

# **Walter Johnson High School All-School Booster Club Meeting on October 10, 2007**

Meeting Opened: 7:36 p.m., A. Gradowski

Recorder: A. Fansler

Handouts: Agenda, September 2007 Minutes

Members present: L. Morris, S. Ali, B. Fisher, L. Amsellem, J. Wittan, W. Gambrill, S. Amos, J. Ellis, P. Markle, R. O’Konski, A. Fansler, A. Gradowski

Minutes for September 2007 – motioned by A. Fansler for approval, seconded by J. Wittan. Unanimously approved with correction of misspelled name - Witton to Wittan.

## **PR 10.07 President’s Report** – A. Gradowski

Presented a copy of the most recent Pitch with the new booster club advertisement. Need someone to take on the responsibility of placing the ad each month to include upcoming booster sponsored events. L. Amsellem has agreed to help with sprucing up the ad monthly. A. Gradowski will submit the ad to the Pitch each month. Our Maryland tax exempt forms are still being reviewed by S. Gentilucci. We do not need to obtain fundraising clearance from the state of Maryland since our fundraising outside of membership does not exceed \$25,000. We still may be required to file an exemption form of some type. A. Gradowski has created a form for groups to submit when requesting funds. The form includes the amount of request and when it is approved by the booster club so C. Merrill can notify each group. In the near future we will have to address extra fundraising accounts that some athletic teams have outside of the school bank that are not allowed by MCPS rules.

## **AR 10.07 Administration Report** – A. Gradowski

C. Merrill is at the soccer game and unable to attend the meeting tonight. The PSAT will be given on Wednesday, October 17, 2007. Dr. Garran will be taking part in a principal exchange this month in Belfast for one week. November 27, 2007 will be the WJ Sports Awards night. Senior nights will begin at all of our athletic events. S. Amos will email the commissioners, J. Ellis and A. Gradowski. Commissioners need to contact parents of seniors regarding the event for each of the different teams. Dr. Garran wants an administrator present at each of the senior nights. The number of seniors on each team needs to be given to S. Amos so that she can purchase the flowers to be presented.

## **A.D. 10.07 Athletic Director** – A. Amos

A WJ banner has been ordered that will be placed at the Tilden Middle School entrance during our winter sports activities. Team photos for fall sports have not yet come in. S. Amos is requesting that teams send her pictures from different sporting events that can be included in the Sports Awards Night slideshow. The photos can be sent to S. Amos or C. Merrill. Girls tennis is still undefeated with a win at Churchill. The newly formed Mad Cows spirit club came out for the tennis match and needed a brief education in tennis etiquette. We need to work hard at getting the school community to support the WJ teams that are never competing at home because of our renovations. Friday night, October 12, we are playing Richard Montgomery in football but it is their home game. Our game passes will not be valid for this game.

**TR 10.07 Treasurer's Report** – W. Gambrell

The treasurer would like a breakdown of the different athletic passes sold with membership. All the requests from the Month of September have been paid. We are still waiting for the receipt for the gator and sweeper from the school.

**MR 10.07 Membership Report** – A. Gradowski

We have 280 members to date. A year ago we had 350 members. We have issued \$3,952 in sports passes. Booster does not gain anything from sports passes but the WJ athletic department does. The 12<sup>th</sup> grade has the highest number of members. \$65 is the average donation per member. L. Amsellem brought up that fact that the blank space for donations on the membership form is confusing to some.

**SCCR 10.07 Sports Commissioner Coordinator** – J. Ellis

November 27, 2007 will be our Sports Awards Banquet. Team Commissioners are being asked to encourage teams to buy seats in the school auditorium in honor of coaches.

**CCR 10.07 Clubs Commissioner Report** – A. Gradowski

Looking into how we will handle the T-shirts for the Mad Cow club. We are looking into developing a fundraising list for teams to refer to when considering their different options. All athletic fundraising should go through S. Amos and each school club should have a separate account through the school bank. All fundraising has to go through K. Cosgrove, go on the school calendar and be approved by administration. Teams can not go door to door. All team and club fundraising must be approved by the administration.

**CR 10.07 Concessions Report**- A. Gradowski

A.Swindale wants to propose that we pay out \$100 per time worked and make a payment to the school for disbursement at the end of each month. W. Gambrell says that it is currently an accounting nightmare the way it is done and would like to make the payouts quarterly. L. Amsellem suggested that groups working homecoming gets a double share. That is our current policy for longer and more intensive events. A motion was put forth by A. Gradowski that the Booster Club make a payment of \$100 to groups per time worked at the concession stand. W. Gambrell seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

**PTSAR 10.07** – L. Amsellem

Line-up Student Directory should be ready soon, it is at the printer.

**Old Business**

**6.07-6** The Senior DVD's from June still have not been completed because of an illness that the producer had this summer.

**9.07-5** We are not going to rent a POD for the book sale. Trying to figure out storage space. Closet 196 is available. Dr. Garran does not want any commercial containers.

**9.07-3** The development of club funding guidelines is still under consideration.

**New Business**

**10.07-1**

- A** Stage is requesting \$4,000 for costume rental  
Motion - R. Beattie, seconded – L. Amsellem, approved unanimously
- B** Tech Ed catapults no more than \$200  
Motion – J. Wittan, seconded – J. Ellis, approved unanimously
- C** Auditorium speakers need replacement up to \$2000  
Motion – L. Amsellem, seconded –R. Beattie, approved unanimously
- D** Cheerleaders plastic spirit signs \$282

Motion - L. Morris, seconded L. Amsellem, approved unanimously  
**E** Tennis Team awards for champion athletes for last spring for 2 jackets up to \$130. Motion - J. Ellis, seconded L. Morris, approved unanimously  
**10.07-2** New Booster guidelines issued by MCPS, we can now give awards to kids such as jackets. Copies of the guidelines of the booster rules will be available at next meeting. S. Gentilucci brought to our attention that teams that currently control their own fundraising are going to have to submit budgets. They might also need to move their fund to the school bank. People think these team funds are somehow monitored by the school but they are not. We have at least 10 or 12 teams that have their own accounts.  
**10.07-4 SGA Homecoming DVD.** We can not sell them but we can copy and give it away. We are considering selling T-shirts that you will receive a free DVD with each purchase. F. Delello wants to host a pizza night to show the DVD and sell the T-shirts then. The shirts have been designed. Not sure if ordered yet. We need a date for the event. The further we get away from homecoming the harder it will be to sell the idea.

Meeting adjourned, moved R. Beattie, seconded a. Gradowski. 8:47 p.m.

**Addendum to October 2007 minutes:**

October 17, 2007 at 3:11 p.m.

A. Gradowski put forth a request for funds made by the Mock Trial teams to provide funding for their registration fees. S. Gentilucci made a motion to accept the request of \$250 for Mock Trial.

It was seconded by L. Voight.

Motion carried via email.