



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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Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2018

Submitted by Terri O'Shea

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

Coach's Corner: *Coach Drury Reported:*

- Coach Drury said the banquet was a great success. Right now, the team is getting into training with a four-day split. Speed training will begin in late March, with training four days a week. Coach will send out the schedule soon.
- The cookie dough fundraiser will kick off on Feb. 26. The state lifting competition will be on March 10 at New Britain High School. There will be a team of about 25.
- Winter passing league for varsity players will be starting once a week on Wednesday nights in Trumbull for five weeks, and then spring football will begin.
- The team will be doing community service and volunteer activities. They will be going to the Connecticut Children's Medical Center to sort toys. There may also be volunteer work at Mulberry Gardens, United Way and Bread for Life.
- Coach Drury will be holding a recruiting meeting on Feb. 22 about the football recruiting process. He will be working with former player Zach Wholley on offering a Sports Recruits platform to players that may be beneficial in the recruiting process.
- The National Signing Day program will be Friday, Feb. 9, in the library at 3 p.m., for Jim Starr, Tim O'Shea and Sam Thomson as they commit to their Division I and II schools. The Division III and Junior College signing days will be held after that.
- The Blue and White Game will be held on June 9. Time TBD.
- Online registration for football needs to be completed by March 1. Money is not due at this time; players must register in the system.

Officer Reports:

President: *Rick Bouchard reported:*

- Rick said there will be no vote on Gridiron Executive Board positions because no one submitted nominations, other than the existing Board, Rick & Rachelle. Until volunteers come forward, Vice President Rachelle Campbell will act as both vice president and secretary; and President Rick Bouchard will act as president and treasurer. Rick asked the group to spread the word that the Gridiron Board needs a secretary and treasurer.

- The bylaws need to be updated, as the last revision was 2013. Eric Clark may have an electronic copy of the bylaws for updating.
- Rick reported that we believe there will be about 28-30 new freshman players, with about 100 players for 2018.
- Rick and Rachelle Campbell can serve on the Scholarship Committee as neither have a eligible player applying, but need one more person for the committee to distribute three \$500 scholarships. Patty Beaupre has stepped forward to assist.
- Rick reported that next season, the Pastors will coordinate the Fan Gear at games, Kate Walsh will be in charge of concessions, and Lynn Bouchard will coordinate team dinners. Shari Kohl will be in charge of Sunshine and Relay for Life; Tito Roderick will be in charge of the Field Crew, and Rachelle Campbell will be in charge of the banquet.

Treasurer' Report: *Eric Clark reported:*

- Eric reported that he uses Quicken to create a budget sheet, track expenses and run reports for the next person who is treasurer.
- He reminded the group that the cash box should have sufficient funds for Media Day, the Blue and White Scrimmage and Fan Gear.
- Eric said he uses a tax program to submit Gridiron taxes to the IRS. They must be filed as a not-for-profit charitable organization, and coaches must receive a 1099 form for their taxes.
- Eric reported that there is about \$11,000 left in funds to move forward in 2018, with \$2,000 earmarked for concession stand. Eric recommended that these funds should be earmarked for a new, secure shelving system in the concession stand.
- He said that Rob Thomson raised money for the bricks and lights for Dom's Way. About \$4,000 is needed to fix a bench and we have the funds to do that.
- Eric recommended coming up with a means of securing equipment for the Field Crew, and to chain lock a storage unit for propane tanks. Fund overruns should be used for practical items.
- He said the Gridiron should consider funding for another Gator and the golf cart is on its way out. Rick recommended the Field Crew send the Gator out for servicing.
- The budget for next year will be presented at the next meeting.

Approval of Treasurers Report: Rich McCarty and Ron Pastor approved

Fundraising: *Rick Bouchard reported:*

- In terms of fundraising, Rick reported that Anne McCarty will recruit help for the pasta supper; Rick said he will do Driveway "S" unless someone else is willing and will do the program book, with help from his office. Shelley Downes and Rachelle will coordinate car wash & can shake.
- Media Day will be held on Aug. 12th and have the same systems in place as last year. Rick said volunteers will be needed. Tammy Williams, Karen Walsh & Tracy Somers have offered assistance.
- There will be no golf tournament this year because of the lack of volunteers.
- Rick said he hopes to have calendar raffle on the street by July 1st, and is open to any additional fundraising ideas.

Sunshine: *Shari Kohl reported:*

- Shari Kohl is compiling thank you cards to businesses that helped us through the year, and Rick will provide her with a list.
- Shari said she raised \$200 in selling photo posters. We could sell more if we get the word out.
- Relay for Life will be in June and Shari Kohl will sign the group up as a team that will set up the event.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjourned: at 7:30 p.m.

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