

September Meeting

18 Month 2024 / 7 PM / Moved to Faculty Cafeteria



NOTES

- **Meeting called to order:** 7:04 by Jennie Royer
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Principal Report (Dr. Freytas)

- No formal report; communicated enthusiasm for arrival of new AD and thanked the Boosters for our continued donations, especially around the equipment / new weight room.
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Officers' Reports

- **President Report (Jennie Royer)**
 - If you get the chance, please read the Booster's annual report (in the document archive, bottom center of the website). If you are a team rep, consider downloading and sending out to your team parents.
 - We are featured in the Landmark today! Funding details for the weight room contribution are included.
 - Boosters will be presenting at the Oct 22 board meeting.
 - Schoolwide email about the Boosters sent this week to all RB parents and guardians (sent by the school, not by Boosters). Had a really nice graphic - 3 things to know about Boosters. Also a great infographic to share with your team parents.
- **Secretary Report (Stacey Doyle)**
 - Previous meeting notes provided to attendees.
 - **Motion to approve: Chris Hajer; Seconded: Julie Novak.**
- **Treasurer Report (Michelle Ruska)**
 - Bank Balance 9/17/2024: \$45,243.00
 - Activities Breakdown:

Checking Balance	\$ 45,243.00
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Concession Sales	\$ 15,421.00
Concession Purchases	– \$ 12,981.00
Concession Profit	\$ 2,440.00
Spirit Wear Sales	\$ 28,530.00
Spirit Wear Purchases	– \$ 20,116.29
Spirit Wear Profit	\$ 8,413.71
Membership Dues	\$ 25,930.00
Membership Expense Windbreaker Jackets	– \$ 910.00
Voucher Promo	– \$ 3,340.00
Membership Profit	\$ 21,680.00

Funding Requests

Volleyball Uniforms	\$ 6,500.00
Football Uniforms	\$ 10,430.00
Hudl	\$ 5,000.00
Digital Scoreboard	\$ 15,000.00
Total	\$ 36,930.00

- o Approval is tabled until next meeting when the treasurer is present.

Athletic Director Report (Fil Torres)

- Introduction: Fil Torres - new AD; very familiar with our new conference and knows how it works and can set expectations with coaches and athletes. It’s been wonderful to get to know the coaches. Working on figuring out travel because our conference is pretty wide spread.
- We are able to add sophomore volleyball this year because the conference will allow it and there are teams to play against.

- We are looking to grow bowling. 35 boys showed interest in the initial meeting. Full conference schedule this year. Uniform costs were built into the budget. Season is winter for both boys and girls but with staggered starts.
 - Thank you to the Boosters for the Hudl help - really helps with teams to review tape and helps kids put together highlight reels for college applications.
 - Volleyball is doing really well. Boys golf are 11-1. Girls golf is undefeated (5-0). Both boys and girls golf will compete in conference. Soccer 4-3-1. Football 1-2.
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Committee Reports

- **Membership Committee Report (Heather Manning)**
 - 277 memberships (ahead of schedule). Goal is usually 300.
 - Close to 30 VIP memberships.
 - Residency - we created a new membership level (VIP) and it has generated a ton of extra money for us this year.
 - This year we also introduced spiritwear vouchers as sign up incentives which were successful and prevented us from having to order and store little giveaways.
- **Concessions Committee Report (Julie Novak)**
 - Had 2 football games and 2 volleyball games.
 - Done spending money except for filling in things like hot dog buns.
 - We really appreciate the extra effort by Julie to keep concessions going so successfully.
 - Volunteer sign ups have been going pretty well.
- **Spirit Wear Committee Report (Debbie Kummer)**
 - Some of the things that we thought were going to be big hits, have not and vice versa.
 - Looking for an option to customize items. Current vendor will customize our inventory. Want to put this on offer before the holidays for potential gifts. Thinking of opening this up until the first basketball game (early Dec). Consider the last football game (end of Oct). Ask Dave Mannon - he has some contacts of companies that have higher end merch (nike, under armour, etc). Jennie and Debbie to reconvene on this plan.

- We are getting paw print magnets.
- **Team Reps Committee Report (Becky Kocourek)**
 - Having a hard time getting reps. Missing for these sports:
 - Boys cross country
 - Girls cross country
 - Football
 - Reps main job is to relay booster information, get membership, get concessions sign ups, arrange anything with the coaches if they ask them to do anything.
 - Hoping that winter and spring will be easier. Hoping that there is more interest from new people than we have seen before.
 - Chik-fil-a - Becky has been asking if they are going to partner with us. Last year there was a switch from donating sandwiches to donating sandwich gift cards. No update available just yet.
 - 8 team reps were in attendance (list below)
- **Bulldog Bonanza Committee Report (Stacey Doyle)**
 - Need to identify dates for the Bonanza
- **Chef's Night Out Committee Report (Aaron Lenaghan)**
 - September 25 - Lou Malnatti's in Broadview
 - December 9 - Chipotle in La Grange
 - One more tentatively planned in spring with Culvers.
- **Memory Book Committee Report (Jennie Royer)**
 - Katie Parecho has offered to take this on.
 - We have some scrambling to do on this to get our ad requests.
- **TouchPro Committee Report (Jennie Royer)**
 - Need someone to take this on. If you know of someone who would take this on, we would love to get it staffed.
 - This is mostly data entry.
- **Bulldog Bounce Committee Report (Stacey Doyle)**
 - Stacey to get in contact with Best Buddies to see if they want to take this on.

OLD Business

- New process for senior banners
 - Boosters used to handle this completely. But it was a money losing situation for Boosters and it presented a lot of challenges to the team reps.

- Now it has moved into the Athletic Department. But the coaches are having challenges getting it taken care of (Fil). Communication with the coaches has been difficult.

NEW Business

- Potential for student ambassadors
 - Vote on agreement for adopting student ambassadors
 - Student representatives in our meetings
 - Kim Cimino to make a motion for the vote
 - Motion passed unanimously
 - Executive board will meet to discuss the parameters and report back
- Continuation of meals for maintenance
 - We will continue to sponsor a meal per season for our school staff partners.

Motion to adjourn: Chris Hajer; Seconded: Aaron Lenaghan.

ATTENDEES

BOARD & COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Jennie Royer, Aaron Lenaghan, Julie Novak, Stacey Doyle, Michelle Ruska (absent), Debbie Kummer, Chris Hajer, Becky, Heather

of MEMBERS: 9

Team Reps:

Elizabeth McCoy - Girls' Swim + Dive

Natalie Gallegos - Boys' Football

Rory Dominick - Boys' Golf

Aaron Lenaghan - Girls' Tennis

Matt Joseph - Girls' Tennis / Girls' Soccer

Becky Kocourek - Boys' Swim + Dive

Heather Manning - Boys' Swim + Dive

Kim Cimino - Boys' Basketball