

WCHS Booster Club Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 7 pm – Room 126

In attendance: Elaine Arndt, Barrie Berger, Sharon Crane, Daniel Freeman, Steve Genn, Clarice Ghais, Judy Leventhal, Sandy Max, Chris Nazarian, Andrew O'Lone, Scott Rivinius, Jeanine Resnick, Gina Shultz Farney, Sandy Smyth, Larry Tanenbaum, Shawnda Wilkinson, Wendy Wilson

Call to Order: 7:04 by Chris Nazarian, President.

Approval of minutes: Sharon

Larry moved to approve the minutes, it was seconded and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Clarice reported that current assets are \$112,333.77 (cash available), that the paver income is \$15,341.14 and that there is \$58,451.03 in the team accounts. There followed a discussion about the baseball budget and what had been bought. Elaine recalled that the 2014-15 baseball apparel invoice was under dispute at the end of FY 2014-15, so that correct amount was paid out of the funds carried over to this FY. .

Athletic Director Report: - Scott

- a. Banners in the gym are going to be changed to make them consistent with other schools.
- b. The largest basketball crowd will be Feb 3 in a varsity double header against Wootton.
- c. Dr. Benz will be providing 4 regular parking spots for auction at the gala (restrictions need to be provided and shown at the auction – the winners will need to be seniors and have their SSL hours); this is going to be live auction; Jeanine will display – starting price \$500; there will be 6-7 spots for back to school night (\$50-60??).
- d. Some coaches have committed and Scott is continuing to remind them; Boosters need to mention the auction to coaches too; Jeanine mentioned their coach has also reminded parents.
- e. Scott got the food service license; Chris mentioned that we cannot sell food at the school store (has to be healthy food?)

Team Funding Request: Steve Genn

Requested \$6K for an ice hockey ice time reimbursement.

- a. Hockey has to pay for ice the summer before the season; Boosters has been very generous in the past; ice hockey families pay \$40K for ice time; players have to be USA hockey certified; coaches also have to be members and certified; they need safe sport training (safety and liability; have to certify every year); there are 42 players and some siblings; varsity 1, varsity 2, jv; 20 games/year for each team; some players play on travel teams too; they have to pay for referees too.
- b. USA hockey has numbers for all the players.
- c. Chris raised concern regarding the WJ crew incident and suggested due diligence on coaches, etc.

- d. Elaine noted that we cannot be responsible for doing certification of club teams.
- e. Ice hockey has 4 auction items and 2 ads; they are at almost 100% membership.
- f. Scott mentioned that ice hockey is not associated with the school or the county; language about Booster Clubs is loose and is likely to change such that Boosters will not in the future be able to fund club sports.
- g. Larry moved to give them the \$6K; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Proposal to amend bylaws: Larry

Larry has written up some changes and we need to look at them and discuss/vote on them next meeting. The first amendment changes membership so that you do not have to have a student at the school. Larry suggested we amend to say that a member must have at least one alumnus or has 1 or more kids still at Churchill. This would raise membership revenue and other Booster Clubs already do this. The second issue makes clear that each sports team can have 2 team reps (1 JV, 1 Varsity) who are Directors and who are committed to vote. The third issue is voting for Directors, which is not presently done – teams choose reps who are Directors. The fourth issue would allow officers to remain in officer positions for 2 years after their last child graduates. Draga does not agree with the latter proposed amendment and thinks that at most it should be 1 year. In June we lose 2 VPs. Wendy suggested involvement by immediate past presidents. Sandy maintained that it does not really matter whether people are just members or Directors - they can still maintain involvement. Chris and Larry noted that they are having difficulties finding people to step up for Officer roles. The proposed amendments are going to be published and comments requested, and will be voted on at the February meeting. Elaine thinks that alumni should not be Officers because people who have current students have more common experience.

Apparel : Elaine

There is going to be a new pop-up store tshirt for valentines day.

Gala: Sandy Max

Everybody needs to come. It will be held Jan 30 at Bar Louie - jeans and jerseys attire. There will be 12-15 TV screens. We need to recruit people to come. The gala will raise money and community. We have sold 49 tickets (only had 37 at same time last year). The committee needs help at the gala for checking in and out for auction items. Ads are being extended until Jan 17. Auction items can be taken until the 24th (not printed in ad book – there will be an insert). They are looking for items >\$100 (already have 4 night stay in Jamaica). Larry has secured a place in Florida. There will be sporting tickets, tickets to Maroon 5, sports memorabilia, restaurant coupons. New auction items need to be sent to Jeanine. We are at \$3000 for ads. The committee will get together to decide on silent vs. live auction to maximize profit (Larry will be MC).

Stadium Signs: Chris

Chris asked if anyone has found someone to replace Alysson. Larry thought Ari had volunteered. Judy Leventhal knows someone who can likely do it.

Concessions:

Chris called for someone to replace Draga for next year. It is a big job but a good way to meet people. It should be someone who has a freshman or sophomore. Elaine wondered if we could pay Draga next year - Scott said a number of schools pay someone to do it (but we might lose profit). Shawnda suggested that we make a list of who is not coming back so we can recruit at the gala.

Membership: Elaine/Wendy

We are concluding the winter season. We are close to 100% membership on basketball. We went from 312 to 319 members, but have to get on team reps. Poms are at 100%. Large teams just need to get to 50%.

Communications: Elaine/Daniel

Daniel mentioned the new feature of Score Stream to report scores and it will be posted live. It can be posted on Facebook and Twitter and is easy to do. Daniel has most of the winter games loaded and he will be loading spring soon. The Newsletter deadline is 1/15. The Tuckerman sign has gala news, and there have been email blasts and hard copies of invitations have been sent. There is an event on Facebook that you can check in and say you are going.

Community Night: Elaine/Scott

Community night did not go very well. We could only find a few kids in the stands. Elaine noted that we need to not do it right after break. Word did not get out very well. Sandy M noted that especially with regard to the elementary schools.

Possibility of renaming baseball stadium after Chuck Stevens: (long time teacher and coach of football and baseball) Chris/Scott

Chris has a group of alumni who are ready to sponsor this. Scott indicated that Dr. Benz is on board and has tried to go through this process in the past. Scott has all the materials and it is a complicated process. Larry noted that Whitman has names all over the place. There is a 60-90 day process for review by the county (Larry wondered if other names could be suggested and Scott said this is a possibility; Chris noted that it is similar to offering coaches jobs). Don Higgins will work with Scott to get the process started. Larry noted that if another name was chosen, Boosters would not pay for it. Best case scenario would be finishing by the end of baseball season. The plaque is \$1500. Baseball has volunteered to do painting.

Turf project: Larry

Larry indicated it is no further along. Our lawsuit has been joined to the lawsuit with Bethesda Soccer and RM field. Larry hasn't gotten a call back regarding a meeting with the parties. MSI says the county was not allowed to open bidding to a group and that Boosters could not raise money for fields. MSI also said the county rep was biased.

Community Yard sale: Nancy was not there but we asked Scott if April 17 was still OK and he will check.

Meeting adjourned: 8:19 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Crane, Secretary