

CHAUTAUQUA MULTI-USE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, INC.

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August 13, 2008 BOARD MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Bob Davis, Karen Davis, Ned Divine, Jim Enser, Don Horton, John Olsavsky, Lisa Speziale, Mark Twichell, Janey Wagner

**ABSENT:** Daryl Bautigam, Jessica Colvenback, Gary Damico, Al Gens, Justin Jakubowicz, Ellen Luczkowiak, Mark Maytum, Dick Pachol, Stephanie Pulvino, Evelyn Sievert, Mike Whitcher

**GUEST:** Paul DiFonzo, Superintendent of Fredonia Central Schools

President Don Horton called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Bob Davis made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by John Olsavsky, carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report was given by John Olsavsky. The beginning balance on hand as of July 9, 2008, was \$8,830.16. There were no cash receipts. Cash disbursements of \$2,078.62 for fundraising study fee and expenses, \$379.18 for fundraising copying, \$14.50 for fundraising food and \$88.92 for postage costs were made. Cash disbursements totaled \$2,561.22. Copy Boy gave us 75 percent off for copying needs. The ending balance on hand as of August 13, 2008, is \$6,268.94. Ned Divine made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as stated, seconded by Bob Davis, carried.

**SPECIAL GUEST PAUL DIFONZO, FREDONIA CENTRAL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:** Mr. DiFonzo stated he was impressed with the brochure and our project. The sports facilities were not addressed in the last building project. The football field requires \$15,000 to \$25,000 to maintain every year. Previously, there was talk about moving the football field to the main campus. There is still land behind the main campus that has not been developed. There are softball, baseball and soccer fields. The track is getting older and needs to be updated. The recent storm caused significant damage to some parts of the athletic fields, and they need to be rebuilt/repaired. The BOE needs to address the sports facility, but that takes a lot of money. As a community member (father), this is of great interest. Fredonia Central is looking at merging with Brocton Central. Brocton has a nice sports facility. There are 1,763 students at Fredonia. Fredonia has lost students over the years. There were over 2,100 students a few years ago. Brocton is going through the same problem. If the merger does not happen, Fredonia will be in a bind. The sports facilities at Fredonia are in need of upgrading.

Concerns:

- In terms of our District, is it going to be user-friendly?
- Would there be time for Fredonia kids to practice?
- Where would it be located? Bussing is a major expense.

From a school standpoint, the merger would probably be a better bargain than paying out to use a sports complex. As a community member, it is a great idea.

Don shared some of the initial phases of our project. Mr. DiFonzo talked about the benefits of the merger. Right now, practice space is limited both indoors and outdoors.

Don asked if there are building projects planned for green space? Mr. DiFonzo mentioned not at all.

They do have the space, but need to develop it. A lengthy discussion on use of the sports complex between Dunkirk and Fredonia schools followed as well as why Dunkirk and Fredonia Schools will not be looking into merging.

Mr. DiFonzo commented: "As a community member, you have my complete support."

**FUNDRAISING STUDY UPDATE:** There is a full day of interviews scheduled for tomorrow. Don went over the list. Phone interviews will also be conducted. He will be meeting with Senator Cathy Young in Olean on Friday. He hopes to meet with Pepsi, also.

John Earshen will be at our meeting on September 10 to go over the results of the feasibility study.

Mr. Earshen recommended that we have a public meeting/press conference to present the results of the feasibility study. John Earshen would be the presenter. It was decided to have the public meeting on Thursday, September 25 at 7 p.m. at Jamestown Community College, if it is available. It was decided to have the brochure available for the public meeting.

Don went over some of the findings about cost of water for one of the sites and the grants available in the Empire Zone. Arrowhead Drive would be in the Zone; Eimers and fairgrounds would not be in the Empire Zone.

Mark Eckendorf from the Jamestown and Lakewood YMCA is interested in having a YMCA built in our area. If we were to partner with the Y, we would not be operating our own Multi-Sports Facility Complex. We would be giving everything up to them. We would have to show that the public in our area would be willing to support a Y in this community. A lengthy discussion followed.

**FREDONIA FARM FESTIVAL PLANS:** John Olsavsky will cover the Saturday, August 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. time slot. There is still an opening on Friday, August 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. Janey Wagner will e-mail the list to everyone.

**SITE SELECTION:** We are not viewed as real because we have not come up with a site. We have to define where the site will be in order to apply for grants. It was recommended that we contact Treasurer Randy Brown from the Chautauqua County Fair Association. They are interested in having us build there. Discussion followed.

Don made a motion to appoint a Site Committee to review the three sites and make recommendations at the October meeting. Motion was seconded by Karen Davis, carried. The following people were appointed to the committee: Ned Divine, Don Horton, Mark Twichell, and Janey Wagner.

**WEB SITE ISSUES:** There are issues with getting the Web Site updated by Justin Jakubowicz. He is not responding to Don's requests to update. Don's son Erik is a student at Alfred State College. He is studying Web Site design. He got the Site updated in 30 minutes. Justin does not have the time to do it at this point. Bob Davis made a motion that we have Erik Horton be the Web Master, and Justin would be the backup Web Master, seconded by John Olsavsky, carried. The approved minutes should continue to be sent to John O. first. He will send them on to Erik for posting. Justin was supposed to do a key word list, but did not have the time. Erik was able to do it for us.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Don did an interview with an intern from the Chamber of Commerce. It gave us free publicity in the newspaper. We got a mailing from the CC about the Chamber dinner on October 9. We will get invitations soon. The OBSERVER in conjunction with the CC does a publication on September 9 congratulating the "Person of the Year." Do we advertise in that publication? The cost is \$14 per column inch. It will be in The OBSERVER and The POST JOURNAL. John Olsavsky made a motion to advertise in the September 9 issue with a cost of up to \$100. The wording will be decided by Don. Bob Davis seconded the motion, carried. Discussion followed as to what the ad should say.

WDOE is about ready to give us some free advertising. DFT has more banked commercials for us to use. Should we use the former commercials or new ones?

Karen Davis suggested that we thank the community for their support throughout this study. She suggested that we might want to use a kid for the commercial.

Don will be on WDOE Viewpoint on Friday, September 12.

Motion was made by John to adjourn at 9:45 p.m., seconded by Ned, carried.

The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, September 10, 2008, at 7 p.m. at JCC.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Davis  
CMUSF Secretary

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