

Lake Zurich High School Corner Kick Club Meeting Minutes February 25, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

Attendance: Denise Keating, Carolyn Stauner, Beth Whiteman, Russ Cerqua, Lori Smith, Jan Janus, Tom Janus, Peggy Walding, Diana D'Avello, Colleen Burke, Joe Burke, Meghan Kolze, Mike Schmitz, Aaron Chopra, Maria Blasé, Debbie Doherty, Ed Toczyski.

Scholarship Program

Beth Whiteman has been working with Lisa Andriano in the College and Career Center and the applications for the Corner Kick Club Scholarship Program will be available for pick up on Monday, March 2. We will award two \$500 scholarships – one to a senior girl soccer player and one to a senior boy soccer player. Applications are due in to the College and Career Center by March 31. Beth will research a scholarship plaque for display at the high school. Lori and Denise have each contacted one reviewer for the applications and Denise will contact one additional. Lori will email announcements to parents of senior soccer players, regarding the scholarship application availability.

Coaches' Report

Tryouts for Girl's soccer will begin March 2.

District Budget Cuts: Effect on LZHS Soccer Program

The proposed District budget recommend eliminating the Boy's JV team and the Girl's Sophomore team for the 2009/2010 school year, saving the district a total of \$4620. The group discussed voicing our opinion at the March 5 and March 12, Board of Education meetings when budget issues are on the agenda for discussion. We will also initiate a letter writing campaign. Lori will get contact information for the Board of Education and email information regarding the letter writing campaign to all soccer parents.

The question was raised as to whether the Corner Kick Club can write a check to cover the \$4620 to preserve the teams. Russ reported that with our current checking account balance of approximately \$10,000, issuing a check for \$4620 would not leave any extra money for varsity team trips and other team supplies. The coaches stressed the importance of maintaining all four teams and are willing to give up the trips and supplies if we can keep the teams.

Tom Janus volunteered to talk with Jim Hussey to see if the Board of Education would be receptive to a check from the Corner Kick Club. Ed Toczyski commented that these budget issues will continue for some time and we need to set up a plan to build a financial base so our soccer program can continue, in our current form, into the future.

Ed Toczyski moved the Corner Kick Club immediately issue a check for \$4620 to preserve the Boy's JV and Girl's Sophomore teams for the 2009/2010 school year. The motion was seconded by Denise Keating and a voice vote was taken. The motion was approved.

Russ Cerqua and Ed Toczyski will attend the Board of Education meeting tomorrow night and present the check to the Board of Education during the public comments portion of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Russ presented the February Financial Report and submitted the bank statement for January.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the January meeting are posted on the website.

Fall Fundraiser: No Report**Girls' Spring Fundraiser**

Meghan Kolze described the girl's spring fundraising plans. They will sell Check Awards books which are similar to Entertainment Books, but smaller and more locally focused. The books will sell for \$35 each and, if we sell all of the 500 printed, we can make \$10,000 profit. Denise and Carolyn will set up a contact person for boy's parents to contact if they are interested in purchasing the Check Awards books. The varsity girl's team is also looking in to running a soccer clinic for Middle School soccer players this spring.

Spring Pledge Card Signing

Pledge Card signing for the girl's will be Thursday, March 12. The vendor will be present to talk about the Check Awards fundraiser and Meghan Kolze will talk about the Corner Kick Clubs involvement in the soccer program. Denise and Carolyn discussed other details of Pledge Card Signing night.

Old Business: None**New Business:** None**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, March 25, at 7:00 PM in the LZHS Cafeteria.