**CONANT BOOSTERS 2020-2021**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

**Welcome from President –** Traci Garcia opened the 8th Boosters meeting, In Person at the Media Center at Conant High School, of the 2020-2021 school year at 7:02 pm and welcomed all in attendance.

Fifteen members were in attendance, (5) Executive Board: Elizabeth Paveza, Traci Garcia, Sky Capriolo, Heather Sharbaugh, Marty Kennely, RoseAnne Caboor, Carol Hominac, Molly Bryant, Pam Drone, Jen Schols, Jenn Reiger, Julie Henry, Amanda Piecuch, Julie Nowak, Mark Langer,

Absent: Paula Waterman

Traci asked for a Board member motion and a second to approve the February 9, 2021 meeting minutes. Sky made the motion and Julie seconded it.

**Principal Report -** Julie Nowak was present and reported Cherrelles made it to state! So proud of them within a short period of time. Most of the season was virtual but did perform live at MSL. Cheer also made it to state, which will be this Saturday. Congressional app challenge, Conant has two winners for that. 7 state champions for BBA. We are at a few more steps to normalcy. Mr. Langer will now be the principal at Fremd, we are well into interviewing for his position. Very excited but sad to not be working with him. IHSA is putting out new guidelines all the time, staff vaccinations are going very well. We’re looking at adjustments to the distancing guidelines. Today was the largest number of students in the building, just under 500. There are families who like the full time schedule and there are families that like the block scheduling, tomorrow will be a big day in making next steps. We are right at the year mark of when we went home. We are planning on starting with a regular school day, 8 periods with the new fall school year, and we believe that with the next board meeting there can also be changes. We are continuing with our equity work. We have made a plan for senior events that we plan to put out before senior events, and we will adapt if restrictions are lifted and mitigations. Families should be pleased with the number of events we’re planning.

**Activities Director Report** – Mark Langer was present and reported that for senior events, there is a lot of planning going into it, graduation is looking to be at NOW Arena (formerly SEARS Center). A non-traditional ceremony/parade to take place at Boomers stadium, that will be special for our students and families, in addition to the graduation ceremony. Additionally, we are looking at something at the school, with use of the football field and school walk through. Speakers, entertainers and other specials will be part of Prom. Right now this is a senior event only. There will be a formal event, dinner, and pictures. Looking into bands, comedy, and photo booths; on a rotational basis or broadcasting from one central location. Senior movie night at AMC Streets of Woodfield. Prom fashion show will be next week, it will be broadcasted. We will have 50 students spread throughout the building and the models will walk around. The honors convocation, April 26, hoping to do this all live as well. More information will be pushed out as it becomes available. The senior sign designs were shown to the members to review these were all student designed.

Sky asked if we could do a different design on each side. Although it might cost more we probably could do this. Mark will send the images and we can look at them.

Mark mentioned for the senior events there could be different seating times.

**Athletic Director Report -** John Kane was not present. Mrs. Nowak provided updates on athletics and sports in her report.

**President –** Elizabeth Paveza was present and thanked Mark and Julie for letting us meet in person today. For the nominating committee we have Carol, Sky and Jenn.

Traci motioned and Julie seconded.

Elizabeth, Traci and Heather met with Julie and Mark about the Boomers event and it will be sponsored by the Boosters. We are going to be creative and really help make this special. This will be a parking lot party, maybe get a photo area and food trucks, there will be fireworks. We are looking at a 6pm start with the fireworks going off at 8:30pm.

Julie asked if we thought the students might want to wear their cap and gown to the parking lot party. We all thought it would not. Julie mentioned that this is replacing the post prom and we Elizabeth mentioned that we do have a healthy budget to work with.

**Vice President Report –** Traci Garcia was present and had nothing to report.

**Treasurer Report –** Marty Kennelly was present and had nothing to report.

**Corresponding Secretary Report –** Sky Capriolo was present and reported in the last email we did the last highlight on Cherrelles and Cheer. We will work on a highlight for the April newsletter.

**Committee Reports**

**Communications -** Sky Capriolo was present and reported we sent out two cards, Jacklyn and Ray Kasmicki for the birth of a baby boy and Vicky DeGuia her mother passed away in February. Sky is trying to capture all the senior volunteers.

**Conant Social Fundraiser -** Casino night is back on the calendar, March 5, 2022. $250 deposit is needed. It will be at Chandlers again.

**Concessions -** Will be back open next fall.

**Craft Fair -** Scheduled for October 23, 2021. Tracy already has 106 booths booked and is looking for someone to help her with it. David and Carol will help.

**Craft Fair Concessions -** Cancelled.

**Dances -** Cancelled.

**Fundraisers -** Carol and Jenn were present and reported that Carol will be working on booking the Savers fundraiser for next fall. Carol will still help and support. They have someone in mind. Carol will also help with the gift card fundraiser for the spring, in time for Mother’s Day. Carol will work with Paula to get the order form on the website.

**Grill -** Should be on our radar for next year.

**Special Events -** Molly Bryant was not present, she was at another meeting for special events.

**Membership -** Paula Waterman was not present and Jen Schols had nothing to report on membership. We do need to know if and when we need to start putting things up on the website, and if there will be fees for next year and will there be varying tiers like there have been in the past.

Julie suggested reaching out to Brigit Cain.

**Post Prom -** Heather Sharbaugh was present and reported we will be helping with the parking lot party.

**Scholarships -** Kelly O’Hara was not present, Liz reported on her behalf that scholarship applications are due at the end of the week.

**Cougar Corner Spirit Store -**  Julie Henry was present and reported, shop rocket is migrating to a new platform that will cost us potentially $9 a month. The site might be down for a few days while it is migrating over. We have been asked for a donation of spirit wear for the district. SHS reached out about how we did the logo for our Senior shirt, they are going to be doing something similar.

Paula wanted to know why there were two days in Feb that high quarantine counts were posted on the site. Julie replied that it was sport related with the return to sports there will be clusters that pop up, but there is not an uptick in positive cases.

YouTube followers are at 441.

**Website –** Paula Waterman was not present, however, if you need anything updated please send to Paula and she will update.

**Adjournment –** Elizabeth Paveza adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for attending at 8:02pm

**Next Meeting -** Tuesday, April 13th at 7:00 pm at Conant again or via Zoom Meeting, more details to come.

**Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by**

Heather Sharbaugh

2020-2021 Recording Secretary