BHS Booster Board

Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2019

Prepared by Linda Persigehl, secretary.

Present: Curt Bohn, pres.; Tracy Behnken, VP; James Bartels, treas.; Linda Persigehl, sec.; Danita Diamond, Kairi Prososki, Chuck Oborny, Brittanie Butterfield, Angie Knutsen-Smith, Keo Jorgenson, Joni Schulz, at-large members; Greg Lamberty, AD. Absent: Kim Lueders, concessions coord.

Curt called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

James gave the treasurer’s report: Clothing - $30,065.70; Concessions - $31,386.98; Savings - $28,784.87. The group reviewed the profit-loss statement for the fiscal year.

Greg went over which spring athletic events BHS will be hosting at its home field. Most will be here, as track and outfield should be ready. Boosters will work concessions for these events. Infield will not be ready, so soccer will be held at Bennington Elementary. Outside student groups will be asked to work concessions at these games. Curt, James and Danita will coordinate money boxes for spring events.

James said he will contact our accountant about getting an extension on filing taxes. Curt will review our tax-exempt status as a parent group attached to a school. (Do equipment purchases qualify as tax exempt?) We should also re-affirm tax exempt status with Cubby’s, Casey’s and Godfather’s.

Tracy reported Athletic Boosters membership was 149, for total dues of $10,175.

We discussed how we missed a few member payments, and how we need to streamline membership signup, bookkeeping next year. More discussion to follow.

Tracy suggested putting out examples of parent buttons, senior athlete banners at signup table so new members are aware these items are included in membership.

Brittanie gave clothing report. At request of coach, she has added soccer logo to apparel items.

About $2,200 was generated from State basketball tshirts/sweatshirt sales. 30 percent of profit will go to FBLA for helping with distribution. She also sold apparel during parent-teacher conferences (sales were fair) and during 8th grade orientation night (good! $800).

Linda will send out another email about apparel sales on our website to booster members.

Kairi gave concessions report. She shut down auxillary concessions stand, moving merch. To main stand.

Angie will work with Kairi on making a food/pop order for baseball. Curt will get Angie a credit card. Kairi will share log-in, password for ordering pop online.

Will soon need to move all merch. Down to main outdoor concessions for track, baseball, soccer to use.

 A funding request was read by Greg.

1. Track coaches asked for 16 hurdles at $149.95 ea. For total $2,399.20. This is another (third?) installment of new hurdles, with goal of total replacement. Old hurdles are being donated to middle school track.

 Tracy motioned to approve purchase. Curt seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Greg said he suggested Track coaches “shelf” a request for soccer team coats, as by the time the coat order would be made and shipped (likely May), the weather will be warm and coats won’t be needed. They will submit funding request instead next winter.

Junior class post-prom committee has asked for a money donation toward post prom prizes or sponsorship of a carnival ride/game. After discussion, it was decided such a donation to a non-sporting event would set a precedent for other groups to make similar requests. Instead, it was decided we should instead make a non-monetary donation. We settled on two gift baskets, one for a male and one for a female, of Badger apparel and gear to donate to the Junior class prize table. Brittanie will visit with Tracy Wullenwaber, post-prom prize coordinator.

Curt said he is privately raising money to build concessions stand down by the softball field. Goal is $4,000 by May 15. An anonymous donor has donated $1,250 toward project already. Total cost of shed, electrical work, plumbing, etc. is estimated at $9,000. BAL will fund half. If $4,000 can’t be raised, Boosters may be asked to contribute. TBD.

Curt said he is working on the Spring Sports programs.

He reported 50-60 senior BHS students had applied for Bennington Foundation scholarships. 29 of those students qualified as candidates for a Booster Club scholarship. Scholarship committee will continue to wittle number down using coaches’ scores, essays, other criteria to choose final four recipients.

Curt said he is still visiting with a few interested parties about being at-large booster board members next year, filling volunteer and concessions coordinator jobs, and training as clothing coordinator, including Kris Limbaugh, Kelly Hillbrands, and Keo Jorgenson.

Linda will send out another email to boosters asking for interested parties to contact Curt for more info, letting them know executive board will be voted on at April meeting.

Next meeting is set for Wed., April 3rd.

Curt called the meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.