

**Pirate Booster Club Board FINAL Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2015**

In Attendance:

Christina Brons	Jim Mockus
Dawn Charlise	Lisa Mockus
Jean Choi	Donna Schneberger
Alissa DePue	Krista Spaletto
Linda Gump	Gary Steiger
John Helminski	Julie Towers
Lisa Helminski	Matt Trembley
Jerri Helms	Ramona Tyack
Ann Lawrence	Frank Vitucci
Susan Limberg	Eric Wasowicz
Jenn McCloskey	Steff Woell

Alissa called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. General

- a. May agenda reviewed, motion to approve made by Donna and seconded by Eric. Motion was passed.
- b. April Draft Meeting Minutes reviewed. Motion to approve made by Donna, Steff seconded and approved by PHS Booster Committee.
- c. The April financial reports were distributed with 2013-2014 comparisons. Doesn't include post prom. Doesn't include final decision on grants. Christina introduced Susan Limberg who is training as the new treasurer. Financial reports filed for audit.

2. President

- Welcome to our new treasurer who is attending tonight's meeting.
- Bylaws changes were sent out in advance, Alissa requested a motion to approve these. Motion to approve made by Steff, John seconded. Bylaws changes were approved.
- Alissa requested that all outgoing chairs reach out to their replacement so they begin shadowing and attending meetings immediately

3. Post Prom Recap

- Jim and Lisa reported that they had poor weather, however there were very few issues. 13 chaperones attended. 732 prom tickets were sold and 264 post prom. This is a significant decline, they are not sure why and suggested we do a survey. They saved \$1900 on the Odyssey and had one fewer bus. The cost was \$96 per person the students paid \$30 and Boosters paid \$66.
- Gary mentioned when they surveyed the kids in the past the Boat always won. Game Works was tried in the past and was not liked. Elk Grove is going to Pin Stripes, another school is renting out Life Time Fitness. He said whatever you pick is not cool for most students it is hard to find something that works for everyone.

- Lisa and Jim reported that the kids liked the food better on the boat, the kids that did go loved it! The bus driver and bartender said our kids were very good compared to other schools.

4. **Scholarship Update**

- Krista reported that they met and they are ready to go. The scholarships will be presented at the Academic awards next week. There are 13 scholarships that will be awarded.

5. **Vice President**

- Linda reported that the Slate of officers has been posted for the required time frame. Linda asked for a motion to approve the Executive Slate. Steff made the motion to approve the Executive Slate and John seconded the slate was approved.
- Nominating committee update - Linda handed out the most up to date list of other positions. We will vote on these in June. The open positions available are Corporate Contributions, graphic artist and post prom.
- Tax Exempt Update – Linda received a legal opinion from Lynn Gordon and attorney at Nixon Peabody it is clear that we do not need to be paying sales tax on concessions or the school store. Christina requested a copy of her letter. Linda will send this out to the full board after the meeting. Eric will run this by his tax person and Linda will work with Lynn to write a letter to obtain formal approval from the state. Christina indicated that she would prefer to continue paying until we receive that letter. The board then recommended that she not pay. A motion was made and seconded that we would not pay sales tax from this point forward based on the legal opinion that we received.

6. **Principal**

- Gary was questioned regarding the most recent US News and World Report High School Rankings. He stated he is not sure why we are not on it. We met or exceed all requirements and in addition had 4 students who achieved perfect scores on the ACT and one student who was accepted into Project Excel and received a full ride to U Penn!
- Donna requested that we consider adding the graduation signs to the principles graduation letter next year. Timing may be off for this, but Donna will speak to Gary in August to find other ways to communicate the signs. Donna mentioned that we have Wendy's on Thursday and Pizza Bella next week
- Gary reported the pool is on target to start in November and our student will utilize Fremd's pool. He was asked if we are building the mega pool and he indicated this is probably not happening due to the Governmental changes that are occurring. The school board is afraid to fund anything beyond the basics until the financial situation is clearer. However, by the time the pool starts this may be the case so we will know more in the fall.

7. **New Business**

- PHS Grant Requests. The original amount requested was \$69,084.28 and Gary initially reviewed the list and recommended we fund \$31,123.00, however, after going back and looking at our budget and year end it was requested that Gary revisit this because we

believe we can fund around \$62,000.00 this year, with that information Gary is now requesting that we fund \$60,050.00

- Eric mentioned that if they had some of the needed items for the dinner auction it would be easy to create a call to action to fund some of these – the new committee should keep this in mind for next year
- The Ford Drive One for your school raised roughly \$5,000 which we could add to the funding for the hallway furniture so between what Boosters approves and that it should be fully funded
- Jean noted that the new furniture will change the layout for craft fair so she will need the information on this ASAP as she is sending out the first solicitation for vendors within 2 weeks.
- It was clarified that if we do donate the recommended amount we will begin next year with \$5,000 and the Millenium fund CD. We may want to consider cashing the CD next year or just using it as a cushion. The last two years we finished with a loss. This year even with this donation we will finish with a small profit so we will be starting off next year better than we did this year.
- It was reiterated that we can fully fund the grant requests and be in a better position than last year, plus we have \$50,000 in equity in the bank.
- The cost of the Pirate Pete costume was questioned Gary indicated they did multiple bids for this and this is the best they could do. The last costume lasted 20 years
- The group recommended that we do a better job of publicizing all that the Boosters does – this year we are giving \$62,000 in grants, provided \$8500 to the Kissane Fund, \$13,000 in scholarships and we paid for 69% of Post Prom.
- Gary was asked if what the Boosters have donated is clearly communicated to the teachers. He indicated it is. He indicated that last year was amazing and this year is even more so. He also indicated that we are unique in that we fund all different types of student activities, not just athletics. He indicated that what the Boosters donates allows him to spend money that otherwise would not be allowed because it is funded by tax money. He will be putting a plaque in the hallway to indicate that the Boosters paid for the new furniture. Alissa indicated that all grants that are funded- the teacher receives a personal letter Boosters indicating the amount funded. The letter will be signed by the President and Vice President of Boosters.
- Lisa indicated that she will make our funding a key focus of her newsletters next year, she will post pictures of the new items being used – it is recommended that photos be requested in the letters sent to the teachers.
- John indicated that the Drum Line training is paid by the Boosters
- Gary invited the board to attend Palatine Promise Bandapalooza in the café next week. This is another event we help fund. He will videotape it and Jeri will upload it on Face Book
- In summary, it has been a great year for the Boosters
- A motion was made by Donna to fund \$60,050 for the grants, the motion was seconded by Steff and unanimously approved. The additional \$5,000 will be covered by the money from the Ford event

8. Old Business

- Ford Drive One for Your School – The event was a success as discussed previously. It was decided that we will mention the amount at the May 27th sports awards and it was suggested that they come and provide us with a symbolic check at the new hallway furniture grand opening.

PHS Pirate Booster Meeting Schedule: (7:00 pm. in Principal's Conference Room)

June 9, 2015

Alissa adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Linda Gump for Chris Daly
PHS Booster Secretary