

WCHS Booster Club Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2013 7:00 pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Edwards, John Kwant, Bill Leonard, Joe Muscarella, Scott Levinson, Chuck O'Carroll, Roya Youssefiani, Daniel Freeman, Dave Kelley, Scott Rivinius, Ariane Promisel, Mary Ellen Mengucci, Donna Duvall, Staci Weltmann, Jon Thibodeau, Robyn Solomon.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: President Jim Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. In the absence of the Club's Secretary, John Kwant was asked to take the meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the April 10, 2013 meeting were distributed and reviewed by all present. John Kwant motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Scott Levinson. Minutes approved unanimously with no changes.

INTRODUCTIONS (Jim Edwards): President Jim Edwards introduced the new AD, Scott Rivinius, and acknowledged the Booster Club Webmaster Daniel Freeman, and thanked him for his hard work over the year.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Dave Kelley): Dave said he had 2 weeks to go until retirement. He thanked the Booster Club for all their support over the years. At the meeting's end, Dave was presented with a gift (cement Bull Dog) and refreshments and cake were provided.

OFFICER ELECTIONS: Ballots were distributed for Officers nominated for the 2013-2014 academic year. They included: President: Larry Tanenbaum; Vice President: Joe Muscarella; Secretary: Marlo Sims; Treasurer: Scott Levenson. The results were later tabulated and all were all elected to their new positions.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Chuck O'Carroll, see attached): Chuck distributed an analysis comparing this year's gala to last year. Net income as a % of revenue was better this year than last, though the net total amount raised was slightly less (\$22,622 this year vs \$25,293 last year). Roya Youssefiani noted that there could still be \$3,000-\$4,000 still coming in depending on the final disposition of the parking spots that were still available. There was extensive discussion on how best to price and sell the remaining parking spots. Many felt that they should not sell for less than what was paid at the gala for a spot (\$1,750), while others felt we should take what had been most recently offered (\$1,000). There was a motion that if the spots had not sold by week's end, that they should be listed on eBay with a minimum bid of \$1,750, with the stipulation that Roya would clear this with Dr. Benz before proceeding. The motion passed. Chuck also noted that the club should end the academic year with a cash balance of roughly \$150,000.

GALA RE-CAP (Roya Youssefiani): Roya noted that there was a great showing by parents, teachers, and coaches. She also acknowledged the issues with the credit card readers that created a great deal of manual follow-up. She suggested that Bowlmor was expensive as a venue and not that many people end up bowling anyways. She also noted that Booster Club member enthusiasm for this year's event was lacking and that overall donations, compared to past years, were down as a result. She and Jim Schleckser ended up having to do much more

work overall than was anticipated. Jim Edwards then suggested that maybe the Booster Club needed to think about the way it raised money, even though the gala was a success, it ended up being a lot of work for the few that were involved and individual teams over the course of the year had raised a great deal of money on their own. There was discussion of the Golf tournament this past year and its timing and pricing, and Jim Edwards suggested that because the event did not raise money, that the Booster Club should rethink its goals for the event, and consider not holding it in the future.

BOOSTER CLUB LOAN GUIDELINES (Scott Levinson, see attached): Scott reviewed a proposed amendment to the by-laws he drafted to help guide the Booster Club with respect to prospective project loans since there is nothing in the club's by-laws that addresses this. The terms were reviewed and invited the following comments: 1) There should be a loan threshold that is function of the club's reserves, so that the club is never borrowing more than it could theoretically pay back from cash; 2) There should be a minimum voting threshold of the Board that should be met in order to approve a loan taken on by the Booster Club. There was significant discussion of the terms and suggestions. During said discussion, it was noted that MCPS is allowing other Booster clubs in the area given that many schools are considering installation of turf fields. It was resolved that since we were at the end of the current academic year and that there was no immediate funding needs that called for the prospect of a loan, the Board should not vote on this and saddle the incoming administration with terms and conditions that they were not party to. This should be taken up by the Booster Club as one of the first orders of business in the next academic year.

RECOGNITION (Jim Edwards): Jim thanked all for their hard work and support for the year, but made special note of the contributions of Donna Duvall and Mary Ellen Mengucci for their year of service to the Booster Club.

SPORTS PHYSICALS (Jim Edwards): Jim noted that the Booster Club was sponsoring its annual "Sports Physical" fundraiser on June 18. Physicals would cost \$35, are good for all Churchill sports.

EVAN ROSENSTOCK MEMORIAL (Group): Ideas were bantered about for an appropriate memorial for Evan Rosenstock. These included either plaques or trees (the latter being past practice). It was resolved that the parents would be approached for their thoughts and that their wishes as to an appropriate memorial would then be brought back to the board for consideration/approval.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
John F. Kwant