

CONANT BOOSTERS 2019-2020
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 12 , 2020

Welcome from President – Elizabeth Paveza opened the meeting at 7:01pm and welcomed all in attendance. Second zoom meeting.

Seventeen (17) Board members were in attendance: Elizabeth Paveza, Melanie Tomaso, Debbie Anestopoulos, Sky Capriolo, Katie Palomo, Traci Garcia, Angie Catania, Kathy Stanislowski, RoseAnne Caboor, Jenn Reiger, Carol Hominac, John Williams, Molly Bryant, Paula Waterman, Adrienne Bolbot, Yassi Delgado, Julie Henry

Three (3) General members were in attendance: Heather Sharbaugh, Cheryl, Amanda Piecuch

Recording Secretary – Katie Palomo asked for a Board member motion and a second to approve the April 14 meeting minutes. Sky Capriolo made the motion and Paula Waterman seconded it.

Principal Report - Julie Nowak was present and reported tonight is the Incubator pitch is tonight. The product tonight is a silicon sleeve for your finger with a stylus on the end. This will be used as an extension of a finger to be germ free. She wants to thank boosters for everything done this year and always. Last time we raised \$18k. They are pushing out about \$2k per week. We have some more income coming in. Our foundation awards grants to teachers and they are restructuring unused grants to help families. Seniors are a big focus right now. They have done their best to do special things. She thanked Julie Henry for giving out the yard signs. The graduation parade will be a highlight. She thinks students will be surprised at what is planned. Parents are getting a lot of information right now and there will be another parade email before next monday. They want families to attend as a unit and encourage car decorations and signs. More than 1 car per family is ok. Everyone is excited to see the graduates. It should end in time to see virtual graduation. There will also be a virtual honors convocation which will be a live zoom/youtube live interface. Jon Shoro sent a video on how to be connected to conant alum. It was suggested to have an event for seniors in one year such as a 1 year reunion/prom. Might do a Conant sponsored event plus an alum event. Kids are signing up to drop off supplies and to empty lockers. Students can also go to just walk through one last time. The graduates need to bring their numbers to graduation for a surprise. The parade will be recorded and lots of pictures. NBC might be covering it. Everyone is doing great in this situation.

Activities Director Report – Mark Langer was present and reported they are planning to put up a giant banner to honor seniors at Boomers stadium during the parade and will hang it in front of the school to honor students. 153 staff members are signed up to come. Graduation will go live at 7:30 but will be available to see whenever. Material and equipment dropoff starts tomorrow. Seniors get the first 3 days, then everyone else. New carpeting and air conditioning units are going in the building. The baseball and softball fields are looking great. A new Poms coach was hired this weekend.

Athletic Director Report - John Kane was present and reported decisions for sports next year are up in the air and IHSA will let us know. Some sports might wait longer to start up. A lot of

senior awards were given out. They are working on a program to develop an online camp where students will have an online workout. They will have a general workout/specific workout/coach meeting. There are a lot of options for students to work around summer school hours. Locker cleanout for seniors is this week and next week for the other students. Varsity letters and certificates will be available to be picked up as well. No team pictures were taken so yearbook pictures will be used in a senior spotlight that will be mailed out. They are back on school wide projects with minor things getting finished. They will try to do something special for baseball/softball seniors who were waiting to use it. The turf is done and the track is getting resurfaced.

President – Elizabeth Paveza was present and reported finishing up the year for Boosters. She needs end of year reports from committee heads and plans of year. We should act as though next year will be a normal year. Thank you to everyone who has helped this year.

Vice President Report – Debbie Anestopoulos was present and reported the slate for next year's executive board. Deb, Paula, Traci, Cheryl, and Amanda met virtually and signed off on it. Usually we present it in April and vote in May but the pandemic changed things. The slate is: President - Liz Paveza, Vice President - Traci Garcia, Treasurer - Marty Canelli, Corresponding Secretary - Sky Capriolo, Recording Secretary - Heather Sharbrough. Sky moved to vote and approve the executive board and Paula seconded. We voted to approve the board. Also all the mini grants were paid out.

Treasurer Report – Melanie Tomaso was present and reported that she emailed the April financials. They are not up to date but it shows April. We were within budget for mini grants. There is a lot of Paypal activity so it is behind. She is continuing to write checks. If you have a check request, send an individual email with a check request only. She is in touch with the Scholarship chair and will write those checks soon. She will also work with Marty on the books.

Corresponding Secretary Report – Sky Capriolo was present and reported she sent condolence cards to Gary Schumacher on the passing of his father and to Joanne Desider on the passing of her husband. She sent congratulations cards to Travis and Caitlyn Hastings on the birth of their son, and to Katherine and Kevin Roberts on the birth of their son. She will be getting gift cards to send to the senior parents: Deb, Adrienne, Angie, and Molly.

Committee Reports

Communications - Sky Capriolo was present and reported we are spotlighting the broadcasting club. She will send the blast after this meeting. She will also push Cougars in Need. She will put in a note that the Spirit Store is not delivering over summer but the items will be available in the fall when school opens. NBC will hopefully cover the Graduation parade.

Conant Social Fundraiser - Traci Garcia and was present and reported nothing to report.

Concessions - Yassi Delgado and was present and reported no spring season. She thanked the athletics department for supporting them and thank you to boosters.

Craft Fair - Tracy Gebhardt was not present and Liz reported she has contingencies in place if the craft fair is cancelled. It is likely to be cancelled but we will see how it plays out. The craft fair

is a huge addition to our income and we will have to look at the budget this summer. We are holding onto deposits in case they need to be returned.

Craft Fair Concessions - Angie Catania was present and reported nothing to report.

Dances - Kathy Stanislawski and RoseAnne Caboor were present and reported nothing to report.

Fundraisers - Carol Hominac and Jenn Reiger were present and reported they need to connect about fundraisers for next year. The mattress fundraiser might be next spring. The Savers fundraiser will definitely be next year, hopefully in the fall.

Grill - John Williams was present and reported grill is not likely to happen next year.

Hospitality - Molly Bryant was present and reported we are going to honor the custodians the week of the 19th and 20th. There will be 2 shifts and they will have Famous Daves. Molly is a senior mom but will continue as the committee head.

Membership - Paula Waterman was present and reported we have new membership packages for next year. The options will have 0, 2, or 4 athletic passes and no cultural passes. They are ready to be sold online and will be available during online registration. They can choose their magnet and will get a \$5 discount in the spirit store.

Volunteers – Jen Schols was not present.

Post Prom - Adrienne Bolbot and was present and reported that we asked to reserve the Odyssey for May 15, 2021. The deposit will be returned. Heather is taking over next year.

Scholarships - Kelly O'Hara was not present and Liz reported that she prerecorded her speech for convocation. Paula would like the list of winners when available.

Cougar Corner Spirit Store - Julie Henry and Paula Waterman were present and reported they are still selling signs. There are 40-50 awaiting pickup and all will be done before graduation. We sold 160 signs so far and might have 2 left over. Paula will go to the school Monday to deliver the last orders and the Spirit Store will be closed until next year. Tell Paula if you have suggestions about changing or adding products.

Website – Paula Waterman was present and reported to send any updates about changes or anything missing. Donations keep rolling in. Give any last minute reimbursements to Mel.

Adjournment – Elizabeth Paveza adjourned the meeting at 8:24 :pm

Next Meeting - Tuesday, September __ at 7:00 pm in the Media Center

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by

Katie Palomo

2019-20 Recording Secretary