



# ETJ Meeting

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**April 11, 2016**

**Meeting was called to order by President, Chad Forcellini at 7:05 p.m.**

**Due to my absence at the March meeting- we do not have minutes from March**

**Treasurer Report:** Shawn Sipe gave the treasurer's report; the balance stands at: **\$18,523.36** with the basket party money deposited. We have the dirt paid for and the Softball uniforms.

Motion to accept the treasurer report: 1<sup>st</sup> Kurt Lecorchick 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenn Spicher

**Members Present:** Amy Forcellini, Chad Forcellini, Terry Hall, Gary Sechregost, Ron Brown, Shawn Sipe, Steve Ruddek, Sam Amenti, Jenn Bezek, Paul Wyrwas, Kurt Lecorchick, Tim and Jenn Spicher, Stacy Serenko, Dave Spochart, Phil Vaughnt, Cliff Richey, Sam Amenti, Marty Bezek, Joe Jacobs, Roni and Brian Burket, and Mike Burkett.

**Fundraisers Report:**

ETJ held a Applebees' community night in March . We made \$288.24- Thank You to those who came out to support the league. I did not feel the event was worth it- we made more at Hoss' last year. We will look into some other ideas for a community night next year- including Firehouse Subs and Sweet Frogs.

The Basket Party was held on April 10, 2016. We had roughly 175 baskets to auction off. It was a huge success for the league. We had 29 cases of left over water that will be sold at the concession stand this season. We had a great turn-out of volunteers- which was greatly appreciated. At the hall, we made \$7,713.00 After paying for the Nanty-Glo Fire Hall, tickets and other expenses the league made over \$11,000 profit. A Huge Thanks to Ron and Darla Brown for putting this fundraiser together.

We will look to see if St. John Vianney is a bigger venue for this event for next year.

Amy Forcellini set up the Special Deliveries table at the basket party. It was a success also- Amy delivered the food items to Central Cambria Middle School. She would like to see us continue this food collection. It is a way for ETJ to give back to the community

Here is a piece of the email returned to us-

"Thank you sooooo much for doing this!!! I almost cried when I saw all that stuff on facebook! Our funds are getting low right now, so this helps more than you will ever know!!

Gun tickets are due on May 6th. The guns will cost us \$3,600 and will be paid for this week. We are asking that unsold tickets be returned soon, so that we may have a chance to get them sold. The ticket starts to go off the last week of May. Each player was only asked to sell 5 tickets this year. We have a little over half turned in- 460 tickets still need to be turned in to date.

Score boards and equipment have all been paid for. We are looking to make some more improvements to the fields. We appreciate all of the fundraising that is going on with our families. We are discussing having consequences for families that do not complete their requirements to the league.

Softball uniforms have been given out and baseball uniforms will be here on Saturday. Cliff will make arrangements to get them out to coaches.

Molly Stine will be doing the pictures this year. They are scheduled to be Saturday, April 23. Baseball will be at Mitchell starting at 9. Softball is scheduled for Saturday, April 30 at Leidy starting at 9. I have attached the picture schedule- it is also on the website and out Facebook page. Coaches all received picture packages and should be passing them out. More papers will be available- if needed on picture day. The prices are really affordable- starting at \$5.

Rain date for pictures will be the Sunday following for each. However, pictures will be at noon on Sunday- not 9. Follow the same half hour process.

We will also hold at the baseball and softball fields a "SWAP" of equipment. If you have any gently used equipment (shoes, gloves, etc) we will set them out, so that if someone needs the equipment they can get it the day of the pictures.

The stand at Mitchell will be open on picture day. Stacy and Jenn need people to help in the concession stand during pictures. We will have coffee, donuts and some other light menu items available.

The schedule is complete with both baseball and softball. If someone has too many night games and wants to switch or visa-versa- they may do so- please work it out amongst teams and let Chad know. The rules have also been given for the year. We will have poster size schedules to hang at both fields. Jaime Nagle is working on this.

Jenn and Stacy have sent the concession stand schedule. Softball will not need to work at Mitchell during their games. The concession stand will close during the 4<sup>th</sup> inning of the late games this year. Wednesday night will be a work evening for both concession stands- moving items around and replacing other items. Dave Spochart has put in a request with Sheetz for concession stand equipment. We will wait to hear from Sheetz.

On April 30<sup>th</sup> at Mitchell, Jon Serenko has set up a baseball clinic with Central Cambria's Baseball team. The event will run 10-12 – Jon has arranged shirts for the kids and hot dogs and water will be provided! We are looking forward to this event.

Discussion on improvements that need to be made yet went on- including fencing at Leidy and a concession stand. Bink will also be adding an outside plug at Leidy. We have the backing of the township- we just need more money! Also talk of a second shed at Mitchell.

Baseball season starts next week. Softball will begin on April 25. At the major's game on April 19, we have asked former ETJ coach and volunteer Dave Smith to throw out the first pitch. Dave is dealing with Cancer- we are going to pass a hat around and collect money to donate to the family. ETJ will match this donation min. \$500- Max. \$1000. Dave is unable to throw the pitch out, but his son Levi will take his place. Ron Brown will be ordering a plaque and baseball holder for the event. Please stop out to the field and show your support.

We are also requesting that coaches call their scores into the Tribune Democrat after each game. **It is important for sponsors to see their names in the paper.**

A card and donation were sent to the family of Bruce Baker for the passing of his mother. Bruce is a township supervisor and former ETJ coach.

I had to leave- if anything needs added to the minutes-please let me know. I will make sure to add them before the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 by: **1<sup>st</sup> Ron Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam Amenti**