**CONANT BOOSTERS 2021-2022**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, November 9, 2021**

**Welcome from President –** Traci Garcia opened the fourth Boosters meeting of the 2021-2022 school year, in person at the Media Center at Conant High School, at 7:02 pm and welcomed all in attendance.

Twenty members were in attendance;

(4) Executive Board:Traci Garcia, Elizabeth Paveza, Heather Sharbaugh, Cheryl Jancaric

(13) Carol Hominac, Julie Henry, Tracy Gebhardt, David Gilbert, Jen Schols, Amanda Piecuch, Brigit Minoguie, Kathy Stanis, Anu Ortiz, Paula Waterman, Pam Drone, Molly Bryant, Yassi Delgado

(3) Julie Nowak, Jeannette Ardell, John Kane

Absent: Kristin Selmeczy

Traci asked for a Board member motion and a second to approve the October 12, 2021 meeting minutes, Carol motioned and Cheryl approved.

**Principal Report -** Julie Nowak was present and thanked Tracy and all the volunteers for a great craft fair. Today we had the lockdown drill following COVID mitigations: students needed to be seated; however, we emphasized that 1) run away from the situation, 2) hide, 3) survive and do whatever you have to do. There was a ppt after the drill for the teachers to discuss with students. Usually our drills are unannounced, however, with the mitigations we need to plan these out. We are in the middle of our winter round of curriculum, this is when books gets approved. We are also starting to talk about course selections for next year and incoming freshmen. An idea that was brought up for more involvement was to do in person and virtual meetings.

**Activities Director Report** – Jeannette Ardell was present and reported that the musical was a huge hit! Our kids are so talented. Our next focus is Veteran’s day and celebrating them. We’ve been connected with our Legion where veteran’s will be meeting with students in social studies classes for Juniors and Seniors. An assembly will be held for seniors to attend, there will be a live stream through the broadcasting club to the other classrooms. This will not be open to the public this year due to mitigations.

**Athletic Director Report -** John Kane was present and reported that we just wrapped up our fall season and are now moving into winter sports. We are starting to really ramp up again. Parent meetings will be held for the winter sports to talk about the main ideas, expectations and rules. This Thursday, Cougar Climb, meets to talk about nutrition and hydration. Next month's focus will be recovery, sleep and stress. This fall we had an all-state golfer and freshman girl tennis player that came in 13th in the state, she won the entire conference. Wrestling will have a tournament around Thanksgiving. Participation is good, some sports below volume and others exceeding volume. Summer athletic calendar will be out by incoming freshman night.

**President –** Traci Garcia was present and really thanked Tracy for all of her hard work and planning that goes into the craft fair. Sports Connection closed and donated a bunch of letterman’s jackets. Looking to donate to Cougars in Need or another coat drive.

**Vice President Report –** Elizabeth Paveza was present and did not have anything to report.

**Treasurer Report –** Cheryl Jancaric was present and reported that we did receive a check from my school bucks. Our taxes are due soon and we have a new accountant who is very diligent and willing to offer guidance regarding wording on forms.

**Corresponding Secretary Report –** Kristin Selmetczy was not present, however, she sent out two cards. One condolence card on the loss of a parent and a congratulatory new baby card.

**Committee Reports**

**Communications -** Bridgit was present and reported that newsletter went out and the next highlight will be on fall sports. December highlight could be the grill club and maybe the cricket club. Another reminder for gift cards will be sent out soon, ahead of Thanksgiving.

**Conant Social Fundraiser -** Saturday,March 5, 2022 at Chandlers. Contact is signed and we are working on getting donations.

**Concessions -** Very successful so far. Parents and students helping out. Looking forward to the spring.

**Craft Fair -** Tracy was present and thanked all of her volunteers, adults and students. We had over 2200 paying people came through. We made a profit of $18,863.48! No complaints and some feedback was provided. Tracy let John know that she is only available October 15 and 22 next year.

Next year ideas:

* Better parking next year is to get a one day permit for parking on the street in the back
* Look at reducing the hours from 9-4pm to 9-3pm
* Increasing the cost of the space from $55 to $60
* A combination or print out maps and QR code maps
* A menu in advance for the crafters
* Create a committee to help out with prep

**Craft Fair Concessions -** Carol was present and reported that we net $1100! Very challenging as the handover from the previous committee chair didn’t have detailed information. Carol wrote up notes and processes on how to do this better for next year.

**Dances -** Julie and Kathy were present. Jeannette informed the Boosters that the district is looking into alternatives to the winter dance - there will not be a dance in February.

**Fundraisers -** Anu was present and provided an update on the gift card orders, there will be 3 orders this year. Emails have gone out to staff. Heather called the NOW Arena and left a message with them to get more information. Carol was present and handed over her fundraising binder.

**Social Media:** Ann was not present and did not have anything to report.

**Special Events -** Molly Bryant was present and didn’t have anything to report.

**Membership -** Paula Waterman and Jenn Schols were present and reported that there is an open volunteer link for the spirit store. They will be open on incoming freshman night, December 8, needing 4-6 volunteers. Julie explained that the night will go in a rotation. The time is 6-8pm.

Memberships are up from last year, but not back to where we were pre-COVID. Traci mentioned that at the Presidents meeting she attended that across the district Booster’s memberships are down, the district is looking into this. Fremd did a family/membership picnic.

**Post Prom -** Heather Sharbaugh was present and reported that we have reservations with 3 venues at this time for post prom and will need to work with Jeanette to pick the best option for the students. Jeannette will be working with the senior survey students to querry and get feedback on what they would like to do this year.

**Scholarships -** Yassi was present and reported that we are working on a few things; 1) reaching out to potential readers, 2) we are looking at how to simplify the application and directing students more to understand expectations. Application will be Google docs.

**Cougar Corner Spirit Store -**  Julie Henry and Paula Waterman were present and reported that consistent orders are coming in. Preparing for incoming freshman night and all holiday orders should be placed by November 19th, due to supply chain issues. Paula asked Bridgit to add a blast to the newsletter.

**Website –** Paula Waterman was present and reported to check all your links and send Paula any updates.

**Adjournment –** Traci Garcia adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for attending at 8:17pm

**Next Meeting -** December 14, 2021.

**Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by**

Heather Sharbaugh

2021-2022 Recording Secretary