

Diamond Booster Club
Meeting Minutes
Oct 23, 2007

President Kirk Havens brought the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. sharp
Minutes read from last meeting; approved and second

Financial Report – Tonja Miller

Starting Balance - \$7,050
Football Banner and grass edger - \$-1,050
Ending Balance - \$ 6,000

Membership

950 Active members (including 12 new members)

Sponsors

21 active sponsors

- Grant received: Excellent news received on donations. Sam Ramsey, board member for the Leslie Family Foundation, provided guidance throughout the grant process to secure a total of \$54,000 for PISD. Camp Grady Spruce program received \$5,000, Fine Arts/Band received \$10,000, leaving the \$39,000 donation majority for the Prosper Baseball Program. Appreciation expressed by Coach Carpenter and Kirk at the board meeting.
- Planned grant purchases: Coach Carpenter detailed expenditures already decided on:
 - Qty-2 – pitching machines capable of throwing curve balls
 - Also capable of “hitting” fly balls and ground balls
 - Sweats and t-shirts for the team
 - Uniforms, pull-overs, jerseys, hats
 - L-screens for pitching batting practice
 - 1st baseman’s glove
 - Coach Carpenter plans to spread the grant and other donations out over a few years. Other items, such as a centerfield wall, concession trailer, updated press box, 40 additional bleacher seats etc, to be decided on based on prioritized needs. Coach Carpenter re-stated that between \$10,000 and \$15,000 is required each season to run a “no-frills” program
- On-going Fund Raising: Everyone reminded to keep the money coming in with different fund raisers still needing to be decided on and planned. Kirk expressed the goal of making the Prosper Baseball Program “something special” with Coach Carpenter adding encouragement to maintain a fund surplus and grow that balance year over year. Let’s not plan to struggle for funding every year.
 - Frisco Roughriders fund raising event: Information still being collected on this potential fund raiser currently set for Feb 25th. Parents and players may be needed to sell tickets to receive the funds.

- Stadium Seats: Passed around a sample seat for potential fund-raising idea. Suggestion to put Sponsors names on the back and stated our costs are \$26 per seat. These would be reserved seats in front of the press box for available for season ticket buyers
- Field Work Days: Kirk plans to schedule workdays throughout December and January even though cold weather may be present (Official try-out date is Jan 25). Stated the need to remodel the press box and plans to have a cost estimate at the next meeting. Booster Club purchased a new sound system for 2007 season which is still secure. Remodeling plans include cleaning, paneling, carpet and adding a window on the west side.
 - Requested Mr. Cockrell to assist with the effort
 - Also stated the winter rye grass is coming up due to cold weather. Kirk and James have been tending to the field and have completely edged the outside of the field with the new edger
- Fencing re-work: Kirk has Mr. Williams looking into replacement fencing for appx 6 sections of fence. Considering chain link with wind screen or skeleton frame with canvas.
 - University of Houston field had frame with canvas.
- Meeting adjourned