

WATKINS MILL HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB

June 30, 2008

Attending: Winn Gaynor, Elizabeth King, Karen Kerr, Jim Marsh, Bobbi Parra, Bob Anton, Kathy Smyrk, Ben Monroe, Paul Parra, Jodi Warshel, Toni Marsh, Mark Thompson, Yvette Monroe, Jim Wozniak, Terri Wozniak, Kathryn Peluso, Joe Rydzewski, Judy Ashley and Thelma Zade.

Welcome & Announcements: Winn Gaynor welcomed everyone to the 2008 summer planning Boosters Club meeting. What a great turnout! Thanks to everyone who attended.

Pay Pal - Winn confirmed our new Pay Pal account is active and up and running. We have already received a few online membership signups. This is our first year offering Booster memberships online. In the past we have only offered online sign ups for our Mulch and Capital Steps fundraisers. Hopefully this added tool will be to our advantage and increase our membership drive. We should all encourage other parents and staff members to sign up via the website. We will have a minor edit made to the form to reflect a line for additional donations.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from our June 2008 meeting were presented by Karen Kerr. Bobbi Parra made a motion for approval, Winn Gaynor seconded and approval was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Marsh stated there had been no changes in the account balance and committee income statements from our prior meeting.

Old Business: Mailing list situation is still outstanding. Elizabeth King and Tim Floyd need to make a selection as to which one is best.

Final decisions on the "actual amounts of each package" were made. Deadline for fall sponsorships is August 15th. Elizabeth plans to finalize everything at the end of August for the sports booklets. Special attention needs to be focused on previous ads that have been renewed, relating to expiration dates on their coupons. Blanton studios will be taking sports team photos on August 28th; therefore, books will be ready for distribution at our first home game on Sept. 5.

New Business:

Merchandise details were discussed, voted on and decided. We will not introduce any new t-shirts this year and will continue to utilize our same vendor. We will still offer both the blue and orange hoodies and will not renew the Go 'Rines shirts. New items offered this year will be coffee mugs, cow bells, lanyards, key chains, blue and orange plaid sweat pants and a different type of baseball cap. We will also reintroduce the Paw and Crush T-Shirt. Orders will be placed to ensure receipt in time for back to school night and our first football game.

Yvette Monroe stated Post Prom expenses this year were 10k and they had approximately 300 students attend. Subsequent prize donations for post prom were much less than contributions last year. Discussion was held regarding whether or not to allow the kids to leave early after approximately two hours or to remain on lock down for the entire night until 5am like similar schools. Suggestion was made to have the post prom committee participate in the Silent Auction this fall to raise additional funds for 2009 post prom expenses. It was also stated that Mr. Hobbs is considering holding prom and post prom events on a Saturday this year to avoid students missing time from their classes to prepare for prom.

MT Run - slated for October 18. It will be a 5k beginning at 7:30am. JV game will need to be rescheduled for Thursday, October 16 so there is no conflict. Ideas were discussed on how to increase funds for this event and what items could be used for the winners. Boosters would provide refreshments.

Band Fundraiser – Tentatively scheduled for August 23 – Winn will follow-up with Nani.

Silent Auction – Dates discussed for auction / bingo night include November 14 or November 21. No final decision was made.

Football – Plans to hold a car wash fundraiser on July 12 and 27th at the BP gas station location. Joe Rydzewski mentioned they'd like to purchase spirit packs, shorts and tee shirts for the coaches and requested to float funds from 2007 silent auction to football for this purchase. Bobbi Parra made a motion for this and Toni March seconded. Costs are \$636. The football team will raise funds during the 2008 silent auction and repay funds at that time. Questions were raised regarding special funds allocations and details on MCPS spending policy. Elizabeth King will call MCPS regarding further clarification on this point.

Discussion was made regarding Chick Fil-A sponsorship for meals for the football team prior to games. In exchange, Chick Fil-A would like the Boosters to sell their chicken sandwiches at all home football games. Kathy Smyrk will discuss with both Dan Ratliff and Bob Anton to review both pros and cons and how this will affect our concession sales for other grilled items. Currently we only sell chick Fil-A sandwiches at cross country regionals.

Winn adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.

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

September 2, 2008