

# WJHS All School Booster Club

Meeting on October 11, 2006

Meeting opened: 7:35pm, A. Gradowski

Recorder: M. Rehbehn

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of 9/20/06 meeting approved as written.
3. President's Report [S. Gentilucci]

On October 10, 2006, met with the PTA and WJHS Education Foundation to craft common message and describe role of each group:

  - A. PTSA (and the school's Administrators) are advocates for the school within MCPS and with the County Council. Regulations place substantial limits on the roll they can play in fundraising. (Currently fund Prom Breakfast and the PTSA Directory)
  - B. The Foundation is a newly incorporated 501(c)(3) charity that will concern itself with financing long-term academic needs, facilities and programs for students and faculty.
  - C. Booster Club deals with short-term extra-curricular needs of student organizations/activities.

Note: WJHS Administration is in the process of creating and prioritizing a school-wide "wish list" to help all three groups plan budgets.
4. Administration Report [C. Merrill]
  - A. Congratulations to girls' Varsity Tennis, undefeated County Champions.
  - B. Calendar: PSAT on 10/18 (all freshman-juniors, modified bell schedule), no school on 10/20 (Md. State Teachers Assoc. mtg)
  - C. Auditorium renovations going well.
5. Athletics Report [S. Amos]
  - A. Girls' Varsity Tennis beat Magruder and Churchill to become undefeated County Champs.
  - B. A few cancelled fall games need to be rescheduled.
  - C. "Senior Night" for most teams coming soon (last home game of the regular season) – recognize all Seniors and their parents.
  - D. Homecoming: Planning meeting scheduled for 10/12. BC discussed the possibility of pre-selling game tickets, having 2 ticket sale areas (night of game) to deal with large crowds. Will need 7-8 adults to man ticket sales/entry gates.
  - E. Banners: Regionals banners will all be installed by 10/12, Division banners are scheduled next.
6. Treasurer's Report [S. Gentilucci for L. Voight]

Working on budget format, will be ready for review soon.
7. Membership Report [T. Forline]

[See attached]

  - A. Surpassed \$20,000 for the year.
  - B. Increasing the minimum donation has been positive: more have joined above the minimum (but fewer very large donations)
  - C. Distributed volunteer list
  - D. Will have a table at Homecoming game.
8. Commissioners' Report [O. Droggitis]

Everything going smoothly in planning for Fall Sports Awards Night, 7pm on 11/28.

9. Concessions Report [A. Gradowski for A. Swindale]  
Going well, but will need extra volunteers for Homecoming game.
10. School Store Report [K. Vincent]  
All bills have been paid, lots of merchandise ordered (ordered extra due to 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary). Will have a table at Homecoming game (move baseball bleachers and setup along that walkway).
11. Old Business
  - A. Citrus Sale cancelled (declining sales and poor crop this year)
  - B. Need Coordinator(s) for March '07 Used Book Sale -- Lisa Weed and Bonnie Fisher volunteer (thank you!)
  - C. Need Coordinator(s) for April '07 Golf Tournament – Jan Brito volunteers (thank you!). Discussed what needs to happen now, may organize it as Golf *and* Tennis Tournament.
  - D. Printing of new Sports passes still pending.
  - E. Funding Requests:
    1. TV Club (see Sept. minutes) – received 3 bids (\$1, 500; \$1,288; \$1,214).  
**APPROVED \$1,214.**
    2. Music Composition: Answers to questions raised last month were answered: WJHS will have no copyright rights. Composer will visit WJ several times (“Artist in residence”) and work with Jazz Ensemble students, students will contribute to composition. Cost of typical music purchase is \$100/musician. WJ Music program will cover some costs for him to visit WJ, and WJ will own the manuscript. Composer is well known and respected. New question: will we have rights to record and sell song? (a possible fundraising vehicle)  
**APPROVED \$1,500.**
12. New Business
  - A. Positions to be filled/volunteers needed for: Vice President (Fundraising Coordinator), Clubs Commissioner Coordinator, Fundraising Events: Mulch Sale – L. Voight, needs Co-Chair (suggested coordination with Crew Club’s plant sale, expand types of mulch offered), Used Book Sale (L. Weed, B. Fisher).
  - B. WJHS Education Foundation, Inc. – John Moriarty, President.
    1. Foundation organized to meet WJHS needs not addressed by the PTSA and Booster Club charters. They can support teacher training and purchase equipment beyond that accessible through MCPS. For example, in the renovation guidelines MCPS provides space [i.e., a room] for a language lab, but no funds for equipment, etc. Also, MCPS can provide only an old-fashioned analog sound system for our new auditorium – Foundation can provide extra funds to upgrade to digital.
    2. Because they are a 501(c)(3) organization, they are able to conduct fundraising. What is next step? A letter to the WJ community (the entire cluster), outreach to community groups, and (especially) alumni.
    3. Proposal (A. Gradowski) that Booster Club help the Foundation get on it’s feet by supporting a New Year’s “Ghost Ball” fundraiser (in place of a regular BC Holiday fundraiser). Support would be in the form of manpower and postage to send “invitations”.  
**Approved.**

Meeting adjourned: 9:25pm.

Next meeting: November 8, 2006, 7:30pm.