

## OTHS BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

March 12, 2025

President Tiffany Ditchfield called the meeting to order with 12 members and Athletic Director Jon Leslie in attendance.

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 2025 meeting was made by Courtnye Miller and seconded by Carrie Price. Correspondence consisted of a thank you note from Football Coach Chad Gross for the Booster Club's purchase of a new blocking sled for the team. The treasurer's report from February was presented, and a motion to approve was made by Carrie Price and seconded by Amy Brenbarger.

### **Administrative Reports**

**Membership (Stacey Soulsby)** The final membership count for this school year was 129. Total membership dues amounts paid were \$4,955, which included extra donations. Broken down by grade year, memberships included 26 freshmen, 26 sophomores, 23 juniors, and 26 seniors, for a total of 101 students. Last year (2023-24), membership included 100 students and the year prior (2022-23) included 118. The total money paid in membership dues is still lower than in 2022-23, when Booster Club had membership tiers (\$6,175).

The decision was made to return to tiered membership for the 2025-26 school year, at membership dues levels of \$30/\$50/\$100. The motion to approve the return to membership tiers was made by Kim Ruhland and seconded by Courtnye Miller. All members present voted in favor.

**Website (Ellen Gross)** Pork chop dinner ticket purchases have started to come in through the website.

**Basketball 50/50** There are still two unclaimed tickets from the season. If not claimed by the March 19 deadline, the amounts will be deposited into the Booster Club account.

**Scholarship (Carrie Price)** Applications are due by April 4 and have started coming in.

**Athletic Director's Report** The new popcorn machine, approved last spring, has been ordered and should arrive next week. Spring sports start competitions next week. Our winter sports had several all-conference honorees, including:

- Boys Basketball – Owen Sanders
- Girls Basketball – Skylar Dorsey, Marlie Orlandi
- Boys Bowling – Will Znaniecki
- Girls Bowling – Kilah Figenbaum
- Competitive Cheer – Karley Herman, Lakyn Ruhland
- Competitive Dance – Sienna Banushi, Macie Hart, Maddie Kerestes
- Boys Wrestling – Wes Weatherford
- Girls Wrestling – Chloe Carmona, Juliana Thrush

Juliana Thrush won the girls wrestling sectional and competed at the State meet, placing 6<sup>th</sup> overall. Congratulations to Juliana!

Mr. Leslie presented the idea of having a "Pirates at the Next Level" board installed at the school. The board would display the name, sport, and college of Ottawa High School graduates currently playing a college sport. More information will be presented at a future meeting.

### **Old Business**

**Winter/Spring Crimson Cash Raffle** All prizes have been distributed for this year.

## **New Business**

**Pork Chop Dinner** The “Pirates on Par” pork chop dinner event will be held on April 12, 2025. Committees are working behind the scenes to gather donations and sell tickets. Advertising posters are available if anyone wants to hang them at local businesses. All committees would be happy to have additional volunteers, and the food committee is seeking donations of desserts for the event. Information for volunteers to purchase their event t-shirts was distributed.

**Golf Outing** May 10, 2025, at Deer Park. Thanks to Oggie Hampson and Mike Jaegle for organizing this event.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kim Ruhland and seconded by Ellen Gross.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 9 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Bryson