**CONANT BOOSTERS 2022-2023**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 10, 2023**

**Welcome from President –** Traci Garcia opened the 6th Boosters meeting of the 2022-2023 school year, in person at the Teachers/Staff Cafeteria at Conant High School, at 7:15 pm and welcomed all in attendance. Traci welcomed the attendants from the community meeting held prior to the Boosters meeting.

Nineteen (19) members were in attendance;

(4) Executive Board: Traci Garcia, Elizabeth Paveza, Cheryl Jancaric, Shawna Lochner

(13) Pam Drone, Paula Waterman, Julie Henry, Ann Woo, Bridget Minogue, Purvi Maniar, Srividhya Venkatakrishnan, Kasia Krzepisa, Melanie Thomas, Jeremy Oosthurzem, Gul Ahuja, C Yamaguchi, and Katie Palomo

(2) Julie Nowak and Jeanette Ardell

Absent: Heather Sharbaugh and John Kane

Traci asked for a motion and a second to approve the December 13, 2022, meeting minutes. Julie Henry motioned for 1st approval and Paula Waterman 2nd.

**Principal Report -** Julie Nowak was present and reported that Conant is preparing for more classroom space for next year. They have moved their tutoring resource center to the atrium to be able to utilize that space for classrooms as a possible long-term option. Safety is the focus for the month of January. If you see something, say something. Report any concerns. Practice 2nd mandated lockdown drill will be this month.

**Activities Director Report** – Jeannette Ardell was present and reported that they are doing a push on students who are not currently involved in clubs. The new year is a great time to sign up and get involved. Members of the student council provided suggestions on how to get others involved. Speech tournament this weekend. Feb 3-4 afternoons and evenings are winter play. Feb 18 is the Winterfest dance from 7:30-10:30 pm. 5 Essential survey will be going out.

**Athletic Director Report** – John Kane was not present. Julie Nowak reported that there were female and male wrestling tournaments over winter break. Girls and boys basketball tournaments also over break. Winter is a smaller but busy season for athletics.

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

**Vice President Report –** Elizabeth Paveza was present and had nothing to report.

**Treasurer Report –** Cheryl Jancaric was present and had nothing to report.

**Corresponding Secretary Report –** Shawna Lochner was present and reported that 1 sympathy card was sent to Trysa Lentino, Food Service, in condolence for the passing of her father.

**Committee Reports**

**Communications -** Bridget was present and reported that there will be a separate newsletter focusing on donations and table sponsors for Casino Night adult social. Casino Night tickets are on sale and available on the Boosters website. Newsletter Spotlight will be on girls wrestling.

**Conant Social Fundraiser -** Traci was present and reported that the Conant Social is a Casino theme. There will be a silent auction and donations baskets for raffle. Proceeds go back to the students by way of mini grants and scholarships, etc. Donations can also be dropped off at the front office. Experience donations are also welcome. All donations are tax-deductible.

**Volleyball Concessions -** Pam was present and reported that Boosters handles concessions in the fall and spring, but we are on break for the winter session. Volunteers will be solicited when we get the Spring schedule.

**Craft Fair -** Tracy was not present. Traci provided the report on her behalf. Next year’s craft fair will be on October 14. Applications to vendors have been sent out.

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

**Dances -** Julie was present and reported that Winterfest is Saturday, February 18, from 7:30-10:30. They will work on getting volunteers online. The coat check will be in the atrium again.

**Fundraisers -** Anu was not present. Traci provided the report on her behalf. Another gift card fundraiser is tentatively scheduled around Mother’s Day.

**Social Media:** Kris was not present, and Traci stated that they would post Casino Night and Winterfest information. Social media has increased our presence this year and is a great way to know what’s going on with Boosters.

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

**Membership -** Paula was present and reported that some memberships came through due to basketball season. Basketball passes are good for weekend games.

**Sign Ups -** Ann was present and reported that volleyball, dance, and casino night will be next to come up.

**Post Prom -** Heather Sharbaugh was not present and provided her report before the meeting. Busses are being looked into if we cannot use D211 buses. Discussed - Spirit of Chicago can add a photo package for $6 per person. Booster members expressed not having an interest in this offer. Because we don’t have the buses completely sorted out, we do not have an estimate for the post-prom cost at this time. Heather to still touch base with Junior Class Sponsors on logistics.

**Scholarships -** Yassi was not present. Traci reported that the application is being updated, and volunteers are being contacted. Applications should be available next week.

**Cougar Corner Spirit Store -** Julie Henry and Paula were present and reported that 2nd semester the store will be open once a month. Duffle bags are in and available for $35. Store will be open this Friday, January 13.

**Website –** Paula was present and reported to send her any updates that need to be made to the Boosters website.

**Adjournment –** Everyone was thanked for attending, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

**Next Meeting -** Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

**Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by**

Elizabeth Paveza

2022-2023 Vice President