**MVLL Board Meeting Minutes**

**November 19, 2019**

*Start: 7:05pm Finish: 8:43pm*

**Attendance:** LJ Warren, Aaron Bennett, Becky Konjas, Lori Matteson, Paul Vernet, Walter Brown, Gene Sorbellini, Kevin Wortman, Rob Shultis, Kenny Gierloff, Amanda Longo

* **Open board positions filled**
* LJ brought up the two board vacancies for voting.
* Pete Longo was voted in as Woodstock VP, seconded by Aaron B.
* Kevin Wortman was voted in as League Information Officer, Paul V seconded.
* **Budget**
* LJ brought up the 2020 budget for voting, Paul V. seconded. LJ said that It’s a good starting point but with a negative balance projected ($2420), more fundraising is definitely needed. Lori M. said that the majority of the profit last year was from the Snack Shack and that is usually not the case.
* **Fundraising**
* Lori M stated that she tried to promote banners digitally this year but felt it was unsuccessful. Stuffing envelopes seems to be the way to go for now.
* *Miracle on Main Street* is a no go per Lori M, they only need manpower right now.
* Lori M spoke about the possibilities of a Pancake breakfast. It has been a good fundraiser in the past. Lori looked into having one at Applebees in Kingston. Available AM Saturdays only. Presale tickets @ $6 ea. (Applebees gets $2, MVLL keeps $4) Kids seat and serve. 1-2 dishwashers needed. (Must be 18+) Could also have a 50/50 raffle during the breakfast to increase profits. It was discussed that prior to the season in March or midseason would be the best time to have it.
* Gene S. offered to let MVLL sell concessions during the basketball games at the high school. He recommended that the selection be simple and limited to non-cooked items. Walter B suggested selling individually wrapped pastries that can be purchased from Sam’s Club. Aaron B to advise what is left over from the snack shacks that can be sold at the games. First game is January 9th.
* Lori M mentioned setting up a “Clynk” account at Hannafords. Money can be used to offset food cost for snack shack. Collections sites can be set up at all snack shacks during baseball, girls’ softball games, basketball games, any future fundraisers, men’s softball games, etc…

Special bags are issued and used to collect cans then returned to the store. Barcode on the bag is scanned and money is deposited into an account. Visit <https://www.clynk.com/about/> for details.

* **Promoting**
* LJ discussed having a presence at the school’s Holiday Gift Boutiques. (Woodstock, Phoenicia and Bennett) MVLL to donate baseball themed presents labeled with the MVLL logo along with baseball themed wrapping paper to peak interest for next year’s enrollment. Budget should be around $100. LJ stated that he will make and donate labels. Paul and LJ both stated they would look into options online.
* LJ brought up that a presence is needed at the Olive Tree Lighting on Saturday December 7th at 6pm. Lori M suggested setting up games like Corn Hole or the Pitching Net both decorated with tinsel and lights. Give out gum like Big League Chew for participating. Amanda L stated that she would donate tinsel and lights. Also, a great place to mention the possibility of forming a girls’ softball team next year. Volunteers are needed for set up and to run the games. Set up starts around 4:30.
* **Girls’ Softball**
* Walter Brown has committed to handling girls’ softball. He stated that he knows professional softball players that are willing to help out with training.
* Becky K. mentioned that Chris Kasprzyk is holding an afterschool “Open Gym” at Bennett. She thinks that it will most likely be on held on Tuesdays for an hour or so. Need actual dates when this will be happening to get the word out. Essentially, it will be like a girls’ softball clinic. All in attempt to boost participation and skill. Some players from his varsity team have volunteered to help with a girls’ softball team.
* Becky K mentioned running a pole on Facebook to see if potential players/parents have a preference to how the team(s) are formed. Minors, majors or both.
* Aaron said that he will update the website. Registration to begin on 1/1/20.
* LJ suggessted delaying the softball registration payments until we know if there will be enough girls to have a team. If for some reason it doesn’t work out, we can offer parents a discount to play with the boys.
* **Uniforms**
* Becky K. mentioned that Allstar uniforms from Shandaken and Woodstock still need to come back. LJ suggested that uniform inventory needs to be taken as they come back as well as when they go out. Kenny G agreed to reach out to the Allstar parents from Woodstock and Shandaken in attempt to get uniforms back.
* **Umpires**
* Becky K said that umpires are still needed, she suggested reducing the age to 14. Geno stated he would run another training clinic.

* Next meeting January 14, 2020 - 7:00 pm Boiceville Inn