**CONANT BOOSTERS 2021-2022**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 12, 2021**

**Welcome from President –** Traci Garcia opened the third Boosters meeting of the 2021-2022 school year, in person at the Media Center at Conant High School, at 7:07 pm and welcomed all in attendance.

Seventeen members were in attendance;

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

(11) Carol Hominac, Molly Bryant, Julie Henry, Paula Waterman, Tracy Gebhardt, David Gilbert, Jen Schols, Pam Drone, Amanda Piecuch, Dave Piecuch, Brigit Minoguie

(2) Julie Nowak, Jeannette Ardell

Absent: Kristin Selmeczy, John Kane

Traci asked for a Board member motion and a second to approve the September 14, 2021 meeting minutes, Liz motioned and Julie approved.

**Principal Report -** Julie Nowak was present and reported that this is bully prevention month so we are spending time on what bullying is in high school today. We are seeing a lot of social media bullying and exclusion. Also Hispanic heritage month, tomorrow there is a special event in celebration of this. We have a district wellness committee and equity committee. SAT practice test last week and preparing students for additional SAT prep. 20 hours in SAT prep can equal 100 points. We are the fastest growing school in D211 and we are continuing to grow, which means that we are looking at space. This does not include the new Summit development. On October 27, we’ll hold the national merit which is based on last year's performance. Julie thanked the Boosters for participating in NHS induction. Today’s institute day was great for getting caught up. With the pandemic we are seeing close to 4 times social and emotional needs. We are trying to do the best that we can to support our students, especially the sophomore class that seems to be the most impacted.

Carol asked about COVID report, Julie stated that we have not had an outbreak, and there is a tutoring process in place, and in some cases, some of the students are sick. This has been less of an issue than expected and we have the highest attendance that we ever had.

**Activities Director Report** – Jeannette Ardell was present and reported that Homecoming was great, the assembly, the dance and the students really enjoyed themselves. Musical is coming up on November 4-6. Students are excited and they have been working so hard planning and practicing for it. Craft fair is really the focus now. Conant is talking about more construction, more roof needs to be redone, which will involve the AC and construction in the front of the building, summer school will likely not be offered at Conant this summer. Senior portrait information is available on the website. Prestige Photography will be taking the pictures for the senior pictures, numerous days to pick from.

**Athletic Director Report -** John Kane was not present, however, Julie reported on the students that went to state for golf, it was great. One Conant student had a hole in one which was the first time in Conant’s history and the best score that Conant has ever had.

**President –** Traci Garcia was present and reported that she and Julie met earlier today and did a review on the committees and how we can expand our reach to get volunteers to join the Boosters and fill some spots. There was some discussion around how to brainstorm and bring more awareness to the Boosters Club.

**Vice President Report –** Elizabeth Paveza was present and reported that everyone was notified on who was awarded the grants. Liz shared some of the thank you’s from the recipients.

**Treasurer Report –** Cheryl Jancaric was present and reported that we do have a new accountant.

**Corresponding Secretary Report –** Kristin Selmetczy was not present, however, she sent out 4 cards; three condolence cards and one baby.

**Committee Reports**

**Communications -** Bridgit was present and reported that she received the updated staff list and they have been added to the email. The musical highlight went well and we will highlight girls volleyball next. An email blast was sent out about the upcoming craft fair.

**Conant Social Fundraiser -** Saturday,March 5, 2022 at Chandlers. We will be signing the contract for the casino night. At this time, masks will be required, all Chandlers staff and dealers will be wearing them.

**Concessions -** At the volleyball game. They have had several volunteers and it has been going very well. This will include tournaments.

**Craft Fair -** Tracy was present and reported that things are going well and all the booths are all filled with 27 vendors on the waitlist. Student volunteers still needed for the early morning shift. Currently we have 39, and we really need 60, 6-9am. For those coming to shop, come and grab a lime green t-shirt, this will be very helpful to vendors. Tracy asked for the heat to be down or off.

**Craft Fair Concessions -** Carol was present and is looking into Popeye’s or pizza, sandwiches and subs. Menus will be sent to Tracy soon. Carol has at least 4 volunteers to help her. Tracy will be able to give Carol some student helpers.

**Dances -** Julie was present and reported that Homecoming was a success. Over 2,000 students attended (typically we have 1200). We were good with the volunteers and locations.

**Fundraisers -** Carol was present and reported that Savers was a success and we earned about $700. Carol brought up a suggestion to have a set of fundraisers that people could sign up to champion. Anu is up to speed on the holiday gift cards. Heather still look into NOW Arena.

Suggestion came to get faculty involvement with Savers donations and make it a competition between the departments.

Traci mentioned that we did well at the Homecoming 50/50, we received $297 and gave away to a very lucky winner, $297.

**Social Media:** This is a new committee, run by Ann Wu and she is posting updates regularly.

**Special Events -** Molly Bryant was present and reported that NHS induction went really well. Next event is in May.

**Membership -** Paula Waterman was present and reported that we are over $13,000 in memberships. This is likely where we will stay, but we will do another push for basketball season.

**Post Prom -** Heather Sharbaugh was present and reported that she was going to follow up with the boat to ensure that there wasn’t a contract already in place for 2022 and get more information in general. Heather will be looking into the thoughts and ideas provided last meeting. Prom is scheduled for April 30. Two years ago we sold around 520 tickets.

* Pinstripes
* Main Event
* Top Golf
* Great America

**Scholarships -** Yassi was not present and did not have anything to report.

**Cougar Corner Spirit Store -** Julie Henry and Paula Waterman were present and reported that they have done very well and things are starting to slow down now. Our last football game will be next week, we will be at basketball games and incoming freshman night.

**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 -** November 9, 2021.

**Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by**

Heather Sharbaugh

2021-2022 Recording Secretary