**CONANT BOOSTERS 2022-2023**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 11, 2022**

**Welcome from President –** Traci Garcia opened the 3rd Boosters meeting of the 2022-2023 school year, in person at the Media Center at Conant High School, at 7:02 pm and welcomed all in attendance.

Fifteen members were in attendance;

(4) Executive Board: Traci Garcia, Elizabeth Paveza, Cheryl Jancaric, Heather Sharbaugh

(10) Julie Henry, Paula Waterman, Bridget Minogue, Molly Bryant, Carol Hominac, Cathy O’Brien, Amy Shannon, Lori Dempsey, Tracy Gebhardt, Noreen Gadawski

(1) Julie Nowak

Absent: Jeannette Ardell, John Kane, Shawna Lochner

Traci asked for a motion and a second to approve the September 13, 2022 meeting minutes, Paula motioned and Julie approved.

**Principal Report -** Julie Nowak was present and reported that homecoming week was great, this senior class is really taking advantage of all the activities. Julie thanked the boosters for the snacks and coat check support. College night sounded like it went great at Palatine HS last week. Tomorrow evening there is a FAFSA completion night. We had a September Conant Community meeting to discuss suicide awareness; it was a small group but very powerful. Coming up next week we are excited to host an event on the 18th to discuss substance use and abuse. There is an uptick in vaping, 1 in 3 students, all categories and all spaces. In McHenry County there are more substances being used; fentanyl, THC, and gummies. Incoming Freshman testing is this weekend; it will be the second largest class coming in. Young hearts for life is coming up November, hoping for 100 volunteers. Musical is coming up. November 5th we’ll have the Fall Festival, which could be a good Booster Club promotion. Paula suggested reaching out to other D211 schools to reach out for additional help for Young Hearts for Life.

**Activities Director Report** – Jeannette Ardell was not present. Julie Nowak provided a report on her behalf.

**Athletic Director Report** - John Kane was not present, Julie Novak reported on his behalf, that we sent 3 athletes to state for golf, one student placed! Our last home football game is next weekend. We are hosting a whole lot; sectionals and regionals soccer, tennis state, volleyball regionals and football playoffs.

**President –** Traci Garcia was present and didn’t have anything to report.

**Vice President Report –** Elizabeth Paveza was present and reported that she received several thank you’s from club recipients so that we can continue to highlight and recognize what the Boosters club does.

**Treasurer Report –** Cheryl Jancaric was present and had nothing to report.

**Corresponding Secretary Report –** Shawna Lochner was not present, it was reported that one birth announcement went out for the birth of a baby girl and a second birth of a baby boy.

**Committee Reports**

**Communications -** Bridget was present and reported she is putting out information on craft fair, Young Hearts for Life, Dine to Donate, Cupcakes for a Cause, and gift cards. Soccer will be the highlight for this month.

**Conant Social Fundraiser -** Traci and Heather were present and had nothing to report. Feb 25, 2023 mark your calendars. Bridget will send out a save the date blast.

**Volleyball Concessions -** Dan was not present and there was nothing to report.

**Craft Fair -** Tracy was present and reported that she is doing very well for volunteer signups and thanked those that have already signed up to help. Now she needs some subs to help. NHS induction is tomorrow and there will be a blast going out about the opportunity for volunteer hours. If you are coming to shop, please consider picking up a lime green shirt, to serve as any additional help, just in case. 60 vendors are on the waiting list and discussion was held on if we can accommodate more in the future.

**Craft Fair Concessions -** Cathy and Amy were present and will be taking over the craft fair concessions, Carol is staying on as a consultant. Amy will be calling Chick-fil-A tomorrow. Tracy is going to email out the lunch order forms so that we have everything in advance to fulfill and deliver lunch orders. Forms need to be submitted for packing no later than 10am. NHS and Harper Promise students will be around to help with concessions. Traci suggested sending a post out about craft fair concessions.

**Dances -** Julie was present and reported that we had a great homecoming dance, only a few items left behind (suspenders, socks, flowers). We understand that we had over 2000 students attend. Julie will be looking into reimbursing Boosters for the additional snacks purchased.

**Fundraisers -** Anu was not present, Tracy reported that gift cards are being collected through the website only. Noreen reported on the dine to donate fundraisers: $145 from Sprinkles, $135 Portillos. Mod Pizza is coming up 10/19. Kona Ice brought in $300 from the last home football game. $323 raise for 50/50 raffle. Five Below fundraiser coming up in December. Chipotle and Jersey Mikes on the calendar as well.

**Social Media:** Lisa was not present, nothing to report. Traci mentioned how great the social media posts have been this year.

**Special Events -** Molly Bryant was present and reported NHS induction tomorrow at 7:30pm. Julie to double check to ensure a work-order has been placed for tables.

**Membership -** Paula was present and reported that we are doing great, over $15,000 (over the goal of $13,000) in memberships for this year. There is discussion on corporate memberships/sponsorships as well. Almost back to pre-pandemic numbers.

**Post Prom -** Heather Sharbaugh was present and reported that she is in the process of signing the contract for the boat. 25% deposit is due 10/31. To clarify, the boat capacity at this time is 400 total, breakdown is 384 students and 16 chaperones. The boat we have reserved is going in for maintenance and they are hopeful to have more weight capacity; we will know in February. It could potentially increase the count up to 600 passengers. Heather will start to coordinate with the junior class council on post-prom plans.

**Scholarships -** Yassi was not present and there was nothing to report.

**Cougar Corner Spirit Store -**  Julie H and Paula were present and reported that we are officially done selling at the football games. The next major project is to reconstruct and organize the store and display. The plan is to have this done before Incoming Freshman night on December 7.

**Website –** Paula Waterman was present and reported to send her any updates.

**Adjournment –** Traci Garcia adjourned the meeting, and thanked everyone for attending at 8:21 pm.

**Next Meeting -** Tuesday, November 15, 2022.

**Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by**

Heather Sharbaugh

2022-2023 Recording Secretary