

**Boosters Meeting**  
**April 1, 2009**  
**@ Coach Posternack's Room, PL HS**

**In attendance:** Coach Posternack, Carlos Huelga, Wayne Irvine, Rich Vermazen, Kathy Hilton, Darrold Davis, Dan & Liz Stewart, Jim & Mary Martin, Daryl Stepina, Joyce Hile and Byron Wear

The meeting was called to order at **6:35 pm**.

Minutes of the **March 5, 2009** were reviewed & approved. **M-S-A**

**Coach P's Comments:**

The Team Photos were completed and look very professional.

The Varsity team has a 7-1 record. "This is a marathon and not a sprint."

The Varsity team is in the semi-finals this weekend. They play on Saturday, 4/4 at 10 am at Dana Middle School versus Mira Mesa. If Point Loma beats Mira Mesa, they play Cathedral Catholic for the 2<sup>nd</sup> game.

Coach P communicated that there are 3 Team Captains, and those Captains are leading & running the team.

The JV team has not won a game. (They did win on 4/2 versus Hoover High School!)

The Frosh team won their first game!

Coach P had drug testing and all players passed. He plans to have 1-2 more drug tests.

Coach P shared to the Boosters that each Tuesday, the local newspaper has standings of the county's high schools. With PL HS having a great start to the season, he is confident that "we will be noticed." He has told his Varsity players to be humble with their current success.

Coach P recognized all that Coach Delgado has done for our baseball program: JV baseball bags, pizza and sandwiches for both the Varsity and JV teams. The rationale is to boost morale and create a winning environment. Thanks a lot Coach Delgado!

**Hit-a-thon, Saturday, April 25, 2009**

Coach P discussed the upcoming annual "Hit-a-thon." This has been his main fundraiser since he's been at PL HS. Like a HR Derby, each player will get 25 pitches. The farthest hit will be measured. ("Mark it!") Each player is encouraged to seek sponsors and raise X

cents per foot hit. Example: (5 cents per foot) X (340 feet) = \$17. It was discussed that if each player can get 10 sponsors, it is pretty easy to raise \$150 per player. Coach P's goal is \$6,000 - \$7,000.

All funds from the players need to be collected by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Coach P will split the funds with the Boosters. He would like to have a day similar to the Alumni Day where we have BBQ, music and possibly a raffle. Since the Boosters will receive half of the funds, he would like parents to help with the food, music and raffle. He and the coaches will handle the "Hit-a-thon" to ensure accurate measurements.

Coach P will contribute \$1,000 of the money raised towards the end-of-season Awards Banquet.

Coach P would like to have a Booster member communicate with *The Beacon* and let the community know what is happening with PL HS Baseball including PR about the "Hit-a-thon."

We want to invite local little leagues to our "Hit-a-thon."

**Ways & Means:** We reviewed our financial position. We have \$11,542 as of 3/31/09. We reviewed the budget: \$16,000 versus \$27,000. Liz feels we are "on track."

### **Fund Raisers:**

Hit-a-thon (see above)

Byron Wear shared a letter that Campbell Wear mailed to his church, family and friends. A similar letter worked well for Andrew Huelga. The consensus was that all the players use a similar letter (or the same one) to raise \$\$ for the Hit-a-thon. Regardless of how the money is raised, Coach P would like the players to raise the \$\$ themselves rather than have the parents "just write a check." He wants the players to learn from the fund raising challenge.

Liz discussed the idea of all team families attending a restaurant at the last two Boosters' meetings. The restaurant will give us 15% donation on all sales. We plan to go to Brick Alley on Monday, April 20, 2009 after the Mission Bay game.

We plan to raffle a TV. We will get a TV at a low cost from Dave Camerra and auction the TV at our Awards Banquet (or possibly at the Hit-a-thon).

### **Membership**

We have team parents that are trying to secure memberships from all of our parents. We have a low percentage of Freshman Parents.

There was a discussion about possibly making the Frosh team more “self-financed.” Coach P does not want to make PL HS Baseball a “Pay for Playing” situation. He wants to have competitive teams, so the “Pay for Playing” strategy does not work since there are some players that cannot afford to play if a fee is charged. Ideas were discussed about paying an initial fee then 3 monthly fees. To address players that may not be able to afford the fee, we could have scholarships for those players. The parents did agree with Coach P that we are not a “Pay for Playing” school. Liz mentioned “Pay for Coaching” which is a good way of looking at the Frosh situation.

### **Merchandise**

Liz has the Boosters’ Sponsors’ merchandise ready to be distributed. She needs help to distribute each sponsor’s gift(s). She will order more jackets for the “Home Run” level sponsors.

### **Web Site**

Scott Hopkins posted new picture on the Web site.

### **Old Business**

We would like to amend our by-laws to allow Officer Elections to be held in May for the new school year calendar July through June. **M-S-A**

Please go to web site for nominations of 2009-2010 Officers.

### **End-of-Season Awards Banquet**

Harvey Hilton was not present. Kathy said he is still working on the plan. Coach P says the following dates are preferred: June 4th, 5th or 6<sup>th</sup>. We discussed how a Thursday would be best for Nick’s Restaurant even though a Friday or Saturday would be preferred by us.

### **Next Meetings**

- a. Booster Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May at 6:30 pm at PLHS, Room 851.
- b. Booster Board Meeting: TBD at 7:00 pm at Darrold Davis’ house

The meeting was adjourned at **7:45 pm**.

**Mission Statement**: The mission of the Point Loma High School Baseball Booster Club is to promote team awareness in the community, increase pride and morale among the coaches, players, parents and friends of the PLHS Baseball program, and to provide support for our mission through volunteer and fundraising activities.

