



Southington Gridiron Club

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*Organized to Promote, Support, and Assist the
Southington Blue Knights Football Team LL
State Champions 1998, 2013 & 2014*

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Gridiron Minutes – Sept. 19, 2017

Submitted by Terri O'Shea

Meeting called to order at: 6:35 p.m. by President Rick Bouchard

A motion was made to waive reading of minutes; Tim O'Shea and Ron Pastor approved.

Coach's Corner: *Coach Mike Drury reported*

- Coach Mike Drury reported it was a good week with wins over Simsbury. He thanked everyone who helped out with the Shake-A-Can and Auto Wash fundraisers.
- Last week was a normal schedule, with the freshmen game moved to Wednesday at Manchester's request, and JV playing on Saturday.
- Next week, varsity plays on Thursday at Conard because of a Jewish holiday, so practice was on Sunday, with no yoga Saturday. The turf is shut down for track repairs this week, so practice will be held on the grass field.
- Coach Drury said that the Teacher Appreciation Game went well and that the player letters to the teachers and cookies in teacher's lounge were very well received. Some teachers said in all years of teaching, never got a thank you letter, and the football players were the first sports team to do this.
- The player pack should be in soon.

Officer Reports:

President: *Rick Bouchard reported*

- Rick reported that Friday was Military Appreciation Night. The Marching Band would like to hold a Wounded Warriors fundraiser 50/50 raffle on Oct. 20 or 27. Rick talked to Paige at Southington High to work out the date. Targeting October 27th, vs. East Hartford
- He said that he modified the weekly program that is handed out at the gate. Two new freshmen and one new JV player was added, which brings the total to 35 freshmen players and 71 JV/V players.
- The players received "Get After It" t-shirts for Military Appreciation Night that they wore Thursday, and some were available for sale for Friday's game.
- Rick also said there was about 8-10 sweatshirts left and will make determination with Sheri Pastor about ordering more blankets and sweatshirts as weather changes.
- The concession stand ran smoothly with many freshmen parents and a big crowd at the Simsbury game. The Knight Krew has been getting great student support.

Treasurer's Report: *Eric Clark reported*

- Eric reported that expenses included an end zone camera which is a great tool for the coaches and can record all 22 players on the field; cookies for Teacher Appreciation Day; and 36 knee pads, hand towels and bananas.
- The concession stand brought in about \$2,700 this week and about \$900 in Fan Gear.
- There is approximately \$81,000 in the budget, with \$31,000 spent, which gives Gridiron about \$50,000 to carry to the end of the year. Eric will monitor budget on weekly basis.

Approval of Treasurers Report: Ron Pastor

Fundraising: *Rachelle Campbell reported*

- Rachelle reported that the fundraising on Sunday at Stop & Shop, Fancy Bagel, and Southington Auto Wash went very well. Gridiron raised \$1,700 in three locations. Most players and volunteers showed up to help.
- Rachelle suggested that at the end of the season, Gridiron should have a big fundraising meeting to discuss the golf tournament, calendar raffle and fundraising ideas.

Secretary's Report: *Terri O'Shea reported*

- Terri said that the Facebook page (SHS Blue Knights Football) and Twitter account (@BKFGGridiron) have been well received and she's attempting to keep both updated.
- The Program Book is being designed, and will be proofed and to the printer soon.

Sunshine: *Shari Kohl reported*

- Shari reported that one varsity player, one JV player were injured last week, and a freshman the week before.
- Senior banners are now up on the fence at the field for home games.

Field Crew/Grounds and Equipment:

- Eric said two propane tanks at the concession stand were sufficient for the game.
- Tito Roderick ordered the fleece-lined jackets/hoodies for the game, and 50 jackets were purchased with funds raised last year, which will be less than \$4,000.

Miscellaneous:

- Patty Thomson needs senior addresses for invitations to the Senior Banquet soon, and we have booked the senior banquet at the Aqua Turf for Jan. 15.
- Shari Kohl would like to schedule a senior mom portrait that is usually taken on the bleachers with the boys on a weekend. It is also used as a photo gift for the banquet.
- Sheri Pastor said that she will be looking at samples of buttons for parents etc.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motion to Close: Accepted by Ron Pastor

Adjourned: at 7:05 p.m.

Submitted by Terri O'Shea