

## May 8th Meeting

Attendance: Louise Q, John Herring, Ed Smith, Elaine Schiavone, Su Reiser, and Katie Belko

Purpose to talk about the funds donated in honor of Bob Belko

Katie Belko wanted to have the funds donated to MSS to create a scholarship in Bob Belko's name. She would like the funds dedicated to volunteers, since Bob Belko was a volunteer. She did some research and had some ideas.

Elaine thought the idea of a bench or handicapped swing at the park would be nice for all involved. That way it serves a large group of people.

Louise had concerns over it being a scholarship at all but knowing that was the families wish would agree. They knew Bob best. The impact would only be on one or two people and not the players. It wouldn't touch the many he served. She was afraid, it would be based on how well they presented or wrote on the application. She liked the idea of the parent recommendation and the coaching voting but specifics would have to be ongoing. She was not for sending the money to baseball as then control would be lost.

Katie said that the decisions could be based on recommendations by the parent of players, then a final choice by a committee.

Ed Smith thought maybe a tree or a bench a great idea but was ok with a scholarship as well. He thought the MTBA path was a good choice.

John Herring was on the fence over a scholarship for both the players and volunteers. He thought both ideas were good.

Su thought the idea of a scholarship organized by MSS but not open to the players as well was a problem. MSS is for the special players and volunteers second. She thought funneling the funds thru MTBA was the best choice. Katie could present the scholarship at the Rec. Scholarship Dinner and personalize it. She also asked about simply turning the funds over to Katie. Louise thought we could not really do this since the intention was for the benefit of MSS.

Katie mentioned she thought the amount of \$1000. a year would be good, so two people could receive and then she had ideas about on-going funding. She mentioned a 5 K run.

Su suggested using some of the funds for another fishing day at Mulders. Karl Lopardo hosted it last year successfully and we would not have to do much to host it again.

To date the amount is \$2170.00 as of 4/16/2019.

Ed asked if the funds were in the MSS account, (yes), and advise that at this time they should be moved to a separate account. Su said she would do it right away. (Funds have been moved to a separate account since). All future donations will be deposited into this account.

Katie would take some ideas back to the family and then email us with some results. She was not opposed to funneling the funds thru MTBA for scholarships, if MSS could not do it. She was not opposed to doing a fish outing in Bob's honor, or some funds being used for a bench.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.