

DFS MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

Agenda items

I. Call to order and Roll Call

Call to order on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 6:39 pm.

In attendance were Michelle Bolte, Angie Koop, Dave Paulsen, Staci Jorgensen, Jennifer Jensen, Nikki Jensen, Megan Steffen, Travis Druvenga, Jana Hermann, Stephanie Boecker

II. Approval of last meeting's minutes

Minutes from the May meeting were approved with no changes. Angie Koop motioned to approve; Nikki 2nd. Additions to Agenda: Meeting dates – keep meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

III. Correspondence

None

IV. Treasurer's Report

Kurt was gone but Michelle gave report. One scholarship redirected for GV from Central to Wartburg. UNI money for CP discussed. MN's scholarship could not be applied for summer funding this past summer because she was not taking classes, but may be able to utilize next summer. No other changes in treasurer's item.

V. Current Items

DFS letter went out today to students & parents. Would like to spice it up a little for students for next year. Have student or board member update it. Suggestion made to review DFS information at freshman orientation. Travis prefers the info goes out to parents as well. Some preference to delay the timing of the email until 3-4 weeks after school starts so it doesn't get lost in the business of the start of the school year. Link from school website to DFS website. Info on specific campaigns and announcements.

VI. Old Business

5K – made \$3500 on 5K. Not sure what it will look like next year now that Phil Kruger has passed away. He contributed a great deal to the run. We will have to discuss how things may change in the future. Discussed sponsorships... may be a good idea to promote next year. Pickleball tourney had lots of participation... feedback regarding congestion with both 5K and Pickleball starting at the same time. Suggestion to stagger the events to avoid congestion and safety issues. Made \$965.75. DFS did not do concessions due to the complications due to inspection and lack of time.

VII. New Business

Door to Door dates - October 8 and October 15. Nikki has all materials and will get them ready. She will do them in Dike. Angie can do October 15th in NH; Stephanie can do October 8 in NH. In past, have allowed both parents and students to sign up. Kids go in groups with envelope and have one person be the spokesperson, give door hanger for anyone not home, document who was not home. Hit as many missed houses as possible the next week. Nikki to look into printers for materials. Historically, participants get more points for this fundraiser (5 pts / hour) than others.

Explanation to new board members of DFS / Scholarship America – We are under the SA umbrella. Base our scholarship allotment on the money we raise during that year. Students who volunteer for a SA event get 1 volunteer point. Cannot apply other volunteer time to DFS. We have a formula based on how much we've made and how many volunteer points have been earned with Min and Max thresholds in place. Ok to communicate that the more hours you volunteer, the more you earn. Max \$2000 amt per student. Explanation of SA Scholarships which are not DFS money: Outside scholarship committee works with and helps award these scholarships. Three different groups: 1) Outside Independent Scholarships 2) SA Scholarships 3) DFS Scholarships. The amounts we've given out just for DFS has increased over the past several years.

Other fundraising ideas: Diane's VB tournaments; DEPO put together a document of all the fundraisers that are being done to avoid overlap. Youth basketball tournament? Grade 4-8? Lots of teams already signed up and scheduled out. Travis volunteered to look into it. More viable option now that we have the new gym. Travis will talk to Cody about gym rental.... Have some refs locally who would probably do it. Stephanie Boecker will reach out to some local people who might be interested in getting involved. Will talk about it again next month. Possibly sign up for basketball meals? Had an online donation via Stripe to go to the scholarship fund.

VIII. Committees

Staci asked for list of students by class from Travis.

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 7:33 pm.



Location: DNH Junior High School



Date: 9/13/2023



Time: 6:30 pm