

Minutes
PRCPA Parent Meeting
September 10, 2018
LGI 50, PRHS

Attendance:

Brandt, Tara	Gill, Jill*	McPeak, Maureen
Brown, Tracey	Haas, Tonya	McWhirter, Donna
Campbell, Jen	Kimmel, Katy	Nudi, Dawn*
Casario, Lisa*	Koebnick, Vicki*	Roupe, Angela
Cassidy, Eileen	Kwasnick, Lori	Settembrino, Tracey
Chrystal, Leah	Learish, Dianne	Spacciapolli, Natalie
Clegg, Beth	Lindroos, Shelly	Tarr, Patti
Czerski, Krissy	Lydic, Tanisha	Vigna, Susan
Derk, Ragini*	Martin, Sandi	
Gierl, Michelle	McGee, Kelly	

1. Welcome and Introductions / Start 7:05 PM

Co-President/Sideline Ragini Derk welcomed everyone to the first PRCPA parent meeting of the 2018-2019 season. Introductions were made by attending *Board members.

2. PRCPA 101

2a. Review Responsibilities Document

Ragini reviewed the responsibilities document, which was created last year. This document is helpful for all new cheerleading families and a good reminder of what PRCPA does versus the coaches and athletic department. We are a support organization, not decision makers. We also aren't liaison to coaches. There is an escalation path on this document, which can be found on the PRCPA Website under Documents.

2b. Communication & Website

The PRCPA Update Newsletter has highlights of the week. Website has forms and other information you might be looking for.

Secretary Vicki Koebnick emphasized the need to keep contact information updated on the Website. If your cheerleader has her own e-mail and/or cell phone number, please make sure they are in her account. All coaches are using this resource to distribute e-mails. Website is the home of booster information; we do post some information provided by the coaches, but can only update if kept informed of their changes.

2c. Member Involvement

Volunteering for PRCPA activities cannot be forced, but please understand it is essential to running successful fundraisers. A lot of effort is being put into planning for success, but we need parent involvement to make each event successful.

3. Sideline Report

In years past coaches have been present at these meetings. They will no longer be attending (AD does not require it); these meetings will maintain a booster focus.

No additional news provided by coaches to report.

4. Competition Report

Co-President/Competition Jill Gill provided the following updates:

- Have held parent kick off meetings
- Competition schedule minor changes:
 - wkend of Nov 11 – South Park comp MS and Varsity / not doing Norwin competition.
 - Adding Spider Spectacular Oct 21 – Have done in years past – Put on by Pittsburgh Poison – Just exhibition – Opportunity to perform without being scored
- Choreography fees due \$165 Varsity, \$100 MS directly to Corey Doyle
- Fundraising dine out nights being scheduled. Watch for e-mail and will be on website.
- Sparkle wear fundraiser will be on website by end of the week – supports comp but doesn't say comp, may say cheer or just Rams – great Christmas gifts
- Today 9/10 is last day to order ball caps

5. Fundraiser Report

Vice President Lisa Casario provided the following updates:

Youth Cheer Clinic, Sept 25, 27 and 28

- This is our largest fundraiser.
- At time of meeting, approximately 155 registered.
- Need Varsity moms to volunteer – as many as possible on Tuesday 9/25 and Thursday 9/27 3:30 – 5:30 PM, sign in girls, take photos, – those who haven't stepped up, need to – contact Tonya Haas (thaas1@zoominternet.net)
- 9 corporate sponsors of clinic recruited by Sandi Martin, including Red Oak
- Deadline to order long sleeved shirts and to register is Wednesday 9/12. Shirts are unisex standard sizes
- Tonya Haas mentioned that if you requested a specific school and specific night, you are assigned there
- Registration numbers are not evenly distributed among schools
- Varsity cheerleaders haven't been assigned yet; as soon as reg closes will begin confirming their assignments
- Girls will be released at Varsity football game same as last year: K/1 after 1st quarter, 2-6 grade at halftime
- Will resolve which bathroom to use on Friday eve
- Will need to do photos both Tuesday and Thursday at big # locations – not doing the Ram mascot because logistically can't take photos at multiple building at same time with it; Varsity team seniors will be assigned to provide megaphones and pom poms for photo backgrounds

- Cheerleader gets ticket to Varsity football game, but parents must purchase their own. This is on the FamilyID registration site, so families have been informed of this.

Concessions

- Lots of hard work to get ready for football season
- 2 home games so far sold about \$1800
- Home game this coming weekend 9/14 vs Butler
- Need help Homecoming eve 10/12 if haven't already served
- Some equipment and storage issues, resolved for now:
 - No longer trying to get into rear storage, all drinks in concession stand, can't control access because through visitor locker room and can't have key.
 - Freezer has been relocated
 - First order of soda wouldn't fit anywhere else, now have it all in our space
 - Having a door straight from our concession to storage behind would be ideal – Need to address in the off season
- Patti Tarr reported that they now have a hot chocolate machine

6. Treasurer Report

Treasurer Dawn Nudi provided the following updates:

Sideline Beginning balance in August – \$9,419.52

Sideline Current Balance – \$8,612.38

August Deposits include Concessions deposits, and individual account payments.

August payments included: Bows, Apparel, Concessions expenses, PomPoms for varsity, Kick off dinner expenses.

Competition Team Beginning balance in August – \$905.81

Competition Team Current Balance is \$3,968.72

August Deposits include Varsity individual account deposits.

August Payments include: Mini Clinic facilities fee payment, Varsity Camp & Comp bus.

Budget will be posted on website – Questions can be submitted and will be answered at the PRCPA parent meeting on October 1.

If owe for anything, write check to PRCPA and give to Dawn.

An e-mail regarding change of individual expenses for 2018-2019 was sent in August. It addressed the change in UCA camp and the increase cost by moving to standardized practice

clothes. Intent is that practice clothes be universal for program (not team specific) and be used for multiple years. Some members voiced concern that current practice clothes were too expensive, particularly when not all coaches were requiring they be worn. It was noted that in the future coaches determine gear; this year a shirt decision had to be made by Ragini and Athletic Director Josh Shoop because no head coach. Coach Berezo did approve of concept when came on board in July.

It was noted that Varsity bought own poms this year and will keep for next year; seniors could keep or sell. Intent is to do this with all teams next year – but again this is a coach decision.

It was questioned and answered: Varsity merchandise (totaling almost \$9,000) had a total shipping cost of \$619; this was distributed to expense accounts based on amount purchased for the individual.

Individual expense accounts are available for review. To request a statement, email Dawn at prcpatreasurer@gmail.com – At end of year can roll over positive balance to next year if participating or have balance refunded to you.

7. Old & New Business

Regarding volunteer assignments for selling football tickets at HS and MS, you can email Coach Berezo (nberezo@pinerichland.org) or contact Kathy Morrissey in Athletic Office (kmorrissey@pinerichland.org)

Why UCA camp down to 1 day this year?

- Historically used to do UCA camp for the competition team to be eligible to participate at Nationals; Varsity comp now does their own “away” camp. This means it is optional to hold an official UCA camp for the sideline teams.
- UCA camp is one of the biggest annual expenses – Needs full commitment of coaches to be there (not PRCPA parents). No coaches attended this year.
- In the past cheer(s)/dance(s) learned at camp were never used during the season. Many returning cheerleaders voiced that previous camps had been a waste of time.
- Next year will be planned by Coach Berezo’s decision. It is possible she may decide to structure camp(s) differently based on needs and interests.

Kennywood Day – It was questioned why cheerleaders don’t participate in Kennywood Day. It was a previous coach’s decision years ago to discontinue it. If cheerleaders are interested in doing next year, girls should speak with coaches so can be coordinated with band (if necessary) and properly planned.

Kudos to everyone who participated in #TeamTessa activities on 9/1. Tessa wants to be a cheerleader and the day meant a lot to her and her family.

It was noted that the Friday 9/14 game is an “orange-out” in honor of Kyle Pomerleau.

If you are unfamiliar with Kyle’s story, visit here:

https://www.prof-fund.org/kyle_pomerleau_memorial_scholarship_fund

8. Adjournment 7:55 PM