

CONANT HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTERS 2018-2019

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 7, 2018

Welcome from President – Elizabeth Paveza opened the meeting at 7:01pm and welcomed all in attendance.

Thirteen (13) Board members were in attendance: Elizabeth Paveza, Debbie Anestopoulos, Sky Capriolo, Katie Palomo, Melanie Tomaso, Carol Hominac, Paula Waterman, Jenn Reiger, Dan Sarich, Julie Henry, Jen Schols, John Williams, Adrienne Bolbot,

Four (4) General members were in attendance: Cheryl Jancaric, Jenn Ferris, Amanda Piecuch, Angie Catania

Recording Secretary – Liz asked for a Board member motion and a second to approve the April 9th meeting minutes. Carol Hominac made the motion and Sky Capriolo seconded it.

Principal Report - Julie Nowak was present and reported gratitude to all for being part of the boosters. She is very grateful for the small but mighty group. We are well into AP testing. We are almost fully staffed for next year and very selective in the process. ESL and reading teachers are still needed. The master calendar for next year is almost completed. Athletics is having a strong spring season. Boys and girls water polo teams are doing very well and are currently hosting sectionals and hoping to get to state. The spring play, Romeo and Juliet, was great. The cupcake event was very successful but will likely be the last helicopter egg drop. The International Fair was really big and fun and will possibly be two nights long in the future. Music concerts are wrapping up for the year and have been phenomenal. Preschool graduation is this Friday. The baseball incubator program had their MPV pitch night. Seniors had the “talk” about temptations and making good choices at the end of the year. Biggest Conant issue going way back is the senior prank. It has been about 3-4 years since the last prank. Little things can turn into big things and they don't want the AP testing to be affected or invalid. The Honors Convocation was a blast. Coming up are senior breakfast, post prom, picnic, and graduation rehearsal. This year was the first Saturday Prom and next year will also be a Saturday. Thank you again to everyone for your time.

Activities Director Report – Mark Langer was not present

Athletic Director Report - John Kane was not present

President – Elizabeth Paveza was present and reported we gave away \$15,000 in scholarships at the honors convocation. The general winners were Sarah Ahmad, Alyssa Brand, Nicole Brashears, Sidra Capriolo, Luke Fauth, Iqra Iqbal, Olga Iwaniuk, Talia Ledesma, Rajat Mittal, Kaylee Murphy, Jahanvi Patel, and Jaylen Patel. Jessica Smeltzer received the Joseph F. Schlender award. Kelley Murphy received the Tim Cannon award. It was really fun to give these awards. This year's committee heads need to finish sending in the end of year reports. Next year's heads need to submit a work report for next year. We still need a scholarship chair and co-chairs for hospitality, post prom, and grill. We had to turn in our financials to the district. We

raised \$54,770: \$19,000 on craft fair, \$19,000 on membership, \$5,500 on the social, over \$2,000 on the spirit store, \$5,106 on fundraisers, and \$2,900 on concessions.

Vice President Report – Debbie Anestopoulos was present and reported mini grant forms for next year were sent to staff today and will be returned mid August. Julie will review and send us the approved list. Finally, the committee will choose what to give to who. This year is completed other than 1.

Treasurer Report – Melanie Tomaso was present and reported no bank financials due to the bank conversion this weekend. She is still trying to get into the new system. She will email them to the board when it is done. She will complete the check requests soon before school is done. If she hasn't responded to your email, feel free to text her.

Corresponding Secretary Report – Sky Capriolo was present and reported we received two thank yous from staff and students at Conant thanking us for the tutoring room improvement grant. It benefitted learning and the curriculum since the Geometry and Carpentry classes designed built the furniture. Thank you from Sidra Capriolo for scholarship money. We are sending gifts to our outgoing Senior parents: Sam and Kathy Armando, Michael Clark, Deanna Laskero, and Mucia Burke.

Committee Reports

Communications - Sky Capriolo was present and reported to email her if you have any special needs. There will not be another email blast this year.

Conant Social Fundraiser - Sam Armando and Priti Patel and Traci Garcia and Dynette Lucas were not present. Liz reported we signed the contract for February 29th for next year at Chandlers.

Concessions - Dan Sarich was present and reported 6 events left this year and is going well.

Craft Fair - Tracy Gebhardt was not present and Liz reported the craft fair will be Saturday, September 28, 2019 and there are already 186 booths booked.

Craft Fair Concessions - Elizabeth Demaret was not present

Dances - Kathy Stanislawski and RoseAnne Caboor were present and reported we are done for the year.

Fundraisers - Carol Hominac and Jenn Reiger were present and reported they are done for the year. Cheryl Jancaric had an idea for dance dresses. We can do an event where people donate clean used dresses so lower income families can get them. We would have to store dresses, price, sort and sell to raise money, or we can just donate them to the community. They could get something for donating like a \$5 voucher. Cinderella's closet is a place that does this as well as the Elgin YMCA. Palatine does a Say Yes to the Dress event where students pay \$5 for a dress. We could do an event and donate leftovers. She will reach out to Palatine.

Grill - John Williams was present and reported everything was good. We need volunteers and new grills for next year. One is broken and one is malfunctioning. He would like to replace one a year. He talked to Mark about it but is waiting for an answer. Undecided if Conant covers the cost or the Boosters. A mini grant was suggested but it wouldn't likely be done in time. John will follow up with Mark. A co-chair for next year is needed.

Hospitality - Katie Palomo was present and reported Custodian Luncheon on May 24th. The Honors Convocation was great.

Membership - Paula Waterman and Jen Schols were present and reported a total of 454 memberships. 82 were senior families, 87 were junior, 83 were sophomore, and 127 were freshman. Many memberships were bought at football games. The membership form will be the same except for changed dates. Let her know if you have ideas. The incentive next year is a paw print magnet. Staff membership price will be \$10 and they can have premium memberships on signup.com.

Post Prom - Adrienne Bolbot was present and reported we are full up on volunteers. Extra staff members volunteered. We purchased 524 tickets which includes 495 kids. Buses for chaperones will pick up at Conant at 10 and go to prom which ends at 12.

Scholarships - Mucia Burke was not present and Liz reported we need a chair for next year. We need to talk to Mark to get senior pictures of this year's winners to put on the website.

Cougar Corner Spirit Store - Julie Henry and Paula Waterman were present and reported we have a current profit of \$2,300. Friday was the last store day. We can order online and pick up from Paula if necessary until school ends. If you have suggestions for items to sell, let her know. Some suggestions were stadium seats, waterproof blankets, and nice ponchos with logos. Pickup worked well and parents liked paying online and sending kids to pick up. There are two senior signs leftover if anyone wants them. We are already stocked for next year and looking for volunteers for the fall the most. Freshman picnic might turn into a pep rally with older students hosting and we can open the spirit store. Talk to Paula if you have ideas.

Website – Paula Waterman was present and reported we need more pictures of us doing things

We voted on the slate for next year's executive board and it was unanimous.

Adjournment – Elizabeth Paveza adjourned the meeting at 8:00 :pm

Next Meeting - Tuesday, May 13th at 7:00 pm in the Media Center

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by

Katie Palomo

2018-19 Recording Secretary