

# **North Allegheny Baseball Booster Meeting - January 5, 2022**

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BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDANCE: Deborah Dixon, Charlotte Ranallo, Kristen Smalley, Sara Ricci

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDANCE: Dave Hammer, Denise Suba, Cathy Opiela, Melissa Galaska

COACHING STAFF REPRESENTATIVE: Jeremy Sabo

PARENT ATTENDANCE: Kathy Fadgen, Heather Kowger

## **Treasurer Update - (Sara Ricci)**

- Update on current finances and expenses paid since last meeting
- Title XI report

## **NOTES / COMMENTS:**

**\$14,000.00 (insurance was paid and a check was deposited on 1-5-22)**

**Sponsorships: Adagio Health, Pittsburgh Fire Sprinkler, Gordan and Reese. Encourage sponsorship payments to be made by check when possible to reduce paypal fees.**

**Gear Order was placed invoice will be sent in mid-February.**

**State registration fees are taken care of.**

## **Booster Fees for 2022 Season- (Deb Dixon)**

2021 Dues:

Middle School: \$100 + \$80 Lottery Tickets

Freshmen: \$165 + \$90 Lottery Tickets

JV/Varsity: \$200 + \$100 Lottery Tickets

Family Cap: \$250 + All applicable Lottery Tickets

Should we make any changes for the 2022 season? Fees were reduced by \$30 for the 2021 season.

How should we handle player registration and lottery ticket distribution?

Paypal fees? Do we want to accept checks or some other form of payment? Venmo does not appear to be a good option.

**NOTES/COMMENTS: Fees will remain the same for the 2022 season. Registration will be completed on the booster website. The dues and lottery tickets will need to be paid prior to players receiving their practice gear for the season.**

### Picture Day-

- Date- March 13
- Reserve Baierl Center- Cathy Opiela
- Reserve Game On Photography- (Cathy Opiela) I am already in contact waiting on reserving the date above
- Confirm with Game On what equipment the players should bring (bats, catchers gear etc....)
- Senior Night - If we come up with date asap Game On will do the photos as part of their deal with us, we need to get the date reserved asap.

**NOTES/COMMENTS:** Cathy will confirm if pictures will be March 13, a make up day for pictures will be offered. The Baierl Center is the first choice if it is unavailable the NASH lobby or cafeteria will be reserved. Cathy will reserve the space and let Deb know.

### Fundraising Ideas - Discussion - (Deb Dixon)

Fundraising needed to be delayed due to outstanding paperwork issues with our state registration dating back to 2019. We finally received our approval from the state to begin fundraising.

- Spring Lottery Tickets (Deb Dixon)
- Restaurant Nights
  - Chipotle Night (Deb Dixon)  
We have been approved for Tuesday, January 25, 5-9p  
Chipotle in McCandless Crossing. Deb will send the flyer out
- Volunteers for other restaurant nights... Looking for volunteers
  - Thorn Hill Tap House - Looking to set up a fundraising week where 10% of proceeds go back to NABB - Contact [info@thornhilltaphouse.com](mailto:info@thornhilltaphouse.com) to set up. They were looking at purchasing a fundraising package and wanted to tie it in with a fundraising week.
- Cyclebar
  - Suggested by a current player. The studio requires a min of 20 participants and can hold a maximum of 36. We would charge \$20 per participant. The studio is available Fridays after 7p and Saturdays & Sundays after 12p. Should earn min of \$250 with the potential to earn about \$700. Looking for a volunteer to set this up.

- Spirit Gear Sale **(Deb Dixon)**
  - Goal is to order ASAP after the rosters are created. Planning online ordering and home delivery of purchases similar to last year.
- Pretzelroni Sale: **Looking for a volunteer**
  - Raised \$1,234 last year and \$300-\$400 in previous seasons would be great to do again.
- Other Fundraising Suggestions: Pirates? Raffle off signed Neal Walker merchandise, how will we raise money from this? Maybe bring tickets to home games to sell. Should we make baskets?

**NOTES / COMMENTS:** We are now permitted to fundraise. Deb will write lottery ticket checks for winners. Chipotle is Jan 25; the flyer and online ordering code will be shared on social media. Denise will look into restaurant night for Monte Cellos, and Slice. Kathy Thorn Hill Tap House. Dave will look into Cyclebar. Sarah will look into Pretzelroni. Coach Sabo will get information about ordering helmet decals. They could be added to the paypal site if we decide to sell them. The decals will be about \$8 to \$10 dollars apiece. In place of helmet stickers or in addition to we can sell car stickers. Cathy will look into car stickers.

**UBO Update: - (Erin Phrampus)**

- Toys for Tigers donation- Donation of \$150 sent in October

**NOTES / COMMENTS:**

**Banquet / Senior Night Update - (Melissa Galaska)**

- Banquet- we have a deposit (\$250) held over from the 2020 & 2021 school years for the Columbian Room by the Camelot. We guaranteed 125 people.
- From Melissa: I wanted to send an update regarding the Camelot as a potential site for the baseball banquet. They do have days available at the conclusion of our regular season, unfortunately I am not sure they will work. Here is what they have:

Sunday, May 15 (day after Prom)

Sunday, May 29 (day before Memorial Day)

Monday, May 16

Tuesday, May 17  
Wednesday, May 18

Personally, I don't think any of these days are ideal, especially the day after Prom and the three days during the week. Per the WPIAL website, playoffs for 2022 begin the week of May 16, with the finals on Tuesday, May 31 or Wednesday, June 1.

Does anyone have opinions on banquet dates or other potential locations?

**NOTES / COMMENTS:** We all agree the banquet will be at Marshal Middle School. We will wait for the dates to see how the season progresses. If we wait until the season is over families may be on vacation. Suggestion that the banquet be on a Sunday, check to make sure if custodian charge is higher. After the team is made, we can take a survey about dates of banquet. Discuss at next meeting. Senior Night video is made with the assistance of students in production classes the cost is \$ 250.00 each year. Ben Tunita may be available to do the senior night video, Denise will look into this.

#### **Senior Night - (Melissa Galaska)**

- Date?
- Bronze Plaques? Does anyone know what was decided last year?

Sabo on Bronze Plaques: As per Bronze Plaques - Our Athletic Director supported us holding off due to how expensive this purchase is. He was thinking about possibly doing something after the press box is installed.

**NOTES / COMMENTS:** Senior Night will be against Hampton Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. North Hills or Shaler will be backup dates. Sarah will reserve the balloon arch. (Date plus back up) Cathy will reserve the photographer. Deb will set-up a committee of parents to handle food for Senior Night being mindful of food allergies.

The bronze plaques will not be completed this year. Recognition for seniors (2021 & 2022) will done after the new press box is completed.

#### **Middle School Recognition Night- (Deb Dixon)**

- Are we going to have one?
- Date
- Food
- T-shirt

Sabo on Middle School Night: We did not do it last year due to schedule restrictions. It is tough to plan this due to the fact of constant schedule changes due to weather. Our vote as a staff would be to eliminate this.

**NOTES / COMMENTS:** We are no longer doing this.

**Coaching Staff: - (Coach Sabo)**

- Updates?

Freshman Assistant Coach has been hired along with Marshall Assistant Coach. Still looking for a CMS assistant coach (those interviews are currently taking place - down to two candidates). All other positions are the same as last season.

**NOTES / COMMENTS:** Off season work outs:

January- Grades 9-12- see schedule on booster website

February- Grades 10-12- will continue to work out together

Grades 7-9 will receive a schedule from their team coach

**7. Sponsorship Chair - (Dave Hammer / Denise Suba / Coach Sabo)**

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We currently have 3,000.00 raised/committed for sponsorships. Those are listed on our website.

**NOTES / COMMENTS:**

**8. Administrative Issues- (Deb Dixon)**

- National Booster Organization Renewal- 501c3-
  - Done, received early bird discount of \$75
    - Has a lot more to offer us will save us money going forward
- PA Charitable Organization Registration- getting sorted out (over 60 hours of work) Thank you to Sara, Charlotte, and my father-in-law Jim!
- Upcoming
  - Insurance
  - Small Games of Chance License

**NOTES / COMMENTS:** Small games of chance license will be renewed next month. Currently registered as a charitable corporation with the state of Pennsylvania, 501c3 status with the IRS, & insured through March of 2023