

Warrior Club Meeting Minutes September 12, 2011

The minutes from the May 23, 2011 meeting were approved.

57 people in attendance. Teams represented:

Basketball-girls, Basketball-boys, Cheer, Crosscountry, Field Hockey, Football, Lax-boys, Lax-girls, Poms, Softball, Swim, Track, Volleyball-girls

President's Report: Tony Ryan

Tony introduced the Warrior Club Officers and various committee chairpersons:

Kara Rogers – VP of Communications

Steve Bolen – VP of Facilities

Sheryl Chiogioji – VP of Concessions

Betsy Popeck – Treasurer

Stephanie Sebeck – Secretary

Chip Voorheese – Mulch Chairperson

Amy Szeless and Laura Rhode – Spirit Wear Chairpersons

Campus Clean-up – Gregg & Gay Braker and Jamie & Kathi Doan

Tony thanked the Braker and Doan families as well as Steve Carstens, Steve Bolen and many others for their outstanding efforts organizing the SHS campus clean-up day. We had a huge turnout and the campus looks great. Additional thanks to all the parents and students who participated.

New position: The Warrior Club is looking for a person (or persons) to fill a newly created volunteer coordinator position. This volunteer position involves generating and maintaining a list of potential volunteers to be called upon for different needs that arise throughout the year. If you're interested, please contact Tony Ryan (tryancertapro@verizon.net) or Stephanie Sebeck (Sebeck@comcast.net)

SHS is slated for a stadium-field rebuild. (This is the area inside of the track). The field will be torn-out and then redone. In addition, the softball field is also being revitalized. Since the school system is paying for this work there is no need for Warrior Club funds to be used in these two areas.

Kathy Green's (SHS Athletic Director) budget will take care of the baseball, softball and practice fields.

Football Update:

Varsity Head Coach Mike Bonavia addressed the Warrior Club members. He explained that the SHS football team had a high number of players graduate last year (30+ seniors) and is now considered a fairly young team. The football program will be focusing on

rejuvenating and rebuilding. There are 64 players on varsity and 60 players on JV. Coach Bonavia has recruited former SHS football players to help coach the team.

Girls Volleyball Update:

Varsity Head Coach Brian McCarty addressed the Warrior Club members. Coach McCarty graduated from SHS in 2003. He also coaches boys JV basketball. He thanked the Warrior Club members for supporting all of the athletic programs and for the new poles and ball carts the volleyball team received. He also expressed that the athletes of Sherwood share a big source of pride when they work together on campus cleanup. It is rewarding to see their hard work as well as their parent's hard work in making the SHS campus the best it can be.

The Varsity girl's team is doing very well, currently 2-0 with wins against Good Counsel and Broadneck. Broadneck won the State championship 3 three times before Sherwood won it last year. JV is also having an amazing season. Coach McCarty announce that Junior, Alex Holston, has committed to Florida – which has the #1 volleyball program in the country. Alex has been and remains a 1st team All Met athlete. There were 25 athletes who tried out for Varsity volleyball and there are 14 players on the team (6 Seniors, 6 Juniors and 2 Sophomores). JV had between 40 and 50 athletes trying out and there are 16 JV players.

Coach McCarty gave a nod to Mrs. Gilchrist and said “Volleyball begins and ends with Mrs. Gilchrist.”

The second annual Volleyball Dig Pig will take place on 10/10 at SHS. This is a fundraiser for breast cancer awareness. Last year the team raised approximately \$1,900.00.

Treasurer's Report- Betsy Popeck

Financial reports were distributed and reviewed.

Concessions Report: Sheryl Chiogioji

Concessions sold at the first home football game of the season (Blake) totaled approximately \$4,100.00. Sheryl gave many thanks to all the volunteers who worked this past Saturday. We are always looking for volunteers to work the concession stand. Please contact Sheryl at smsa@erols.com if you can help. Approximately 20 people are needed for each football game concession sale. Special thanks to the following members helping to organize staffing for concessions throughout the year:

Volleyball – Patty Brady

Soccer – Laura Lauda & Erin Pettinatti

Poms – Jan Yuffee

Boys Lax – Pat Welch

Field Hockey – Varsity: Karen Kahn & Sheryl Anderson; JV: Kathy Hughes & Marcie Alter

Cheer - Varsity: Lori Petersen; JV: Amy Wert

Football: Varsity & JV: Carroll Sherman, Tina Zibragos, Ann Larsen

Boys Soccer - Varsity & JV: Cindy & Chuck Dowrick

Cross Country: Robin McCue

A special thanks was given to Kara Rogers and Chuck Rogers for acting as concessions managers at Saturday's game.

Facilities Report: Steve Bolen

Clean-up day was started 2 or 3 years ago as way for parents to give back to the student-athletes, staff and the broader Sherwood community by making the place they spend a lot of time more attractive and functional. We had over 200 people help this past cleanup day. This is a great show of support. Each year we tackle as much of the campus as our volunteers can cover. Steve gave special thanks to Steve Carstens (former SHS Campus cleanup day organizer for many years), Tony Ryan (Warrior Club President), Gregg & Gay Braker and Jamie & Kathi Doan (Newly appointed SHS Campus Clean-up Day Co-organizers) for their efforts in organizing our recent cleanup which requires much advance planning. Thanks to Sherwood for purchasing flowers.

Steve read a personal note from Mr. William Gregory (SHS Principal) aloud thanking the Warrior Club and all the volunteers for making the SHS campus one that we can be proud of and that is noticed by other school officials and parents in our cluster.

Gym-floor update: The Warrior Club has worked with Kathy Green and Mr. Gregory to get the gym floor waxed and polished over the summer. The challenge is the traffic and use during the school day and after hours. Kathy has worked hard to put a maintenance program in place. During the December break, the floor will have another coat of waxing applied.

Steve also encouraged volunteers to help with concessions and explained that it's a great way to get connected and meet new people.

Principal's Report: Mr. William Gregory

Mr. Gregory thanked the Warrior Club for their support. He expressed that the SHS community is so wonderful because of the support it provides from parents through so many aspects of school life. This level of commitment and involvement improves academics and positively affects all areas of SHS. Every year when the Warrior Club spearheads the campus beautification he hears from people both inside and outside of our community how much they appreciate this cleanup effort and how beautiful our campus looks.

Communications Report – Kara Rogers

As VP of Communications, Kara is responsible for major initiatives related to PR which includes outreach to local media, for example, the media blitz on the founding of the Hall of Fame last year. She's responsible for posting relevant announcements on local community forums such as the Olney-Brookeville Exchange and the Norbeck Grove list serv. Her goal is to push information out to the community.

New Position: We are looking for volunteers to act as team "sports writers" or "promoters." Because of all the different teams at Sherwood, it's sometimes difficult to harness all the great stuff that takes place. The Warrior Club is looking for one person from each team to act as a liaison between their team and Amy Matathias who is in charge of the two SHS list-servs. The position would involve reporting the outcome of games, important team announcements or accomplishments, etc. to Amy who would then publish on the list-servs. Kathy Green will often publish blurbs of this nature when a coach sends her a message, but we are trying to get a more uniform process in place where all teams can be represented.

Spirit Wear Report – Amy Szeless & Laura Rhodes

Spirit Wear sold approximately \$700 worth of products at the New Parent Orientation in August. They have already received approximately \$3,500 in pre-orders from the order forms sent in the summer mailing packages. In addition, they sold approximately \$1,200 at the Saturday night game against Blake.

If you are interested in helping to sell spirit wear, please contact Amy (amy_szeless@yahoo.com) or Laura (picsnppr@aol.com). They are looking to build a permanent staff of 'sellers' to be deployed at various games throughout the seasons.

Tony interjected that the goal of selling spirit wear is not necessarily to generate revenue but rather more to generate a presence and a sense of pride in the community. The idea is to price as many items as possible at a price point that makes it affordable for families to buy multiple pieces of spirit wear so they can wear it not just at games, but also while out and about in our community.

Athletic Director Report – Kathy Green

Kathy announced that a new Varsity baseball coach has been secured – Sean Davis. The JV boy's lax coach position is still vacant.

The gym floor maintenance program consists of building service using a static mop in the mornings, during lunch and again at the end of the day. Either students or staff will do another clean during 3rd period. The coaches do a court clean with a towel bar before and after games. The gym is no longer being used as a cut-through. The doors are locked after 7th period until sports begin after school.

Ideally, when there is enough time between games, a duo of parents or staff or athletes would pump/spray the cleaner on the floor while another person runs the towel-bar down the court. This process takes about 20 minutes (including drying time.)

The static mop takes just 5 minutes and is a better solution when there isn't enough time to do the towel-bar clean.

Kathy stated that she had no financial requests at this time and that they are hoping to replace the fuel pump on the golf cart. She is currently pricing out upgrades to the soft-ball batting cage.

All Warrior Club purchases on behalf of the athletic department go through the athletic department. There are specific things that the Warrior Club can buy for the school and those things must stay at the school. These guidelines are established by the county. For example, the Warrior Club could not pay for a coach, or for a camp, etc. If a coach makes a request for something it goes directly to Kathy. Kathy looks at her budget and then comes to the Warrior Club with the list of requests. Then discussions take place and voting is done to determine what to spend money on. Once that's been decided, the funds are transferred from the Warrior Club to SHS. These funds have to run through the school financial books so that there's a record of the costs associated. The county uses this data when setting budgets for the schools.

Student Government Report – Samantha Cruz

The SGA is focusing on school spirit and plans to give out candy during lunch and awards for best school spirit. Their goal is to expand beyond football and reach out to other team captains to participate in morning announcements.

Closing:

Tony closed the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and reminded them that the Warrior Club typically meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and that it is a 501c3 tax-deductible organization.