**CONANT BOOSTERS 2021-2022**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 14, 2021**

**Welcome from President –** Traci Garcia opened the second Boosters meeting of the 2021-2022 school year, in person at the Media Center at Conant High School, at 7:05 pm and welcomed all in attendance.

Twenty-seven members were in attendance;

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

(19) Carol Hominac, Molly Bryant, Pam Drone, Julie Henry, Bridget Minoguie, Paula Waterman, Amanda Piecuch, Tracy Gebhardt, David Gilbert, Patty Perry, Ankita Patel, Prin Patel, Donna Hall, Katie Palomo, Kris Milhousen, Tanya Bhothinard, Manisha Patel, Lisa Flaishaker, Cathy O’Brien,

(3) Julie Nowak, Jeannette Ardell, John Kane.

Absent: Kristin Selmeczy

Traci asked for a Board member motion and a second to approve the August 10, 2021 meeting minutes, Cheryl motioned and Liz approved.

**Principal Report -** Julie Nowak was present and reported that it was so nice to see new and regular faces at the meeting tonight. We had a wonderful open house, it was great to have so many people in the building learning about what the students are doing. Great turn out for the freshman and sophomore, college, and SAT sessions. We are currently having curriculum meetings, what assessments look like, what adjustments need to be made, some department name changes. September is suicide awareness month, we are spending a lot of time talking about mental heath and partnering with Erica’s Lighthouse. Principle/Parent information night is back, the first one will be October 19, a newsletter will be coming out with more information.

**Activities Director Report** – Jeannette Ardell was present and thanked Boosters for their assistance with help at open house. Homecoming is Saturday, September 25th, it will be very different from what we have done before. The dance will be outside, there is a rain date saved, the following weeken, in the event of bad weather. Safe and fun night is planned. Check emails for more information on ticket sales. Homecoming week has a lot planned; senior sunrise and hall decorating, kickball game and special event for Cougars in Need. Outdoor assembly to get the entire school together.

VIP is the company that we are using for Senior portraits; November/December. An email will come out from VIP and information will be on the school website.

**Athletic Director Report -** John Kane was present and reported that fall sports are in full spring and we are back to traditional seasons for IHSA sports. We don’t anticipate any changes for this. If you're indoors you’ll need to wear a mask and if you're outdoors you do not need to wear a mask. Today we had the opening cross country meet at Busse woods, had a great meet. We had JV and varsity soccer, swimming and tennis. We are about halfway through the fall season already. This week athletes will be wearing gold to bring awareness to pediatric cancer. Homecoming will be very exciting, we have had great attendance at our sporting events. Girls tennis team had a big win against Fremd last week. Still not up to numbers pre-COVID, but our freshman group is good.

**President –** Traci Garcia was present and reported that she did not have anything to report.

**Vice President Report –** Elizabeth Paveza was present and that a committee was made to go through mini-grants. We gave out $10,000 to many groups on campus.

**Treasurer Report –** Cheryl Jancaric was present and reported that we need to approve the budget.

Cheryl asked for a Board member motion and a second to approve the 2021-2022 budget, Liz motioned and Traci approved.

**Corresponding Secretary Report –** Kristin Selmetczy was not present and sent out one condolence card to Sharon in food service.

**Committee Reports**

**Communications -** Bridgit was present and reported that she sent out a blast tonight for Savers and other upcoming events. We need an updated staff list with email addresses. Craft fair for next month. We will do a spotlight again this year; the musical will be great as they were limited last year and the performances are in October.

**Conant Social Fundraiser -** Saturday,March 5, 2022 at Chandlers. Waiting to sign the contract with the casino tables. We will probably need to wear masks.

Carol mentioned that it will limit the amount of people who will attend because it is a fun night for eating and drinking. Traci will try and hold the tables off for as long as possible. Julie mentioned since it is a boosters event and not D211 we don’t have to follow the district rules.

**Concessions -** Not present, currently working at a game. Website has a sign up for volunteers to work the concessions. It was mentioned that there could be some weekend tournaments coming up that concessions could be very successful at. Volleyball is the only

**Craft Fair -** Tracy was present and reported that the craft fair is scheduled for October 23, 2021. The entire first floor will be filled with crafters. Tracy is in need of volunteers. Students can volunteer. 80 students needed at 6am. 20 students needed for 4pm.

Julie Nowak will post something for all students to see so that they can get Harper Promise and other volunteer hours. Tracy will buy masks in the event that someone does not have one. Crafters are required to wear masks, more guidance to come on if customers need to wear masks. Individually wrapped food will be provided for volunteers.

Tracy is looking for groups to donate baskets for the raffle table.

**Craft Fair Concessions -** Carol was present and didn’t have any updates, but would like someone to have someone step up to co-chair and take this over next year. Pizza and hotdogs are the most profitable. Carol asked for Julie and Jeannett to keep her updated on any updates regarding food in case there are any changes.

Carol is in need of volunteers to help with food sales and delivery to crafters. Carol will put a schedule together.

**Dances -** Julie was present and said that she is in really good shape and is in need of 2 more volunteers. Signup.com. Kathy will be running the concessions and still needs 5 or 6 more people there.

**Fundraisers -** Carol was there and reported that the Savers fundraiser is Friday, September 17 and Saturday, September 18. Friday is fully covered, Saturday help is needed to drop off all the donations. Clothes only. Bridgit will get 4 football players to help with the unload.

* Heather to look into the NOW Arena.
* Anu will help with the gift cards.

**Grill -** Conant grill club will be taking this over.

**Special Events -** Molly Bryant was present and reported that the open house went great.

**Membership -** Paula Waterman reported that Jen has worked very hard on getting on all the membership links. If you are a chair make sure to take a look that all your links are working. Right now we are at $13,000 in memberships.

Paula asked if MySchool Bucks would be used moving forward. Traci and Julie will bring it up at the all District meeting.

**Post Prom -** Heather Sharbaugh was present and asked the group for some thoughts and ideas on what we could do differently this year.

* Pinstripes
* Main Event
* Top Golf

**Scholarships -** Yasi was not present and did not have anything to report.

**Cougar Corner Spirit Store -**  Julie Henry and Paula Waterman were present and reported that we have been very successful and grossed over $7000 in sales. Staff asked for children’s sizes. Sidewalk sale is planned for October 22, but will be canceled so that Tracy can use it for the craft fair.

**Website –** Paula Waterman was present and reported to check all your links and send Paula any updates.

Question arose on if there would be any event for Veterans day, Julie confirmed they will do something.

**Adjournment –** Traci Garcia adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for attending at 8:22pm

**Next Meeting -** October 12, 2021.

**Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by**

Heather Sharbaugh

2021-2022 Recording Secretary