

# Meeting Minutes

## Walter Johnson High School All School Booster Club

June 11, 2008  
7:30 P.M.

<b>Type of meeting:</b>	Monthly	<b>Minutes Prepared by:</b>	Bonnie Fisher
<b>Participants:</b>	Sue Amos, Lori Amsellem, Stacy Benjamin, Sue Christakos, Bonnie Fisher, Terry Forline, Wynn Gambrill, Scott, Gentilucci, Anne Gradowski, Chris Merrill, Laura Morris, Roseanne O'Konski, Chrissy Schiponi,		
<b>Call to Order:</b>	<p>Meeting called to order at 7:40 by President Anne Gradowski.</p> <p>The minutes were mailed out after the last meeting. We will suspend the approval of the minutes since we did not have copies to distribute at the meeting.</p>		
<b>Administration: Chris Merrill</b>	<p>Construction is on schedule 3 different sections of the construction will be complete next school year In August, the new Gym, Weight Room, Dance Studio and lockers will be ready Staff lunch is tomorrow Working on the Master Schedule for 2008-2009 school year The new concession co-chairs need to meet with Mr. Merrill over the summer to understand how things will work next year and the following year when the construction is complete.</p>		
<b>Athletic Director: Sue Amos</b>	<p>Ordering for next year Schedule of Fall practices will be posted on the WJ website soon. August 15<sup>th</sup> the Football team can pass out gear/equipment; all other teams must wait until at least August 16<sup>th</sup> to hold their first practice. Team banners: proofs for new banners will be back next week. 2 weeks to get completed banners back. New Coaches:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Poms: Sarah Leng</li> <li>o Varsity Cheerleading: Sophia Franklin</li> <li>o JV Cheerleading: Carolina Freitas</li> <li>o Girls Tennis: Lynn Poznanski</li> </ul> <p>May need to have 2 buses to take athletes to Tilden for practices For the new Gym, the Athletics Dept is ordering padded chairs for the teams to sit in. They will come to the Boosters if they need financial assistance. Home Away From Home Banners: Chrissy Schiponi asked whether or not each team would be responsible for purchasing the banner or if there would be one for everyone to share. Football is the only team that has a designated "home" field which is Whitman. We need to discuss this topic in more detail with Sue and Chris. In addition, Jimmy Ellis (Sports Commissioner) would need to talk to the Sports Commissioners regarding the banner(s) options. Depending on the decision, each team may need to designate volunteers to be responsible for putting the banner up and taking it down. Would be too expensive to purchase a banner for every team. Sue will be in Room 194 this summer. The best way to reach her is by email or leaving a message with the main office.</p> </p>		
<b>Treasurer's Report: Wynn Gambrill</b>	<p>Gave a brief overview for the new chairs of what they need to do: Best way to reach her is via email (Note: she does not have a student at WJ next year) Cash can't be left in the money boxes Ann Swindale used to give her the concession profits every 3-4 weeks.</p>		

	<p>There is a Financial Request Form that needs to be completed. Not currently on our website, need to post it on the site and/or send copy out via email.</p> <p>Every chair should keep track of their own money/profits, etc. in addition to what Wynn is doing.</p> <p>Other discussion items</p> <p>Postage: we don't have our own postage; can get reimbursed for mailings. If there comes a time when we find it is financially advantageous, we will look into purchasing postage for regular mass mailings.</p> <p>Booster Club members should keep track of their own personal donations. The Booster Club can provide a tax receipt.</p>
<b>Membership:</b> <b>Terry Forline</b>	No Report
<b>Sports: Jimmy Ellis</b>	No Report
<b>Clubs: Ann Gradowski</b>	Ann met with the SGA yesterday
<b>Concessions:</b> <b>Valerie and ???</b>	<p>Would like to find out expectation level for the concession co-chairs</p> <p>We need to have the name changed on the Booster Costco Account</p>
<b>School Store: Suja Ali</b>	<p>They will be taking inventory on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Wynn needs their totals by the end of the fiscal year, June 30<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>They are going to North Bethesda tomorrow</p> <p>They went to Tilden last week - raised \$56.00</p>
<b>PTSA: Lori Amsellem</b>	They have a new slate of officers.
<b>SGA: Tyler Boatright and Nico Atencio</b>	<p>The new SGA officers have begun their planning for the next school year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pennies for Patients: Possible fundraiser – American Idol for teachers</li> <li>○ Wildcat Weekend: There no outdoor space. Dodge Ball will be in new gym;</li> <li>○ Tailgating before games</li> <li>○ Tyler will discuss the idea to provide towels or some similar type of school spirit item with the SGA. Look into having a vendor donate.</li> </ul>
<b>Team Reports:</b>	<p><b>Baseball - Sue Christakos</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dollars for Dugouts: Will have raised \$18,600 by fall. Project they will raise the \$25,000 needed.</li> <li>○ Getting ready to send out a mailing to WJ Alumni</li> </ul> <p><b>Football – Chrissy Schiponi</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Also doing a fund raiser – have send out an Alumni mailing</li> <li>○ Redesigning the football program</li> <li>○ Held a Parent Social</li> <li>○ Players going to football camp this summer</li> </ul>
<b>Committee Chairs:</b>	<p><b>Senior DVD/Photo Sales (Chair: Leann Euler)</b> SGA sent out the proof photo to the seniors today. Booster's raise approx \$2500 from this fundraiser.</p> <p><b>New Committee Chairs:</b> Need chairs for Publicity (Big Train, Pitch) and Mulch Coordinator</p>
<b>President's Report:</b> <b>Ann Gradowski</b>	<p>Ann will send out the important dates for the 2008-2009 school year as soon as finalized.</p> <p>Important dates for the Booster Club are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Fall mailing</b> for Booster is part of the "Welcome Back to School" WJ mailing. Members thought it was important to stress the difference between Boosters and PSTA. In middle school, there is only PSTA and they are responsible for fundraising.</li> <li>○ Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> – <b>New Student Picnic:</b> Booster Club needs to have representation in order to encourage volunteerism. Perfect opportunity to begin soliciting volunteers for our big events. Event will be held in the cafeteria.</li> <li>○ Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> - <b>Fall Back to School Night.</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Weekend of September 5, 6 and 7 – <b>Wildcat Weekend:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> “Home” football game at Clarksburg Boosters may help fund spectator buses to transport students to the game We will also work with the SGA to sponsor “tailgating” at WJ before spectators are transported to Clarksburg.</li> <li>▪ Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> – Activities at WJ Dodge ball in the Gym from 12 – 4 Concessions and School Store available May offer something for younger children (scooter races, face painting, movie)</li> <li>▪ Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> – Golf Tournament – Roseanne O’Konski <b>(Ann does she go by O’Konski???)</b> Reserved 12 Tee Times No Redskins game In the process of soliciting raffle prizes. Email Roseanne with any ideas suggestions. Stacy mentioned Oakville Grille may be willing to donate a gift certificate.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – <b>Used Book Sale</b></li> <li>○ Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – <b>Italian Dinner/SGA Basketball Game</b></li> <li>○ Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – <b>Mulch Sale</b> – date dependent on resolving issues with current vendor.</li> <li>○ <b>Sports Award Nights</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fall: December 2<sup>nd</sup></li> <li>▪ Winter: March 9<sup>th</sup></li> <li>▪ Spring: May 26<sup>th</sup></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Old Business</b>	<p>Discussed issue from May Booster meeting regarding the “cap” for gifts for champion teams. Ann stated that in November of 2007, we agreed to a max. of \$65.00 per person.</p> <p>Ann will meet with the executive officers to further refine the Policy and Practice Document. She will keep other members updated throughout the summer and we will formally review and approve the updated document in the fall.</p> <p>3.0.8-3 Fund Request for the Football team camera was approved in May.</p>
<b>New Business</b>	<p>Funding Requests:</p> <p>6.0.8.1 National Honor Society New Student Picnic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Terry Forline made a motion to approve the amount of \$600.00 to assist the National Honor Society with the New Student Picnic.</li> <li>○ Second: Roseanne O’Konski</li> <li>○ Approved</li> </ul>
<b>Action Items</b>	N/A
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>Motion was made by Terry Forline to adjourn the meeting at 8:55</p> <p>Second: Wynn Gambrill</p> <p>Approved</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>Ann will schedule a meeting at her home in mid-August to discuss plans for Wildcat Weekend and other events that will occur before our next regularly scheduled meeting.</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the 2008-2009 school year will be September 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Media Center</p>