

WCHS Booster Club Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 10, 2016, 7 pm – Room 117

In attendance: Elaine Arndt, Draga Dubick, Daniel Freeman, Steve Genn, Clarice Ghais, Paula Goldsmith, Leslie Janis, Judy Leventhal, Debra Lundin, Sandra Max, Chris Nazarian, Scott Rivinius, Sandy Smyth; Ari Storch, Larry Tanenbaum, Julie Wagman, Shawnda Wilkinson, Wendy Wilson, Lisa Yazdani

Call to Order: Chris 7:02

Approval of minutes of Last Meeting: Sharon

Chris moved to approve; Larry seconded, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Clarice announced that Booster Club assets were \$105,160.99 after team accounts and paver income adjustment; with school inventory total assets were \$121,270.00; net income was \$18,749.00. Total income since July 1 with banners, concessions, school store, membership, gala is \$114,838.00. Draga asked Clarice for net income over the last few years.

Apparel: Draga gave the report, indicating that things were status quo; people will be selling at spring sports night.

Concessions: Draga is going to clean up the concession area and get it ready for spring season and maybe do another order. Lacrosse has concession sign-ups going. Draga wondered if baseball wanted to do the same.

Membership: Elaine/Wendy

- a. Varsity Boys Basketball and JV – 100% - congrats Wendy and Judy!
- b. Spring Sports Night Thursday, 7pm, Main Gym – Wendy, Paula and Elaine will be there for sign-ups and to give gifts; Elaine noted the matching funds and \$150 for banners; teams get banquet money for full participation
- c. \$28,000 - well ahead of normal before spring sign-ups
- d. There have not been any alumni sign-ups yet
- e. Scott asked who to send rosters to – Wendy will accept
- f. Spring sports captains' lunch next week - Draga needs captain names and cell phone numbers to get info to captains
- g. Spring sports can earn \$ - matching funds, banners, 100% membership banquet \$

Communications: Elaine/Daniel

- a. New membership form/payment access – no need for PayforSchoolStuff; membership database now combined on one system instead of paper/online db.
 - i. Elaine mentioned that we need to let her know if anyone runs into any snags – they can modify the form as needed
- b. 30 separate posts since the new system was established in November; automatic generation of FB/Twitter post
- c. Daniel noted – wrestlers going to states; ice hockey championship (Scott noted

that we cannot post on the school sign ice hockey accomplishments because they are not affiliated with the school)

- ii. If hockey gets approved as a school sport, we can continue to assist
- d. Next project – combining newsletter and posts – can compile a newsletter under the same umbrella using the posts; uses title, picture and a blurb – link to the post
- e. Secret mobile “thing” in the works – new Google technology
- f. Chris asked if there were critiques of the website – everyone is pleased

AD Report: Scott

- a. Scott will be stepping down in light of his wife expecting their third boy; no one within the school has expressed interest – you can’t be a coach and an AD at the same time; after posting they will get 5-6 applicants and then interview; Scott will try to bring the new person to the April or at least the May meeting; Scott will stay at the school and will be available for questions; County requires an Athletic rep (AD) to be at the Booster meetings
- b. Winter sports were very successful; better crowds for basketball, etc. this year; weather is cooperating but we need to preach patience for schedule changes; Scott has been asked to promote this; kids need to let teachers know when they need early release
- c. Sports night – Chris will talk; Boosters has helped pay for track invitationals; tennis court resurfacing; track needs resurfacing - previous patching was just temporary; we are on the schedule now; Elaine was willing to talk about “nuts and bolts” to make parents understand how Boosters supports the teams
- d. Captains lunch – Coach Song will speak (and bring the golden football)
- e. Community night – needs someone to volunteer but it can be skipped if we don’t have a volunteer (April?)
- f. Dr. Benz has sent an email today that County is trying to make a commitment to install turf and they are getting flooded with emails against turf; we need to speak up if we are pro-turf (contact County Council)
- g. Requests – (1) outside the gym (but inside)– dirt and salt coming in – school spirit floor mats (same place we get our banners); shelf life is 20 years; \$260 x 4 = \$1040. High quality and heavy; Like what we have in the concession booth. A motion was raised, seconded, passed unanimously; (2) in weight room area – ala carte service on machines – would prefer to have maintenance contract - \$1500/year (deep cleans, make repairs to weights – Heartline fitness [work for several schools in the County]); in a normal year they spend \$2000-2500; Draga would like to see the contract before we vote; Gaithersburg, Blake, Seneca Valley and Whitman; can approve on Officers’ review of contract; Elaine moved, seconded, passed unanimously
- h. Scott/Ari – benches are contingent on dugouts – part of dugouts is not up to code; non-Churchill person complained (they worked for County) and the County came to Scott and he is working with contractors to try to meet code; entry on visitors dugout is too narrow and no handicap access; home dugout entrance is too narrow and there is a direct line for a foul ball; solution County has is to drill through concrete, create a door and put a ramp on it; should there also be

handicap access from parking to field; there is mold that will be dealt with; our original plans had been approved by the County

- i. Cannot install new benches until dugouts are dealt with; to build anything new is a 2 year process
- j. Elaine asked if Boosters should send a letter that original plans had been approved; original contractor will be meeting with Scott
- k. Elaine asked about tennis screen – Scott said our location does not work with screens; caused more problems for players

Proposal to amend bylaws: Larry/Draga

- a. Last change was allowing people to be members if they were an alum or have a child who is an alum – should increase revenue
- b. New definition of Director – to be officers and chairs of concessions, communications, school store and membership (9 people)
- c. Voting will be by Directors rather than the general membership with discussion amongst members; this is consistent with the way other Booster Clubs run
- d. Members will vote on Officers
- e. Officers exclude alumni status members
- f. A draft will be circulated and comments are welcome
- g. Wendy expressed concern because there are team reps who do consistently come to the meetings;
- h. Draga noted that for many issues, there need to be reps who are informed on issues; with a limited number of Directors, they can watch what is happening throughout the year
- i. Sandy Max also suggested we have some “at large” people who can also vote
- j. Elaine noted that members should be allowed to weigh in on some portion of the budget
- k. Bylaws had previously been amended to try to get more participation, but that has not worked
- l. Ari wondered how to get more swim involvement in Boosters when they get very little back (most items not re-used); Scott expressed that it is very difficult to find things Boosters can provide to swimming
 - i. Elaine suggested that if membership reaches a certain level –we can award \$ to the team for their own purposes

Recruitment of new officers for 2016-2017: Larry

- a. Need someone for communications
- b. Need new slate of officers
 - i. Leslie Janis – President
 - ii. Andrew O’Lone – VP
 - iii. Sandy Smyth - VP
 - iv. Sharon Crane – Secretary
 - v. Marcy Robinson – possible for Treasurer

Spending priorities for the coming year: Chris

Community Yard sale: Leslie/Sandy

- a. Leslie reported that it would be a huge manpower drain that perhaps we do not have the time for; keep momentum going for gala and try to do the yard sale next year
- b. Scott noted that we can hold the cafeteria on a Friday night; need to decide on a date in July; Leslie suggested that we do it spring of 2018
- c. Larry suggested that we get Salvation Army (or someone similar) to take anything that doesn't get sold
- d. Elaine wondered if we had ever sponsored a 5K

Adjourn: 8:21

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Crane, Secretary