

WATKINS MILL HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB

September 2, 2008

Attending: Winn Gaynor, Elizabeth King, Karen Kerr, Jim Marsh, Paul Parra, Kathy Smyrk, Jodi Warshel, Jim Wozniak, Joe Rydzewski, Dan Ratliff, Ed Ross, Tim Floyd, Sue Kennedy, Thomas Kennedy, Kevin Hobbs, and Brenda Wilks.

Welcome & Announcements: Winn Gaynor welcomed everyone back from summer break and to our September Boosters Club meeting. We began the meeting by recognizing and acknowledging Sue Kennedy for her outstanding performance and commitment to the Boosters for the past six years. She was presented with a plaque and a gift in our appreciation.

Winn mentioned we had a new band leader this year, Monique Lynch. Due to this fact, the band fundraiser dinner originally scheduled for August 23rd did not take place. He also stated he had attended all the individual parent meetings for football, soccer, band, etc. and he would attend the Rotary meeting on Wednesday, 9/3. Winn also distributed a sample invoice form to be used our sponsors sports program ads and mentioned Karen Kerr was working with Cynthia Hunter to have our Booster Club website updated and kept current.

Pay Pal: With our new online booster membership option Winn stated his goal for memberships this year is 125 families.

Back to School Night: Scheduled for 9/11 at 7pm. PTSA has arranged for several things to take place that night beginning at 6pm. They will be selling pizza and drinks, and have organized several other vendors (Lockheed Martin) and ECAs to participate. Booster Club will have a table promoting memberships and WMHS merchandise for sale.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from our June 30, 2008 meeting were presented by Karen Kerr. Kathy Smyrk made a motion for approval, Elizabeth King seconded and approval was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Marsh presented the budget and stated we were \$600 ahead of budget. He has also recruited two friends to assist with Federal and State tax form preparation. (Mark Thompson and Phillip Kirlew.

It was also made clear that all fundraising (for any group within WMHS) falls under the Booster Club umbrella and the boosters need to account for all funds. Jim maintains an accounting record for all independent funds raised by all sports clubs and ECAs. Every penny raised or associated with the Watkins Mill High School name is the ultimate responsibility of the principal, Kevin Hobbs, therefore, specific records need to be maintained. All monies need to be deposited in the Booster Club account or the WMHS business account via Anne Alban. Independent clubs and ECAs should not be holding on to their own funds raised.

Merchandise Report: Karen provided the merchandise report (on behalf of Bobbi Parra) stating total outgoing funds were \$3,028 (basically consisting of three primary expenses, the sign store, the tattoos and to the football parents) and incoming funds were \$279 (sales at new parent orientation night). At this point Bobbi is just tracking costs out and revenue in. She will not know the specifics of each particular item sold until a complete inventory is done.

Old Business:

Football - The football team held one of two scheduled carwashes (it rained the day the second one was scheduled to take place). Some of the profits from the carwash were spent on food to feed the boys that afternoon and the remainder of the profits was spent on stock piling drinks for the football team prior to the games. The team usually exceeds 1,000 drinks per season and this has been an "out of pocket" expense for the parents.

The spirit packs, shorts and tee-shirts for the coaches have been received and Jim will pay the invoice of \$636. The football team will raise funds during the 2008 silent auction and repay funds at that time.

Sports programs have been submitted for printing and will be sold at the fist home game on Friday for \$2. Each recipient will receive a \$1 rebate coupon valid for free popcorn at the concession stand. Jim inquired if he had received all sponsorship checks for ads listed in the program. He had not.

Silent Auction date has been set for Thursday, November 20th in the Cafeteria. Thought was had regarding having the event on a Friday night to increase attendance; however, a Friday night (in the fall) could not be identified in which there was not another event in conflict. Winn stated he needed someone to chair this event and be responsible for organization. Discussion was held whether bingo would again be offered this year or if some alternate form of entertainment would be provided. An earlier start time for the auction (3pm) was also discussed since teachers are interested in bidding right after school ends and would prefer not to hang around until 6pm. Final decision was not made at this time. It was reiterated that each individual club or ECA participating in this event benefits by retaining 100% of their funds. In 2006, total funds raised were \$5,000 and in 2007, total funds raised were \$2,800.

Mailing list situation is still outstanding. Elizabeth King plans to purchase the list using the Booster Discover card.

Spring Big Show is still outstanding. Elizabeth has been in negotiation with the agent for Defending the Caveman and they are still unwilling to decrease their offer from 17K to 12K for a smaller modified show on April 24, 2009 to accommodate our group and our budget.

New Business:

Mulch Sale is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, 2009. Elizabeth will be organizing this event along with Tim Floyd. Sales will be offered via online website.

Athletic Website - Elizabeth mentioned she has been working with Ed Ross on the WMHS Athletic website and plans to post photos of various sporting events. Ed plans to speak with Cynthia Hunter to enlist students to assist with the overall design and other edits since Cynthia's time is extremely limited. They plan to have a link from the main WMHS site to the athletic website.

Chick-Fil-A breaded sandwiches are a new item added this fall to our concession stand. This is a result of negotiations held by Terri Wozniak for Chic-Fil-A to provide complimentary meals to our football team prior to home games. Grilled skinless chicken breasts will not be offered at our concession stand this fall in lieu of this change.

Applebee's: Jodi Warshel mentioned she had been visiting Applebee's in Germantown and noticed several local schools in our area had display cases highlighting their individual sports teams and wanted our opinion on doing a display for WMHS. Everyone thought it was a great idea and Kevin Hobbs and Ed Ross agreed to work with Jodi to ensure our school was presented in a positive light.

MT Run: The Mike Tyler 5K Run/Walk was established in honor of a Watkins Mill High School student who tragically passed away in 2006 as a result of an injury during a wrestling match. All proceeds from this event will go to the Mike Tyler Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarships to four seniors each year. A minimum donation of \$10.00, payable to Watkins Mill High School, is requested prior to race day. Date is scheduled for October 18th @ 7:30am.

Brenda Wilks: Kevin Hobbs introduced Brenda Wilks (new Assistant Principal). Brenda is actually participating in the principal intern program and will be alleviating Kevin in various functions as part of her new role throughout the school year. Welcome Brenda!! We're glad you are here.

Power Play Saturdays: Brenda announced a new approved school program (Power Play Saturdays) at WMHS. Once a month you can join your child to watch an NCAA Football Game of the week featured on the big screen in the WMHS Auditorium. Admission for students is simply to bring your parent or adult relative/mentor. The first game featured will be University of California vs. University of Maryland on Saturday, September 13th. Spread the word! Boosters will supply the popcorn.

Winn adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

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

October 6, 2008