

## **Gridiron General Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Thursday, January 16, 2014**

**Location: Chatfield High School Auditorium**

**Time: 6:00 p.m.**

Board Members Present: Craig Lucero, Kelli Walker, Nicole Muhammad, Kathy Gaiter (Jennie Norris was ill)

This general meeting of the Gridiron Club membership was held to introduce the football families (parents and players) to the planned Orlando trip and answer any questions.

The meeting was opened by Chatfield Principal, Wendy Rubin, who voiced her support for the trip, her belief in the importance of travel for school groups, how she is excited for the Chatfield football team to travel as ambassadors of Chatfield High School, and how she even hopes to join us on the trip!

Next, Chad Broer spoke about the trip and his support for it, and Chatfield football becoming more of a recognized powerhouse within our league and the state.

Coach McGatlin spoke about how the idea for the trip came about, the research and pre-planning that has been done prior to this kick-off meeting, and he emphasized that while he hoped every kid in the program is able to go on the trip, the trip IS NOT mandatory, and will in no way impact any player's standing with the team. Coach also emphasized that the official start of 2-a-days will be on 8/11, and that is critical that each player be at every practice, as they have to complete nine practices prior to being able to play, and the 9<sup>th</sup> practice will take place in Orlando.

Sue O'Dell mentioned the index cards that were available to write questions on that would be addressed at the end of the meeting. She introduced Nicole Lippold and Kelly Hayes from KSA.

Nicole and Kelly showed a video introduction to KSA and the sporting events that they offer in Orlando. Nicole reviewed the sample itinerary that was in the KSA trip packet given to all meeting attendees. Kelly discussed options for air travel including commercial or chartering. Once KSA knows the number of people traveling, they will present Coach McGatlin and the Gridiron Club with the options. She indicated that people MAY be able to use frequent flier miles, but only if the flight times work. It was mentioned that you cannot attend the game or the various team events without purchasing the tag-along ground package. Kelly also discussed the trip protection guarantee available, and said that this form must be returned for each player going, regardless of whether they want this protection. Finally, Kelly led a Disney trivia game and several in attendance won money. We were treated to a wonderful rendition of "It's a Whole New World" as performed by Jake Carstensen and Sean O'Dell.

Craig Lucero was introduced as the new Gridiron Club President, and the other board members introduced themselves. Craig discussed the goals and vision for the Gridiron Club and spoke about the preliminary budget review that the board has done. He recommended that the Gridiron Club loan the \$5,000 needed for the initial trip deposit. The motion was made and seconded by members in attendance, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Valerie Lewis was introduced as the Fundraising Coordinator for Orlando, and she spoke about the various fundraising opportunities that will be available, and planned and tentative dates for those. Volunteer sign-ups to help with the various fundraisers were available outside the auditorium after the meeting.

A Q&A session was held and the meeting was wrapped up by Sue O'Dell, with a reminder of key dates, and the need to return initial paperwork and the initial \$45 trip deposit by Tuesday, January 21.