**CONANT BOOSTERS 2022-2023**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 7, 2023**

**Welcome from President –** Traci Garcia opened the 7th Boosters meeting of the 2022-2023 school year, in person at Conant High School’s Media Center, at 7:03 pm and welcomed all in attendance.

Nineteen (19) members were in attendance;

(4) Executive Board: Traci Garcia, Cheryl Jancaric, Shawna Lochner, Heather Sharbaugh

(12) Pam Drone, Paula Waterman, Julie Henry, Ann Woo, Melanie Thomas, Gena Angelino, Jeremy Oosthurzem, Enes Yilmaz, Molly Bryant, Joyce Victor, Lisa Seed, Stephanie Tamburello

(3) Julie Nowak, Jeanette Ardell and John Kane

Absent: Elizabeth Paveza

Traci asked for a motion and a second to approve the January 10, 2023, meeting minutes. Paula Waterman motioned for 1st approval and Cheryl Jancaric 2nd.

**Principal Report -** Julie Nowak was present and welcomed the new attendees, asking for them to introduce themselves. Julie reported that we are amidst the beginning of a hiring process for next year. There is an admin position open and are also looking at staffing needs for next year. The school population will be growing by 100 next year. We are finally back to field trips and Mrs. Fitzgerald is planning a lot of great stuff with career tracks. This is all available on our website. Please fill out the 5 Essential Survey. This was emailed out last week. This survey tells us what we did well and what we need to work on. It also provides the ranking for the school. We are at 9% and need to be at 20%. Deadline is the end of March and reminders will be sent out. The link for the survey is also on the school website.

**Activities Director Report** – Jeannette Ardell was present and reported that there is a lot going on. The winter play just wrapped up and we are continuing to promote our clubs. Preparing for the winter formal dance that is next Saturday, tickets are on sale. Prom fashion show is next week. Chess is going off to state. D211 honors orchestra will be held here. Authors club, BPA and HOSA clubs are all doing great things as well. Getting ready for summer construction and the new locker rooms that are coming.

**Athletic Director Report** – John Kane was present and reported that we are packed for the next 4 weeks. We hosted the cheer sectional last weekend, where our co-ed team finished 2nd and then 5th at state. Gymnastics sectional will be held Thursday in our main gym at 6pm. Friday and Saturday we are hosting the wrestling sectional. Next week is busier, with basketball every night for both girls and boys. Boys basketball had a great win over Fremd. 6 wrestlers moving forward and Ethan Styles is up for a possible 3rd award which will be the first in Conant history. Lots of great stuff is coming up. Spring sports start Monday, Feb 27. Nearly ⅓ of our student body participates in Spring sports. 13 sports are available for the Spring season.

**President –** Traci Garcia was present and reported that we need volunteers for a nominating committee. Paula and Julie will coordinate the committee this year. Paula gave a brief description on how the process works. After the March meeting is when the information will be required and in April is when the slate will be presented and voted on. Positions to be filled are Vice President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary.

**Vice President Report –** Elizabeth Paveza was not present and had nothing to report.

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

**Corresponding Secretary Report –** Shawna Lochner was present and reported that 2 cards were sent out. A congratulations card to Ashley Bacon from the Blue Team on the birth of a baby girl, Lucy Rose on January 17 and a congratulations card to Matthew Marks on the birth of a baby girl Parker Jaye on February 4.

**Committee Reports**

**Communications -** Bridget was not present and Traci stated that if there is anything to add to the newsletter to email her. Jeannette provided an activity to highlight for this newsletter.

**Conant Social Fundraiser -** Traci was present and reported that the silent auction items are ready for pick up. There are lots of good donations for baskets. Sign up is low right now, but there are a lot of people planning to come and folks have mentioned paying at the door. We have sponsorship this year which is great and Paula will be setting up a sponsor page. More donations are always welcome.

**Volleyball Concessions -** Pam was present and reported that she just received the volleyball schedule and may also need NHS. Julie suggested promoting Harper Promise hours to get students to sign up to volunteer. Pam will work with Ann to set up.

**Craft Fair -** Tracy was not present. Traci provided the report on her behalf. We already have 81 crafters booked (200 is max). This week or next week an email will be sent out to all the previous crafters to sign up. Date is Saturday, October 14, 2023.

**Craft Fair Concessions -** Cathy and Amy were not present and had nothing to report.

**Dances -** Julie was present and reported that WinterFest is Saturday, February 18, from 7:30-10:30 PM. They will work on getting volunteers online. The coat check will be in the atrium again. More volunteers are needed for coat check or concessions.

**Fundraisers -** Melaine was present and reported that there is one dine to donate scheduled for next week at Jersey Mikes on Golf Road by Crumble Cookie.

**Social Media:** Lisa and Stephanie were present and reported that they will do a post for dine to donate, WinterFest and Casino Night. Please like it and share it so that it goes to more people. There was also a Boosters scholarship posting.

**Special Events -** Molly Bryant was present and had nothing to report.

**Membership -** Paula was present and reported that we had a few memberships come through MySchoolBucks and we have exceeded our goals for membership this year.

**Sign Ups -** Ann was present and reported that sign ups are currently available for WinterFest Dance and Casino Night.

**Post Prom -** Heather Sharbaugh was present and reported that charter buses have been booked. The cost is $995 per bus and we will need 10 for 550 people. Price per person for the charter bus is $18. Cost per person on the boat is $65.81. The post-prom budget this year has been reduced to $15,000. Right now it looks like the cost of post-prom tickets to the students will be $51 per person. Heather will find out the cost for a prom ticket and begin working with the Junior Class sponsors.

**Scholarships -** Yassi was not present. Traci reported that there are 10 applications right now and the deadline is March 3. Traci suggested another push.

**Cougar Corner Spirit Store -** Julie Henry and Paula were present and asked about senior signs. Currently the seniors are competing for the sign design, which is complete Feb 17. The seniors are voting. The link to purchase the signs will be with the Booster’s newsletter.

**Website –** Paula was present and reported to send her any updates that need to be made to the Boosters website. Paula will make an extra page for the Casino Night sponsors. For the online store we have a subscription to shop rocket that is increasing the price from $90 to $290.

**Adjournment –** Everyone was thanked for attending, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

**Next Meeting -** Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

**Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by**

Heather Sharbaugh

2022-2023 Recording Secretary