

**PMHS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
MINUTES: September 16, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to Order at 7:05 by Bill Benson..

**ATTENDEES:** Jason Bellamy, Bill Benson, Sean Abel, George Hall, Sam Marge, Sharon Castronova, Sharon Smith, Mary Price, Greg Golczewski, Carol Benson, Nancy Mahoney, Karen Lynch, Maria Lorenzo, Trisch Sadowski, Dave Caretti **(Please provide additional attendees from the sign in sheet)**

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved.

**FINANCE REPORT:** Mary Price presented the Financial Report. Ending cash balance at this time is \$19, 272. Income tax returns were filed. Trademark application was completed. IRS 990 was completed. Sales taxes were filed. Expenditures which were approved this month were:

- Merchandise \$3800
- Membership \$750 (\$300 totes, \$459 blankets)
- Concessions \$1,000
- Cash Box \$75
- BJ's membership \$100. Increased from \$75 last year but includes 2% rebate awarded bi-annually.
- Cheerleading ¼ page ad in yearbook \$85
- Footballs for Bull Roast \$250

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR UPDATE:** Jason Bellamy provided the following report:

- Jason met with five students who attended the MPSSAAA Student Leadership Conference last year. They are looking for ways to be involved including:
  - Student Announcers at game. Working on student script.
  - Increasing school spirit at school by partnering with local business and hanging our sports uniforms throughout the community and the school.
- Cheerleaders were present at meeting and showed new uniforms purchased by Boosters.
- Homecoming Football games will be pre-sale this year
- Marching Band has volunteered to use new seating for Friday night games to allow more fans to attend.
- There will be no festivities after Home Coming this year.
- Cars will not be allowed on the track for Home Coming this year..

## **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

### **Community Relations:**

- Renewals went out this week to existing sponsors. New drive underway to obtain new sponsors.
- PNC will be repeating “Month of Giving” in December – Boosters will receive monies from this event.
- Banner has been ordered and should be received this week.
- Students are looking for Volunteer Hours. They will help with the sponsor recruitment. George and Sam will log their hours and Bill Benson will sign off.

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### **Merchandising:**

- Store in school is open on Fridays at lunch time. Need additional volunteers to help with manning the store.
- Sales of merchandise have been going well, sold out of most merchandise and new stock has been ordered.
- Online store is now open again. We made \$96 dollars the first month the store was open. Need to consider options for expanding use of the online store and getting the address out to potential customers. Some suggestions included:
  - Promoting the link on Edline
  - Email blast to Booster members with link to Edline
  - Hand out flyers at Concession Stand
  - Advertise on scoreboard
- Discussion ensued over whether we should and how we can expand our customer base. It was decided that we should only offer garments with school sanctioned functions – start with what is in the Yearbook

### **Membership:**

- 96 paying members
- Running out of “give aways” for membership and need to replenish inventory. Approved to purchase totes and blankets.
- Will consider purchasing umbrellas and stadium seats later in the year.

### **Scholarship:**

- Dan is continuing to work on Scholarship Committee.
- Mark Buzminsky is looking for a place to serve and may consider helping with the Scholarship Committee.

**Team Liaisons:**

- Maria Lorenzo accepted the offer to Chair this Committee. She will be seeking help from other volunteers.

**Concessions:**

- Concessions are going well. Sold out of every food item at the first game.
- Funding will be increased to be able to purchase sufficient volume of materials for sale.
- Indoor stand opened today.
- We have several big games coming up and need volunteers to keep the stands open.
- Unless volunteers are available, stand may not be open for all games.

**Bull Roast:**

- Carol is looking for a co-chair for this event to be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Richlin Ballroom.
- Ticket prices will be \$40 each. No tables will be sold for reduced prices.
- DJ is in place and does not require a deposit.
- Dan has offered to help again this year.
- Need to get baskets from each Team.
- Need to solicit local business support.
- Volunteers are need to begin getting things in place.

**Bingo:**

- Courtney West is willing to offer assistance to the individual who chairs this event.
- A couple of Booster members expressed interest in helping with this event – they will be contacted.

**Program Book/Webmaster:**

- John and Mitch are working in folders for sports programs.

## **BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION:**

### **Summary of September Board Meeting:**

- Expenses for Membership
- Merchandise
- Concessions
- School Board Meeting
  - Sales of stickers is going well
  - Bill is continuing to work with other Harford County Booster programs on the Pay to Play program
  - Bill met with local politician on possible lawsuit. He has offered his support if needed.
  - Booster Club legally cannot aid in the payment of these fees for any students.

### **Committee Member Positions:**

- Please see comments in Committee Updates

### **Trademark filing:**

- This has been filed. Check has been cased. Waiting for additional information.

### **Sideline Scorer's Table:**

- Table is in place on the sidelines, and is the correct colors.
- Received \$375 refund
- Vendor offered seats – has not been decided if we will accept offer at this time.

### **Raven's Fundraiser:**

- We have 35 volunteers at this point. Will give Ravens a head count of 45 for the September 22<sup>nd</sup> game.
- If we go outside the sports programs for volunteers, we have agreed to give \$20 per individual volunteer to their program .
- Group will meet at school at 8:30 a.m. Need to be at Gate A by 10:00.
- No bags may be brought into the event, including purses unless clutches.
- No opposing team colors may be worn.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Ravens fundraiser November 28<sup>th</sup>
- Homecoming October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>
- Bull Roast November 2<sup>nd</sup>
- American Education Week November 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

Next General Membership Meeting October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Trisch Sadowski