

# FCA Athletic Boosters Meeting

August 5, 2010 7PM

Connections Cafe

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PRAYER**
3. **SECRETARY'S REPORT** approved -In the future these will be emailed to membership to avoid the need to read them at the meeting. Please be prepared in September.
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT** approved
5. **OLD BUSINESS**

At Vicki's request, Craig Carpenter reported updates that were being done with the various sports with improvements for each.

a. **Sound system demo & discussion Paul Reif:**

Discussion followed and the suggestion to demo in the gym lead to a 2<sup>nd</sup> demo in the gym. All supplies are to be provided at cost. Speakers are to be hung on the ceiling for safety purposes. Paul is the owner (former staff member of FCC) of CrossWay Productions. These are the same speakers used at North Campus and often used in sanctuaries for clarity of sound, which is highly noticeable in music or places with high noise levels or poor acoustics. There would be a limited warranty for 3 years according to manufacture specs. Included in the discussion was the number of sports and events benefited by their purchase, the building improvement, and over all increased value to the facility. Concern about possible sports damage with possibly hitting them created brainstorming of ideas for their protection. Motion made and approved, unanimous agreement.

6. **July 3rd fundraiser report-**

Resa shared a printed detailed report of the concessions with hard cash profit and soft cash inventory. -Advice was gleaned from the UM church and we learned a lot! Thanks to all who helped. Next year will hold many changes and a follow up report have been made to make improvements for 2011. Ron and Suzanne Young reported that the amount of money made from parking was not yet available. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Community Committee loves FCAs help and has asked us to help them again in 2011. An additional gate was open to FCA to staff however we did not have the manpower to cover that, so help was sought from the Bloom Carroll baseball team. They handled one gate alone and floated some staff with Suzanne. They were awarded \$300. FCAAB is expected to receive around \$1500-\$2000 for this day's efforts. Volunteer hours are being tracked for no particular use other than appreciation. However, over time these numbers can help us staff things adequately and predict staffing needs.

a. **Website updates-**

Adam and Mark were present and showed everyone the new FCAAB website. It is awesome and they have hours of work in this. There is a touch button icon for various sports, places for updated information, meetings, news and so on. In the business world this work cost clients a lot of money and they have done this themselves, charged FCAAB nothing and making a first rate website for us! May God bless them for all their fine work! Everyone was challenged to check it out!! [www.fcaab.org](http://www.fcaab.org) FCAAB is also on facebook. Get on and invite your friends. Be

brave and brag about your team! It's free marketing and it's informative. Just use the rules of etiquette!

b. Spiritwear Update-

Brenda Fischer shared that the decision to dissolve all inventory and introduce a new line in Oct-Nov to be order prior to the holidays and have deliver in December has been made. On line sales is hoped to begin on the new website when a payment method is incorporated.

c. Booster membership updates-

Family membership is \$35 and includes voting rights. It also includes the window sticker. Additional packages are available with additional benefits. Bob Fischer would like to send this information via email. As fall sports begin new email lists will be created and he will be begin with these. Vicki has a copy of team parents and can share these.

d. March 11th Knight of Excellence update-

OSU's James Laurinaitis has agreed to come to FCA on March 11<sup>th</sup> for our Spring fund-raising event. Vicki Wissler will be on the Buckeye Cruise for Cancer with former OSU team members and will campaign on behalf of FCA looking for future team members who have a testimony to share. His fee has not yet been confirmed. Laurinaitis is quoted, as saying "I'm excited to share how God has connected all the dots in my life to put me where I am today." Sounds wonderful.

e. Discount Fundraiser Cards-

Bethanne Martin shared that the project was completed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. Great Job! (6 were sold at the concession stand) They are \$10 each and no mandatory sales are required. They are a full profit item and will save their purchaser \$10 in one or 2 uses. Consider purchasing them for your business for the holidays or for family. They fit nicely in a card and are easily mailed. This is a great deal for all of us; the business, the purchaser and FCA!

f. Building construction discussion-

Needed space for addition games, practices and athletic use is needed. A simple pole barn would cost about \$35K-\$40,000 just for the shell. This would be a long-term project to save toward as no debt would be acceptable. A finished project would likely be in the neighborhood of \$70,000. This is a vision and there is a real need. Todd has been asked to speak with the elders of FCC on the subject including how the building would be used (athletics only, both FCA or FCC upward). Placement of the building would be by the storage shed by the parking lot. A primary sponsor could name the building if one presented itself. FCC concerns were who would pay the utilities and what it would be used for. Everyone agreed we would like to work toward this. However it was a multi-year goal.

## 7. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Football season updates-

Robb Bolar shared that the calendar was updated, games are at the New Lex field (one of the best in the state for safety), coaches named, football boys in conditioning and stay tuned. FCA is to sit on the visitor side during the Millersport game.

b. Roger Weaver on Publicity

Roger is working toward getting the FCA Knights on the LEG and Col Dispatch athletic page for recognition. That comes with advertisement. Anyone can place an ad of their business or child or whatever. Interested, call Roger at 614-834-1750

c. Concerns to mark the New Lex field for directional concerns. –Use a banner or something so people not familiar with the area can find the field. Again this is a drive, but the facility is great, we are allowed to use the locker rooms and it's a great deal!

d. Marketing idea- Put a semi for storage on the old hotel property and paint the side of the trailer for passing traffic. Todd said that is something he would need to talk to the elders of FCC about.

e. Coach Carpenter made the need for a few purchases known. Hooks for the locker rooms to hang the players pads. This will help air them making them safer and get them off the floor to open up traffic. The hooks are about \$3-4 each. Also the practice field was to be used for a few scrimmages. Using our field keeps us from needing to pay to use the New Lex field. For our younger kids we pay to rent the markers and chains to take to Miller Park. These cost around \$700, but would pay for themselves in a couple years. An estimate of \$450 for hooks and \$778 for field markers and chains. The group agreed to meet the need. Joe McCoy also submitted a receipt for reimbursement of \$250 for paint of the upward field which was approved.

## 8. **Adjournment**

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 2nd @7 P.M. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO JOIN US!

Everyone is WELCOME to meetings; membership is for voting privileges

These minutes have not been approved, but are open for corrections. Continue to watch for future emails to remain up-to-date on information regarding your athlete

GO KNIGHTS!