

WATKINS MILL HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB

December 1, 2008

Attending: Winn Gaynor, Elizabeth King, Karen Kerr, Jim Marsh (via conference call), Kathy Smyrk, Jodi Warshel, Dan Ratliff, Ben Monroe, Paul Parra, and Ed Ross.

Welcome & Announcements: Winn Gaynor stated he had attended the last PTSA meeting and that the Boosters will help – But the PTSA must lead the fundraising for Post Prom. He made the suggestion of the bulb sale as one of the venues to raise money and Tamica Gatling was interested in pursuing. He also highlighted the Ledo's Dine Out fundraiser on Tuesday the 2nd. There was no report on the PFC meeting since Winn was the only one in attendance.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from our November 5, 2008, meeting was presented by Karen Kerr. Elizabeth King made a motion for approval, Winn seconded and approval was unanimous. However, following that vote it was announced that Winn had received the merchandise report from Bobbi Parra, therefore the minutes were modified to reflect that correction and redistributed.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Marsh stated the checking account balance was \$17,601.17, the current balance was \$21,435.40 and the PayPal balance was \$644.42. Outstanding bills are Sam's Club for \$1,896.14 and the Sign Store for \$1,257. Resulting in a net \$20,183.68 which is an increase of \$3,498.16 from last month.

Merchandise Report: No Report.

Fall Booster Appreciation Award: Winn stated the Booster Appreciation Award is presented three times a year (fall, winter and spring). He awarded Jodi Warshel the Fall Booster award as a result of her exemplary enthusiasm for the Applebee's project, Homecoming, Volunteer Coordinator and overall WMHS Spirit. Congrats Jodi! Keep up the good work and making a difference! As a result of that, a suggestion was made to create volunteer certificates for many others who also contribute their valuable time to WMHS making a difference, especially those "external volunteers" that no longer have kids in attendance.

Old Business:

Silent Auction Results were presented by Karen. The number of guests in attendance was approximately 75. Raffle tickets were sold and a variety of gifts were given out to include water bottles, canvas bags, \$5 gift cards to starbucks and barnes and noble, flashlights, t-shirts and tickets to Defending the Caveman. The grand prize was a weekend getaway at the Washingtonian Marriott. Three musical groups performed – Strings Orchestra, Chamber Singers and the JAZZ band. Popcorn, hot dogs and pizza were available at the concession stand. All items were donated and no expenses were incurred. Total funds raised were \$4,396, with the golf team raising in excess of \$2500. (See separate SA Summary for additional details.)

Discussion was held whether to hold the Silent Auction in the spring in 2010 (vs. fall of 2009) or have an additional SA in the spring of 2009 to allow other winter and spring sports teams (that have just formed) an opportunity to raise money. Ed Ross will poll the coaches to see if there is enough interest, then a decision will be made. Another suggestion was made to reinstate "Parent Booster Reps" as liaisons between the Booster Club and the coaches to increase the level of communications among parents and hold quarterly meetings with those Parent Booster Reps to keep them informed of how the Boosters can help their sports teams and ECAs.

Mailing List – Elizabeth King has purchased this tool and will begin managing it and preparing for the Mulch sale. She has already placed an order for 7200 bags. Elizabeth suggested raising the price. Mulch sold for \$3.25 in 2007.

Clancy Dance – Proposal from Carolyn Camacho was discussed and resolved that we cannot support due to limited funds this year needed to be distributed to the ECAs, teams and scholarships.

New Business:

Booster Website Update –Karen informed Winn that all updates have been submitted to Cynthia Hunter.

Rotary Breakfast – scheduled for Wednesday, December 3 at 7:30am at Willow’s Inn. Rotary Club will present Booster Club with a sponsorship donation.

Request for Booster Club Form – Ed Ross mentioned it was time to distribute the “Request for Booster Club Funds” form (to all teams and organizations) and requested if there were any changes that needed to be made to forward them to him this week.

Winn adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

The next Booster Club meeting of the FY08-09 school year will be in the WMHS Skybridge Lounge on:

**Monday,
January 5, 2009**