

Minutes of Dads Club Meeting on Wednesday, 1/18/24

Meeting began at 7:10pm
Welcome by Mike Marrese

Upcoming Meetings and Events

1. Thursday, 1/18, is the Athletic Club Meeting at 7pm in the NDCP Library
2. Sunday, 1/28. 1-9pm, the AFC/NFC party in the NDCP cafe. This is sponsored by the Athletic Club. It is a great afternoon and evening of fun. Please gather some fellow Don Dads and attend. Great food, drink and ways to spend money and support athletics. The link to register is on our NDCP homepage.
3. The All Parent Meeting sponsored by the Don Moms Club will be rescheduled. The date is TBD.
4. Family Bowling Night is Saturday, 2/24, 6:30-8:30pm at Bowlero in Niles. We gave a guarantee of 60, we have 7 registered so far. Please attend the event and promote this event. The registration link is on our NDCP homepage. I will promote this event to our Bowling Teams and the Bowling Team parents.
5. Our biggest school fundraiser, Spirit Gala, will take place on Saturday, March 2, at the Hilton Northbrook. All NDCP families will get an invitation. Please try to assemble a table and attend. The event is a great sit down dinner with many ways to spend money and support NDCP. We also need parent volunteers to work the event, please contact me if you would like to work the event.
6. Our Mother Son Dance is Friday, May 17, 6:45-10:00pm. We need 15-20 dads to work the event, help with set up and clean up. I am giving this date out very early so you can make arrangements to attend and help with the event. We are planning to have the event outside as in past years. Just wondering if anyone feels strongly if it should be inside and why? Inside would be the gym and then we are limited to 450 capacity whereas outside we can accommodate any amount over 450.
7. Our Friends of NDCP Golf Outing is June 17 at White Pines in Bensenville. This outing is open to anyone and open to any level of golf play. It is a 9:00am shotgun start, best ball format and golf is followed with a nice lunch in their banquet hall. Please start forming your foursome. The link to register will be available mid February.

Old Business

1. Jim Kerrigan will take over as President and Marty Fiero will take over as Secretary of the dads Club for the 2024-2025 school year. Thank you so much to both Don Dads.
2. A ballot was emailed to all of the Don Moms and the Dons to vote on the Mother-Son Dance theme. As of Wednesday, 1/17, 213 votes have been cast

and the results thus far: 50.2% for Country and Western; 22.5% for Disco; 12.7% Mardi Gras and 11/7% 50s rock. Voting will continue through February.

3. We discussed ways to increase our attendance at meetings.

- send out email blasts to the Don Dads and Don Moms to remind our community of the meeting dates
- our club needs to be more of a presence at athletic contests and NDCP events.
- We need to stress more of the "social" aspect of our club. Our meetings are social gatherings where we talk about business but the social aspect is the main component.
- **For our next gathering not meeting, we will gather on our normal second Tuesday of the month, February 13 for the NDCP vs St Viator Varsity Basketball game.** The game begins at 7pm but our plan would be to have a social gathering at 6pm in the NDCP cafe. At this gathering we can discuss a little business, eat some pizza, drink a soda and then attend the game at 7pm. We would sit as a group in the stands, behind our announcing/scoring table. We would charge for the game ticket, pizza and soda. I am thinking \$12 per person. I will work out the details with Athletics. March- we gather at a NDCP Hockey game, the Spring, we gather for baseball and lacrosse. Be a presence moving forward.

New Business

1. With our Friends of NDCP golf outing do we need to do an additional spring/summer event? Your thoughts?

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm