

LOOK BACK TO WHERE WE HAVE COME FROM

MEMBERSHIP 37 2002 TODAY 87 MEMBERS 1 1/2X IN ONE YEAR \$50 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE, ALL ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

**FIRST PROJECT SELECTED:**

Goals public awareness, data base development and project determination  
Board voted to acquire land which would be suitable for the purpose of building school and community facilities.

**SEARCH FOR LAND**

NSEW. Larry and Mary Lou Martin were very willing to work with us and desirous to see positive opportunities for our students and community members. The Martins made an extremely generous offer that enabled the Foundation to proceed with the purchase of 25 acres of land on contract with an option to purchase 15 additional acres, which we will. The Martins has started a legacy for us and we want to build upon it for those who will come behind us for many years.

**PUBLIC AWARENESS**

We still continue and will continue to do frequent updates in the school newsletter, Linn County shopper, Gazette, or through our mass mailing campaigns to alumni. We need to keep people aware of what we are doing, that we are viable, that we mean to be successful with this bold venture, yet that we want to be wise and prudent with their resources, that we are being accountable for what we desire to accomplish.

**TAILGATE CELEBRATION**

Despite the rain, the day was a success. We had a good turnout, good tremendous support and public awareness for the Foundation was great, we were on TV, radio, and in the newspapers. We had many nice words and affirmations spoken about us, but more importantly what we are trying to do.

**FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES**

We have had people volunteer to go and work security at Iowa Football Games, which the Foundation got reimbursed for.

We had two families organize the Pass, Punt and Kick contest, which will be an annual fund raising event for the Foundation.

We have one individual who has donated a tailgate table that we will be selling tickets for will draw for a winner sometime during the basketball season if not sooner. We will promote this at the Purple and Gold Night next week.

We have membership forms in almost any informational advertising for updates that we do. I have them here with me tonight if any one wants to become a new member, renew your membership or make any type of a donation.

Tim Felderman FFA instructor is helping with saving us dollars. He has an individual coming 11/18 to look over the site for landscaping grants and beautification. I am very excited about this, as we want to put forth a very positive visual first impression as you enter Alburnett or as you leave which ever.

I do not want to overlook those who have called and volunteered in kind donations, donations of labor, materials or just a willingness to help. It takes all of us and each and every donation and each and every giver are very important. The foundation has been

trying to call and personally thank those who have given, no matter what the amount. This was not in place initially, but has occurred lately, and seems to bring great satisfaction to the givers.

### **BALANCE**

One year ago, we had around \$3000; today we have just under 33,000. That is great, but we have so far to go. The Foundation believes as we move forward and continue our public awareness campaign, continual updates and special releases, that figure will grow.

### **PUBLIC RESPONSE**

The responses to the Foundation has taken off since we got the land and have released this initial conceptual drawing of how facilities may sit and what the layout all involved. We have had tremendous positive feedback. The only drawback, I have heard, is "well it will be 6-8 years before it is done." My response is that we know this is bold, but if we do not try and refuse to believe or go at it with half hearted intent who will be the losers? This is for the kids, the lifeline and lifeblood of any community and school. We want to keep our school and community both moving forward in a positive, common direction. We both need each other to survive, if this school falters, so will the community and vice versa. We have to move forward one step at a time.

### **FUTURE PLANNING**

Do over Initial conceptual drawing and any phase 2 stuff  
Meetings with contractors, lighting, and track company  
Had coaches, community people in  
Desire to get compaction studies, topographical studies, escavating, and tiling done this fall  
Need to get our engineer and get our construction plans finalized

Questions???????

**PIRATE PRIDE WILL BUILD IT, WITH PRIDE OUR PIRATES WILL USE IT**