

# Jamesville-Dewitt All Sports Booster Club

## MINUTES

June 10, 2025

**ATTENDEES:** Fred Wheeler, Nicole Virag, Jim Gallagher, Nikki Laubenstein, Kristina Jordan, Sheana Martin Zombek, Matt Murphy, Jeremiah Kelly

### 1. **INTRODUCTIONS** – Jim Gallagher

Highlighted this year's Booster Club accomplishments:

- Great job on concessions all year, especially working through the weather issues!
- Stadium lighting package - big expense, but very excited for the fall to be able to use it more fully; have received a great response so far at field/games, and we are excited to be able to provide this for the community! (Will continue to work on Booster Club acknowledgement signage near field)
- Athletic trainer's Gator utility vehicle. (Still need to get a Booster Club sticker put on it, and Jim and Sheana will finalize over the summer.)
- Support for team "swag;" piloted this year and will continue to work on refining for next year/future.

### 2 **FINANCIAL REPORT / BUDGET**

#### May Totals

- \$17,374.86 (Key Bank account)
- \$0.00 (Chase account)
- \$1,760.00 (Concessions):

Total: \$19,134.86

Some additional expenses will be coming in for team swag, post season parties, etc.

\*Goals for next year – to continue to work on the membership donations; doing better to push for this beyond the fall parents' meeting. Work harder to highlight what the Booster Club has helped to support as well as goals for future.

Fred suggests sending details on how to become a Booster Club member/what's involved through Parent Square email and including a link directly to the BC website to make donation for membership. Also suggests sending out to the modified and JV families.

Matt suggests clarifying the process of parent "booster reps" so that parents can have a better understanding and a more consistent message regarding the BC membership donations as well as their roles through the season.

Jerimiah helps with JD facilities and offered to look into costs for winterizing the outdoor concession stand to allow it to open sooner/more often.

Despite not being able to open for many of the spring games due to weather and lack of volunteers, the **concession stand sales were UP** overall throughout the year and we also had the opportunity to host several Sectional and other larger events, which helped with concession sales.

Goal to be better prepared for the larger events with more food; ran out at some of the larger events.

Concession costs came in below the budgeted costs.

Fred reports that we already have dates for cheerleading and wrestling events this summer/fall

### 3. "Swag Support"

- Pilot program – began in the winter because there were fewer teams and we thought it would be easier to navigate. Discussed responsibilities for who would run it for each team and who would submit receipts to Fred. No specific vendor was required; no restrictions on where items were purchased or what items were purchased.
- Issues
  - Transparency to community with what has been purchased and by which teams
  - Coach involvement (some more motivated than others to use funds)
  - Retail/Discounted purchasing inconsistencies

- FY26 Plan:

Instead of expanding the \$1000/\$500 in the fall as discussed, propose continuing that for fall sports so all sport seasons are impacted. Then revisit how the swag support is done in the future. (e.g., Each student athlete gets 1 item, "Athletic Dept Hoodie/Backpack")

Jim proposed vote for the budget for “team swag” to be raised for fall sports to level them up to make it even with what the winter and spring sports received this year when it was started.

Fred approved for the fall but would like to revisit how the program works next year, since there was inconsistency with the coaches. Wants to set a deadline for coaches to submit what they’d like to order and if it’s not in by that date, the BC will order for the teams.

Matt (soccer) feels this sounds fair to do this for the fall sports teams and would be ready to put in his team’s order by August. Likes the idea of an item that is consistent across all teams and players that will last several years instead of a new piece of “swag” every year.

May be a different philosophy among all coaches. Fred will share the process with the coaches to help with transparency and consistency.

- **Vote – All in favor**

#### **4. JAMESVILLE DEWITT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Fred Wheeler**

- Status of senior sports “banquet” – *will revisit for 2026*
  - At April BC meeting, discussed going back to a more formal event where parents pay to attend. Fred got a quote from Drumlins.
- Equipment wish list for FY26: sideline covers (~\$9,000) for bad weather; full field covers for softball and baseball fields (~\$6,500); new sound systems for gym and press box; lighting system for inside gym, baseball team shed near their field
  - Jim proposes we pause on voting on any items and put together a more thorough proposal to vote on from above “wish list” and needs. Create marketing materials to help with overall campaign for families to see what’s proposed. Market through the summer.
- Uniform needs for FY26; est. \$7,000 budget for needs; 2 modified tennis teams and a new flag football team
- Jerimiah – softball is hosting an event (10U All Stars Softball) and asking if they can split concession proceeds from June 21-July 9; Sheana will come up with a cost for purchased food and softball parents would run it.
- **Vote – All in favor**

#### **5 FY26 Capital Projects**

- Lyndon Building Renovation (Marc Peterson)

- Propose \$10K for 2 years be allocated to renovation along with the baseball project.

**6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Membership was down this year. Discussed promoting in different ways next year.
- **Open Board positions:** Secretary/website editor

**ADJOURN** - Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. **Next meeting:** July meeting TBD.