence up and get a storage POD.
 - Jeff is not getting great vibes from Buildings and Grounds. They are down 6 or 7 people.
- Open Gym Dates; 7 – 8:30 PM in the Field House – Dec 14, 21, Jan 4, 11, 18, 25, Feb 1, and 22. It is open to all 9th - 12th grade baseball players. This is optional and attendance will not be taken. Coach G will be there to ensure the doors will be open and there are no injuries; however, he will not be able to do any coaching per the MN High School regulations.

- Miscellaneous: Coach G is heading to the National HS Baseball Coaches Association Clinic/Winter Meetings December 4-7. He is on the National Rankings committee and helps with their award selections.
 - Coach G helps plan the MN State High School Baseball Coaches Association Clinic at Target Field January 16-17. He highly advises that any youth coaches interested in learning about what the high school and college coaches learn should plan to attend.
 - Coach G sent out an email to potential 9th grade players with no reply back. Open gym should help with recruiting players.
 - Summer Baseball – We are a Legion Host as one of the 16 sites for the Gopher Classic.

President's Report: Christy

- Review bi-law, revise as needed – Coach G can get examples from other booster clubs.
- Yearly donation from Little League – Christy will reach out, we normally get \$5000.00. We are possibly looking to ask LL for a donation to cover the parent fee. The mower is a separate donation.
- Work on parent meeting agenda – The meeting will be held in the Media Center on February 11 at 7:00 PM. We would like to do a slide show. Discussion on if it is beneficial to have Jake from Snap be at the meeting since it is before tryouts. We won't know the players that will be playing. However, we will send out a communication to the parents of all potential players stating, "If you son will be playing baseball this year, please attend this meeting." It will be a good idea to pass out flyers for the parent meeting at open gym.
- Make sure to communicate to all grades that physicals need to be current prior to tryouts. This is especially important for 9th graders and possibly seniors as the physicals are good for 3 years.

Vice President's Report: Denise

- Banquet update – Bunker is higher in price than Banquets of MN. Denise will call to check on dates.
- The registration with the state is up to date.

Volunteer Report: Gina

- Nothing to report at this time

Signs/Sponsorship: Mark

- The letter for signage is to go out after January 1st. Coach G reported that a lot of the signs got pretty beat up over the summer. There are about 6 signs that are reusable. There is discussion about getting signs that are made of harder material. The district print shop has harder signs. It was also brought up about the possibility of offering larger signs. Mark will check on the options. Last year, the price of the signs was \$500 for a 1st time sponsorship and \$250 for renewal. There was discussion about raising the prices this year.

Fundraiser Report: Denise/Zach

- Begin restaurant night outs – Denise will check to see which restaurants were our best ones and start reaching out to set up dates for those.

- Cub bagging – As usual, Cub bagging will be on Good Friday, April 3rd. Christy will reach out to the Riverdale store and Mark will reach out to the Northdale store to reserve the date.
- Gerten's – Denise has the contact information.

Website Report: Mike

- The open gym dates are loaded.

Additional Information:

- RECRUIT – try to recruit as many 9th graders as possible. Right now there is a possibility of 7 9th graders.
- Be sure to share all information from Coach G...dates, etc.
- Feed My Starving Children – Put on hold per Coach G as he would like to do stuff with Little League. FMSC is a fun activity; however, it has made for a very busy week.
- Arm care is March 10th through 12th
- March practices – Since other sports (Volleyball, etc.) also need the gym, we will have the late shift if the weather is too bad to be outside. JV and Varsity practices will most likely be at 3:20 as most of the coaches of other jobs.
- Write a letter to reach out to Meghan to verify her fee for this year. Everyone was very pleased with her work.

Grade Reps

- No new business from any of the representatives.

Next meeting is January 13th at 6:00 PM