**CONANT BOOSTERS 2022-2023**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 11, 2023**

**Welcome from President –** Traci Garcia opened the 9th Boosters meeting of the 2022-2023 school year, in person at Conant High School’s Media Center, at 7:07 pm and welcomed all in attendance.

Seventeen (17) members were in attendance.

(5) Executive Board: Traci Garcia, Elizabeth Paveza, Cheryl Jancaric, Heather Sharbaugh, Shawna Lochner

(10) Paula Waterman, Ann Woo, Melanie Thomas, Enes Yilmaz, Molly Bryant, Bridget Minogue, Julie Henry, Pam Drone, Kris Stary, Patty Perry

(2) Julie Nowak and Jeanette Ardell

Absent: John Kane

Heather mentioned that there was a change to the previously submitted March minutes, which have been updated and posted to the Boosters website. Heather asked for a motion and a second to approve the March 7, 2023, meeting minutes as amended. Molly motioned for 1st approval and Julie 2nd.

**Principal Report -** Julie Nowak was present and mentioned that they are well on their way with interviews for additional teaching and support staff. There are some teachers from other schools in the district that will be coming to Conant as our numbers continue to increase. Our needs are niche now interviewing for, social work, English and physics. This is the big testing week. SAT, PSAT, and a science assessment.

**Activities Director Report** – Jeannette Ardell was present and reported that the focus has been on prom sales. There have been over 800 students that signed up for prom. This month is sexual awareness month. This week FCCLA is going downstate; Alex Waterman is going for fashion. eSports is competing on Saturday. There is a career fair for the class of 2023 coming up. Spring play is next week. Honors convocation is April 24. Lots of focus on senior events. Yearbooks have arrived.

**Athletic Director Report** – John Kane was not present, Julie provided the update on his behalf. Spring sports have something going on all the time. Baseball is off to a great start. Boys gymnastics has been under discussion regarding the program. Our MSL really carries the weight for the state. Water polo is doing great. Boys lacrosse is doing great.

**President –** Traci Garcia was present and asked for a representative from the nomination committee to address the members and present the 2023-2024 slate. Committee member, Paula Waterman, read the nominated slate:

President - Traci Garcia

VP - Heather Sharbaugh

Recording Secretary - Melanie Thomas

Corresponding Secretary - Shawna Lochner

Treasurer- Gena Angelino

The slate is posted, for a call to comment, on the Conant Boosters website until finalized at the next meeting.

Get your end of year reports in to help with budgeting and transition. Please submit those asap.

**Vice President Report –** Elizabeth Paveza was present and mentioned that she put out a request to get a picture or blurb from mini-grant recipients.

**Treasurer Report –** Cheryl Jancaric was present and mentioned that if anyone needs to know where they are with their committee budget to ask, this is something that is tracked.

**Corresponding Secretary Report –** Shawna Lochner was present and reported that we sent out one sympathy card to Lisa Gentry and Jeremy Gentry on the loss of father/grandfather.

**Committee Reports**

**Communications -** Bridget was present and reported that she is going to do a social media blast for dine to donate, maybe the mini grant post for next week. Highlighting the spring play for the Boosters newsletter.

**Conant Social Fundraiser -** Traci was present and reported that a deposit has been made for next year. Survey results came back, good feedback on the location and food. Responses helped for the ‘no’ to see that most of the reason was schedule conflicts. Based on this feedback we are looking to see if we should change the theme or change some of the options (cash bar to lower cost per person).

**Volleyball Concessions -** Pam was present and reported that she and Anu and her are figuring the process out. A lot of credit card sales. Getting great volunteer help through the NHS and other volunteer groups.

**Craft Fair -** Tracy was not present. Traci provided the report on her behalf. We already have 220 crafters booked (263 is max). Date is Saturday, October 14, 2023. Based on registrations we may expand to upstairs.

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

**Dances -** Julie was present and had nothing to report.

**Fundraisers -** Melanie was present, Anu has launched gift card sales. For dine to donate, tomorrow is Chipotle (golf/roselle), we are currently talking with Raising Canes, and Portillo’s is in April/May. Waiting to hear from Millers on what we raised in March.

**Social Media:** Melanie was present and reported they posted dine to donate, senior lawn signs, incoming freshman ending and post prom ending. Working on spring gift cards as well.

**Special Events -** Molly Bryant was present and reported Monday, April 24 is honors convocation, and 250 seniors will be in attendance. Molly can use help with cutting cake the night of. Custodian luncheon is next and will be planned after the last day of school.
We will have a welcome back breakfast, likely August 11.

**Membership -** Paula was present and reported that now we are running a promotion for incoming freshman membership. Paula will be sending in our paper mailing to the district to be approved so that it can start to be sent out to our student population.

**Sign Ups -** Ann was present and reported that there are few sign ups open, post-prom, concessions and honor convocation.

**Post Prom -** Heather Sharbaugh was present and reported that post prom sales have not been as in demand as we had hoped. As of last night, 324 tickets out of 576 sold. Will be doing a big push through social media, email and school messaging this week.

Looking to next year… there was a lot of discussion around the approach and what to do for post prom in 2024. The past two years Boosters has not stayed within budget as the post prom numbers and interest decrease. Schools in the district are talking about not hosting a post prom at all moving forward.

Current sophomores and juniors will be surveyed for interest next year.

**Scholarships -** Yassi was not present. Traci reported on her behalf, all receipts have been picked and will be awarded and presented this at the honors convocation. There were 87 applications.

**Cougar Corner Spirit Store -** Paula Waterman was present and reported there is one day for spirit store sales that needs to be changed in the 2023-2024 calendar to not conflict with the craft fair. Jeannette approved the change.

**Website –** Paula was present and reported to send her any updates. Renewal for the website will come up soon. If anyone wants to learn about the website let Paula know.

**Adjournment –** Everyone was thanked for attending, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

**Next Meeting -** May meeting is scheduled for May 2. Likely at Riccardo’s to celebrate our senior parents, the retirement of John Kane, and welcoming the new athletic director, Eric Hauser, to Boosters!

**Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by**

Heather Sharbaugh
2022-2023 Recording Secretary