**CONANT BOOSTERS 2020-2021**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, December 8, 2020**

**Welcome from President –** Elizabeth Paveza opened the 5th Zoom Boosters meeting of the 2020-2021 school year a little later due to a computer update and welcomed all in attendance.

Nineteen members were in attendance, (5) Executive Board: Elizabeth Paveza, Traci Garcia, Sky Capriolo, Heather Sharbaugh, Marty Kennelly, RoseAnne Caboor, Carol Hominac, Molly Bryant, Pam Drone, David Gilbert, Kristin Selmeczy, Paula Waterman, Jen Schols, Jenn Reiger, Julie Henry, Amanda Piecuch, Donna (last name), Julie Nowak, Mark Langer

Absent: Kelly O’Hara

Elizabeth asked for a Board member motion and a second to approve the November 10, 2020 meeting minutes. Sky made the motion and Carol seconded it.

**Principal Report -** Julie Nowak was present and reported that we have an incoming Freshman virtual experience this week, Sky was recognized. Remote paired with a human interaction is really helpful. Students may be able attend the fair from their home. Getting ready for the end of the semester 179 students in the building right now for in-person learning. Students have made their selections for next semester. We are very hopeful that we will get started in person post holiday, which will be decided on Thursday by the board, we will have a date. We are really deep into analyzing grades and how our students do grade wise right now and we are trying to figure out what is salvageable for students for additional help. The faculty are doing very well with our students and their situations. We are about a 25% mark with students needing extra supports. As we move into the second semester we are looking and trying to plan some in-person experiences for them. It is really this year's senior class that is taking the brunt of the pandemic.

**Activities Director Report** – Mark Langer was present and reported looking at Boomers Stadium and Sears Center parking lot for graduation and also exploring Arlington Racetrack. Thanks to the Boosters for the shirts, we received 400 out of the 600 from the survey. We are also looking into some in-person events and activities with our Seniors for this year. Doing the best that we can. Prom, in talks with Hyatt and a last minute decision with what everything could look like, planning for several different scenarios so that we can do something.

**Athletic Director Report -** John Kane was not present, Mark Langer presented on his behalf, that everything is on a pause until January. Options are being explored.

**President –** Elizabeth Paveza was present and reported that talking with Carol about the money that was allocated for Cougars in Need and what we decided.

Marty- Found that we had $5000 contingency that we used for the senior tee shirts and $3500 for Cougars in need. We have already donated $1500 earlier this year.

We will give $2000 now for the Cougars in Need gift cards and can find some additional funds in the Spring if needed for another donation, Marty will send out the budget for review.

Carol- looked up last year's donations for the gift cards and $4000 was donated. Additionally, it can just be a line item budget transfer vs having to write out a check.

**Vice President Report –** Traci Garcia was present and did not have anything to report.

**Treasurer Report –** Marty Kennelly was present and didn’t have anything to report.

**Corresponding Secretary Report –** Sky Capriolo was present and shared that we had three cards go out. Diana Gureghian-Smith, mom passed away. Margarete and Bosko Nedovic, baby boy Mateo. Julie and Chris Strzalka, step-son Chris Jr. passed away.

**Committee Reports**

**Communications -** Sky Capriolo was present and the December newsletter has not gone out yet. For January it would be a sport… we are going to put this on pause until January to decide who to highlight. For the Saturday pickup it is pickup only of spirit wear.

**Conant Social Fundraiser -** Traci Garcia and Heather Sharbaugh were present, the event has been officially cancelled. A virtual event is still worth discussing.

**Concessions -** Cancelled.

**Craft Fair -** Cancelled.

**Craft Fair Concessions -** Cancelled. Date for 2021?

**Dances -** Cancelled.

**Fundraisers -** Carol and Jenn were present and reported that the final wave of the gift card orders is complete, in total there was a little over $1400; we don’t know our profit yet. We received orders from staff and community members for Cougars in Need that was over $1200. In the first wave an order was received for gift cards for Cougars in Need, where it appeared that a duplicate order had been placed… and decided that she wanted to submit two orders to help out with the extra Christmas that she had. Sky will send out a thank you card.

**Grill -** Cancelled.

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

**Membership -** Paula Waterman and Jen Schols were present and reported that no new memberships.

**Post Prom -** Heather Sharbaugh was present and reported there is no change from last month's report; with what Mark reported earlier, there are some thoughts and ideas that we might be able to have something, but it will all be last minute, we have $22,000 in the budget.

**Scholarships -** Kelly O’Hara was not present, and nothing to report.

**Cougar Corner Spirit Store -** Paula Waterman and Julie Henry were present and reported that they have been busy. The contest with the art department is complete, the finalists received their hoodies and certificates. The new logos are up on the website and on the order forms. Most designs are available on multiple clothing. We have added some joggers and new designs. Only placing orders as they come in. We have sold almost $3300 online this semester. 30 orders to bag and have ready for the pick up event this Saturday. Paula will reach out to everyone to organize the pick up. Last day to order custom wear was last week. Gift cards are still available at the spirit store but not available to use online. Senior yard signs usually start selling at the beginning of the year, but the school might be providing that to the seniors with a special delivery. Julie Nowak mentioned that she will get a decision and get back to Julie Henry right away.

**Website –** Paula Waterman was present and reported if there are updates to send to Paula for updates. Maybe scholarship updates to come.

Sky brought up that she received an email from Jostens regarding the cap and gown; Mr. Jacobson sent out an email to all the seniors last week. Mark Langer mentioned that he would also send an email out. Carol mentioned that she has not ordered or paid for anything, Mark will look into it.

Mark and several attendees spoke about the 2019-2020 yearbook and 2020-2021 yearbook and the pictures that VIP is taking for the portraits.

Julie Nowak mentioned that the last social thing that she did was the Conant Social at Chandlers last February. It was a great event and everyone had a really good time.

**Adjournment –** Elizabeth Paveza adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for attending at 7:50pm

**Next Meeting -** Tuesday, January 12th at 7:00 pm via Zoom Meeting

**Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by**

Heather Sharbaugh

2020-2021 Recording Secretary