

Walter Johnson High School All-School Booster Club

Meeting on June 13, 2007

Meeting opened: 7:41 pm, A. Gradowski

Recorder: M. Rehbehn

Handouts: Agenda, May 2007 Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Membership Report

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of 5/9/2007 meeting approved as written.
3. President's Report [A. Gradowski]
 - A. Celebration at the Euler's on 6/11 was great.
 - B. Attended '07-'08 Master Calendar planning meeting; construction disruptions means there isn't much flexibility to modify it. The entire calendar will be posted on the web, but pertinent Booster Club dates are:

8/15	Fall Sports start
8/17	Coaches' meeting [J. Ellis should attend]
8/21	Fall Sports parents' meeting
8/22(or 23?)	Freshman picnic
8/29	Wildcat Weekend planning meeting
9/6	Back to School Night - Semester 1
9/7-9	Wildcat Weekend
11/27	Fall Sports Awards
3/7-8	Used Book Sale
3/14	Italian Dinner
3/21-28	Spring Break
4/4-5	Mulch Sale
4. Administration Report [C. Merrill]
 - A. Tom Stup (Business Mgr) is retiring, nor replacement yet.
 - B. Construction update: Closing the building on last day of classes in order to "turn over" to the construction crews on Friday, 6/15. PACKING! Installation of portable classrooms progressing nicely. Construction will begin with the gym.
5. Treasurer's Report [L. Voight]
 - A. Instrumental Music Awards approved earlier was \$7.04 over the approved amount. **APPROVED** payment of remainder.
 - B. In addition to paying Instrumental Music's request, Concession Rebates for all groups have been paid; leaving ~\$28,590 in the bank.
 - C. Filed Personal Property Tax Report on 6/11/07.
 - D. There is currently ~\$20,000 in the account not accessed regularly. It has not been touched all year: move it to higher yield account? Executive Board will meet with Dr. Garran about this over the summer.
6. Membership Report [T. Forline]

Review of attached report with the following comments:

 - keep suggested donation levels same (we raised them for '06-'07)
 - would like to create a competitive atmosphere between grades/teams/clubs to increase membership numbers as well as donation levels
 - make sure good presence at start of year events
 - include a "please bring your checkbooks" line in all summer mailings, and make sure there is a good description of the roles of all 3 parent groups and the importance of supporting all of them

place an "Ed Connect" call to advertise Freshman picnic, etc.
improve Membership form (clarity and ease of use for parents, better data for BC administration)

explore incentives: "Booster Bucks", *Pitch* subscription, S*T*A*G*E tickets?

7. Concessions Report [A. Gradowski for A. Swindale]
Need volunteers to clean Concession Stand in August.
8. School Store Report [K. Vincent]
 - A. Suja Ali is new Chair starting '07-'08.
 - B. Upcoming: Admissions Counselors' gifts for Guidance, staff gifts for Administration, Golf Tournament goodies, magnets w/pawprint?
9. PTSA Liaison Report [L. Amsellem]
 - A. The University of Maryland College Park will offer a "Young Scholars" program next year jointly at WJ and Whitman. A 2-period class will be offered each semester -- fall at Whitman, Spring at WJ. Courses will be "International Government Relations" and "Entrepreneurship", Seniors only are eligible and rosters are currently full. Tuition is \$900. Scheduling and course content are designed to not conflict with AP classes.
 - B. MCPS budget was approved.
 - C. JV Lacrosse has been approved starting '0-'08. MCPS will raise student parking fees to cover the costs.
10. Commissioners Report [O. Droggitis]
Spring Awards Night went well.
11. Old Business
 - A. '07-'08 Executive Board [**entire slate APPROVED**]

Co-Presidents	Ann Gradowski
	Scott Gentilucci
Vice President	vacant
Treasurer	Wynn Gambrill
Secretary	Amy Fansler

and Committee Chairs:

Sports Commissioner Coordinator	Jim Ellis
Clubs Commissioner Coordinator	vacant
School Store	Suja Ali
Publicity	vacant
 - B. Funding Requests
 1. *The Pitch*: for camera/printing costs, \$4000. After discussion, a modified proposal was made to *fund* \$2000 and *purchase* \$2000 in advertising. Modified proposal **APPROVED**. [Note: We will need to get details regarding how much advertising \$2000 will cover.]
 - C. Wildcat Weekend [A. Gradowski]
Need Chairs for Craft Fair and Flea Market. Asking Board Members to solicit WJ groups and previous participants -- \$50/space. It is an all-day event, rain or shine. Will need volunteers for Carnival (Saturday, concurrent w/Craft Fair/Flea Market). Bonnamoo Music Festival (Friday evening in the auditorium) will be chaired by Dana Bleiberg [recent WJ alumnae] and has asked for a budget amount so she can book a headliner band. Suggested \$3,250, which is unchanged from last year. **APPROVED**. Possibility of more alumni bands discussed too.
 - D. Graduation DVD/Photo program [A. Gradowski for L. Euler]
Will also be including a flyer for the Senior Class photo and a "Buy a Chair" for the auditorium flyer in the mailing.

E. Upcoming: Need packing help on Thursday to get ready for school closure; summer project is to get all BC records collected recorded electronically.

12. New Business

A. Funding Request: Choral Music Awards: original request for \$500, but has gone over this amount. **APPROVED** the total amount [a "line item" request, automatic approval].

B. Funding Request: Key Club requests unspecified amount to ship donations already collect for Ghana (MANY boxes!) **APPROVED** up to \$1,500. Firmer details regarding costs must be submitted to BC.

C. How can we recognize the accomplishments of our *It's Academic* team, which won both the DC metro area championship AND the Superbowl (for Baltimore area/DC area/Central Virginia area)? [L. Voight]

Meeting adjourned: 9:10 pm