

**MARCUS BASEBALL BOOSTER CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES –
OCTOBER 14, 2013**

Location: Marcus High School Library

Call to Order – 7:05 pm

Martin – Thanks for joining the meeting tonight; we will have a guest speaker that Coach Sherman will introduce.

Coach Sherman – We've used PC for the last 2 years for training and it has benefited the program. Geno Pierce will provide further information about the programs.

Geno Pearce – the goal of the PC program is to make the best athlete and teammate. It is a 10 week program and will improve athletic strength. The program runs from November 11 – December 17 from 6 – 7:15 am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. There will also be opportunities to work out during the holidays. The cost of the program is \$195. The concept is to train together and the staffing will be 1:10. Geno will be present 2-3 days/week.

Question – Mike Ringsdorf – will the program be the same as last year?

Geno – No, it will differ based on the group. The students will be tested/evaluated at the beginning and at the end of the program. Registration is due by the first day of training and will be in the indoor training facility at Marcus HS.

Martin – Additional forms will be available following the meeting. Thanks to Kea Peace for leading the Baseball participation in the Marcus Homecoming Carnival.

Budget Review Glen Hupfer – we plan to raise \$5k; 40% of the budget is the signs; the fundraiser is \$14k. the spending plan includes a more portable hitting net, \$4k-\$5k estimate; drag to groom the field, modifications to the entrance in order to have all enter by field house and create a better presentation at the entrance. We also want to purchase a PC for \$750 for the Game Day Experience, and third party web development. The Killian Group will manage the web page and should be rolling out next week.

Many sponsorships are 2 year sponsorships and have to be reviewed for the upcoming year. The current booster bank account has a \$26,969.80 balance as of September 30, 2013.

Drew Beaumont made a motion to pass the budget; Kyle Rogers seconded. The Motion passed.

Martin – We have a new Homerun sponsor – Locker Room Sports – Thanks to Steve Cross. Sponsorships are the best way to grow revenue and the goal is to increase the business card ads, and the form will be emailed to all booster members. Please ask businesses to purchase a business card size ad for \$150.

The next big event is January 29 – First Pitch Dinner.

Coach Sherman unveiled the new banner for the batting cage.

Open to Questions from the booster members –

On Game Days, we will need more manpower for after the game in an effort to build game day experience including a Canes challenge.

Anyone who turned in fundraiser tickets we have additional tickets available for sale.

Coach Sherman – I'm very excited about the upcoming program . Last Friday was Inservice Day and met with the UIL Director on how rules/restrictions cost games, and how the UIL helps promote the programs. The booster club money is all MHS money. All expenses go to the booster clubs now instead of the district paying. The booster budget is not just for fun things, but for necessities of baseball. 2-3 years ago, the district used to pay for coaches clinic, but now the booster pays. Raising money is huge in order to get to our goals and promote us to championship caliber. The last 2 weeks, scouts have watched from afar, and said that the MHS baseball players are the hardest working players in the State of Texas; they are so confident, and they are doing something right, to include summer leagues. 3 colleges called after the scouts came to visit.

We have a lot of players, 2 Varsity teams for fall, and there is anxiety, but we have to respect the coach to evaluate them. We have a lot of talent in the program. There will be 3 tournaments, 14 games. Coach will do his best to challenge the players and our goal is State Championship.

Fall league wraps up in about 2 weeks, Tryouts will be 3 days and one day will be 8 hours to include a scrimmage. There will be a mandatory meeting with additional information. Tickets are due December 1.

Great news, November 13, Connor Dotson signs with West Virginia.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm