

Cardinal Nestbuilders
April 4, 2006 Public Meeting

Minutes

Those in attendance were as per the attached list.

Jim Rousher (JR) called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dave Short and seconded by Tom Kamenitsa. All approved.

Treasurer's Report – George Bellish reported that there was no activity for March. The total in the checking account is \$64,000. (\$54,000 in account/\$10,000 still at board of education) A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Cathy Wirtz and seconded by Cindy Doran. All approved.

JR reported that Mark Sabol was out of town and he would report on fundraising. He stated that an executive board meeting was held on Sunday, April 2, to review all commitments made thus far. Right now there is \$500,000 in both verbal and written commitments and \$150,000-\$200,000 in in-kind donations. He feels confident to start on the field and bandshell. After football season is when the bleachers would be replaced.

Project Coordinator - Mike Fagert reported that he met with Hively Construction and MS Consultants. The specs will be written to have the bids by late April. By May 15 we will award contracts. MS Consultants will give Kim Stefanski the specs to review before bids go out. MS Consultants had an artist rendering done for the Pot o Gold for the attendees to review. The projected start date is June 12. Weather permitting; it will take 30-45 days for the sub turf to be completed. Once that is done, the turf replacement will take 32 days. Lee Hively wants to meet with Mark Carrocce, RT Vernal and all in-kind people in about 2 weeks. Dino Costello talked with a turf farm and reported that for about \$1.25 a square yard (about \$10,000) the turf from the existing football field could be moved to the practice field. He also stated that to prep the practice field for the existing football field turf it would take approximately \$10,000-\$15,000.

Finance – Mark Graham reported that we can go to the bank for a \$500,000 line of credit for the turf and bandshell. He is prepared to meet with Farmer's Bank board next week.

Old Business – none

New Business – JR reported that we really need to focus on fundraising. He wants to get the commitments from all of the small booster groups. Discussion followed. Cathy Wirtz suggested implementing a plan to sell sponsorships and seat endowments at the Fourth of July and the Canfield Fair. Greg Bestic suggested contacting Bruce Neff to do a video highlighting the project and show it to different community groups. Mark Graham volunteered to contact Bruce Neff. He suggested setting up a committee. JR will contact JT Whitehouse from the Town Crier and the Vindicator to get more exposure.

JR talked with L. Calvin Jones about the fiduciary bond. He also reported that the 5013C still needs work.

Discussion about how to contact people on the potential donor list

Greg Bestic asked about our advertising budget. Athletic Boosters gave \$10,000 of which \$7500 went to the billboards.

Tom Kamenitsa will contact Don George and Dante Zambrini about the alumni list.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, April 25. Cathy Wirtz motioned to adjourn the meeting and Dino Costello seconded.