WCHS Booster Club Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 7, 2018 7 pm – Room 117

<u>In attendance</u>: Draga Dubick, Georgina Feigen, Jesse Smith, Debbie Jacobs, Karen DePirri, Scott Greenspan, Daniel Freeman, Julie Raab, Judy Leventhal, Teri Stanish, Ruth Wu, Sandy Smith, Debbie Haramis, Janine Rosen,

Call to Order: Draga Dubick 7:07.

Moment to review October meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes from October meeting. Motion seconded and passed.

Athletic Director's Report: Reported by Jesse Smith.

A lot going on. Big weekend this weekend. Football game moved to Whitman our field is a mess from all the rains. Whitman turf field is amazing. Saturday Boys Cross Country will be in States and Cheerleaders will be at States at Hartford CC. Field Hockey lost in State semi's but three years in a row with State Regional title. Boys soccer lost to Whitman. Info. going out soon to address hazing that just happened at Damascus. Addressing it and working with all coaches to ensure that doesn't occur here.

Two requests: Sideline turf protector on side lines for lacrosse teams and will help soccer teams. Protects sidelines and doesn't tear up grass. Had to do a lot of sodding this summer for repairs to this area. When we get new track done we will need it on track to place under benches for soccer team. Looking to use it for Field Hockey for their sidelines as well. Cost is \$2400. Company will put logo on it.

Vote on approval of \$2444 for custom side line turf protectors to be used by soccer, lacrosse and field hockey. **Vote passes** with no objections.

Wants us to think about getting a new mascot costume. Current mascot (Jake) is really doing a great job with it. Feet and hands are all torn up. (passed around current proposed costume). Doesn't want Boosters to fund the whole thing, maybe get SGA, and some fundraising to fund the whole thing. Total cost is about \$4000.00. Maybe have all teams contribute \$50-\$100 each.

Other big expenses coming up. Lacrosse netting system behind the net. Sleeves are in ground, poles goes in sleeves. Less moving around and less likely to fall down.

May need fan buses for football. Buses are about \$250 each bus. Wants 2 buses. Usually only want buses when we go to states but since this game had to be moved want to be able to shuttle as many kids as possible over.

Comment: Could be do something at Gala to get donations for new Mascot

uniform. Captive audience.

Comment: Use mascot to do outside events.

Maybe do 50/50 raffle at Gala for new Mascot costume.

Introduction of new Principal Ms. Heckert.

Technology Update: Reported by Daniel Freedman

Website had some issues which have all been fixed. Try to make submissions longer than a sentence or two. About 1100 visitors to site for month of October which is good.

Team News: Open

- Fundraiser tonight at Shake Shack for girls basketball.
- No other team reps for other winter sport teams.
- Midnight Madness event on Nov. 30 by girls and boys basketball. Free and would like support by other athletes. Concessions will be open that night.

<u>President's Report</u>: Went to Booster club meeting for all local schools. All booster clubs raise over one million dollars a year. We are protecting existence of sports in schools. There are a total of 26 sports in the county.

Jesse – so glad that boosters supports what he needs. Kids don't realize how lucky they are to have the help that they get from Boosters.

Would like to get people out to more play-off games.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Report provided by Scott Greenspan

Income: \$81,430.57 Expenses: \$42,488.63

Net Revenue: \$38,941.94

(copy of report attached to minutes)

Membership: Reported by Judy Leventhal.

Total Membership Revenue: \$31, 050;

Total membership: 333 members;

Eleven teams are at 100%.

School Store: Reported by Draga Dubick

- Printed community night shirts arrived. Didn't go as well as we wanted.
 Now our blue shirt in school store. Next community night might do something smaller.
- UA Under Amour shirts issue: Printer admitted that they had a bad batch of ink and they are reprinting shirts.

Concessions: Reported by Julie Raab and Debbie Jacobs

- Didn't sell a lot for powder puff game
- Sold a lot at JV football game
- Moving our concessions to Whitman for football game. Don't have a grill so will hold hamburgers for next time.
- Bringing our hot dog roller and popcorn maker.
- Need to use their pizza vendor. Or maybe use Chick-Fil-A. Or Auntie Annes.
- Need Volunteers.
- KOA event. May want to have volunteers come out for that.
- Winter sports concesssions: trying to have it open for all girls/boys basketball and wrestling games as well.
 - Comment: what are expectations as to who will cover concessions.
 Varsity covers JV and JV covering Varsity. Girls Varsity had a problem last year.
 - Comment: Can we make booster rep. be responsible for making sure that there is coverage for all concessions.
 - We should be able to get a parent to be able to serve fans and officials.
 - Jesse: When we have winter sports parent night we are going to address this. Also need to send email to parents to make them aware of the situation.

Spirit: Reported by Janine Rosen

- Wrap up for fall, that it wasn't only about football.
- Battle of classes for attendance. Will soon be announcing which winning class was.
- Spirit nights: brought balloons and tried to make it a bigger spirit event.
- Making a spirit video. Hasn't happened. Trying to get it put together but probably won't get put together for Friday. Need kids to do it.
- Maybe use it to make montage. Either for next year or for Gala.
- Social media is better platform.
- Maybe do a booster welcome table for the first home game of a team's season.

Gala: Reported by Karen DePirri

- Auction committee meeting last week. Divided volunteers into 4 groups.
- 50/50 Raffle this year. Idea provided to use 50/50 for new mascot costume.
- Putting together communications schedule.
- Save the date went out last week.
- Always need volunteers.

Thank you to everyone for help in Fall and for all rescheduled games.

Adjourned: 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Georgina Feigen, Secretary