**CONANT BOOSTERS 2022-2023**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, December 13, 2022**

**Welcome from President –** Traci Garcia opened the 5th Boosters meeting of the 2022-2023 school year, in person at the Teachers/Staff Cafeteria at Conant High School, at 7:04 pm and welcomed all in attendance.

Fourteen (14) members were in attendance;

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

(10) Pam Drone, Paula Waterman, Julie Henry, Ann Woo, Bridget Minogue, Stephanie Tamburell, Noreen Gadawski, Kris Stary

(1) Julie Nowak

Absent: Jeanette Ardell, John Kane

Traci asked for a motion and a second to approve the November 15, 2022 meeting minutes, Liz motioned and Julie approved.

**Principal Report -** Julie Nowak was present and reported that tomorrow is “winter day” and there was a nice event held with hot chocolate where 100’s of students participated. Student wellness supported that event. We had 3 students that attended the Iron Man tournament for wrestling; one won in their weight class. Sports are in full swing, injuries are higher than usual. Orchestra and choral events this week. Last week incoming freshman night was attended by over 70% of students coming in. This will be one of the largest classes to come to Conant and the school is looking to move some tutoring into the Atrium. Finals coming up next week, a communication was sent out today with all details needed. Student activities room is new, we host events there every week, a cultural event was recently held, therapy dogs have come in, mini-golf. It's really nice to have the space- it is located right next to the media center. Today we are doing the Cougars in Need gift drive. Several students were busy wrapping gifts.

**Activities Director Report** – Jeannette Ardell was not present, Julie reported on Jeannette’s behalf.

**Athletic Director Report** - John Kane was not present, Julie reported on John’s behalf.

**President –** Traci Garcia was present and reported that Anu’s daughter inspired by Mr. Kurfess to give this time of year, and not to just receive - Anu reached out to her employer who sent Cougars Boosters for Cougars in Need a donation of $1500.

**Vice President Report –** Elizabeth Paveza was present and didn’t have anything to report.

**Treasurer Report –** Cheryl Jancaric was present and asked if she could write the check for Cougars in Need from the donation ASAP.

**Corresponding Secretary Report –** Shawna Lochner was present and reported 2 cards were sent out. A sympathy card for Donald Willerth, father of Dianne Dopka, Athletic Department. A birth announcement, Felipe Gomez and Alex Rodriguez gave birth to a baby girl, Lillian Esmeralda.

**Committee Reports**

**Communications -** Bridget was present and reported that she is hoping to get the newsletter out ASAP. We will highlight the student council and the student activities room along with boys and girls basketball as they are doing so well right now. Five below will be mentioned again as well as Casino Night. We are also set up with the billing and payment for the email system used for correspondence.

**Conant Social Fundraiser -** Traci and Heather were present and asked for Paula to put up information on the website about the event. Tickets will be $75 each. 7-10pm, drinks, small finger foods. No DJ this year. February 26 is Casino Night. We are always looking for help with donations.

**Volleyball Concessions -** Pam was present and reported that she is waiting for the information from Dan. Pam will reach out to Dan and Yassi regarding Sam's card and annual membership fees along with a few other

**Craft Fair -** Tracy was not present, Traci provided the report on her behalf. Saturday, October 14, 2023 (9-3pm) is the date for next year. Tracy is looking to change up the application form to include questions regarding power/electricity needs. Applications will be sent out in the new year.

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

**Dances -** Julie was present and didn’t have anything to report. Winter dance is Saturday, February 18. Sign up to help out.

**Fundraisers -** Anu was not present,Traci provided the report on her behalf. Panda Express is 12/22; the location on Golf Road. Chipotle for March and Jersey Mike’s is also coming up. Gift cards had 3 sale dates with a total of 609 card orders, our profit was $924.69. Cougars in Need will have $1165 (45 cards) in gift cards.

2019- $1141.95

2020- $605.28

2021- $761.33

2022 - $924.69

**Social Media:** Kris was present and stated that she is going to send information out on fundraising and Casino Night.

**Special Events -** Molly Bryant was not present, no report was given.

**Membership -** Paula was present and reported that we have created a button to upgrade membership. Just a few have come in from Basketball families. There is a charge to enter the game, so we can try and push the membership to increase numbers. Paula will replenish punch cards if they are full at no charge. Forms and packets from last year are good and can be reused.

**Sign Ups -** Ann was present and reported that she will work on adding sign-ups for winter dance and casino night.

**Post Prom -** Heather Sharbaugh was present and had nothing to report. Heather to send Paula pictures of the post prom venue (Spirit of Chicago) to use for the website.

**Scholarships -** Yassi was not present and there was nothing to report.

**Cougar Corner Spirit Store -**  Julie H and Paula were present and reported they had their last large event of the year last. Almost $4000 in sales! Winding down the year. Hoping to get the duffle bags in time for the holidays. Yard sign contest will begin in the new year. The question was asked if the Jr Highs that funnel into Conant can put a link to our spirit store on their website or send something out about the store.

**Website –** Paula was present and reported to send her any updates that need to be made to the Boosters website. Gift cards have been removed. Casino night link has been activated. Paula will also link our social media sites to our website.

**Adjournment –** Everyone was thanked for attending, wished happy holidays and the meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

**Next Meeting -** Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

**Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by**

Heather Sharbaugh

2022-2023 Recording Secretary