



RM Boosters Meeting Minutes March 6, 2014

Present: Bill Burchett, Shannan Cole, Darlene Din, Brenda Dunham, Jeanine Gould-Kostka, Jon Freda, Josh Klotz, Robert Longest, Charlene McClelland, Phil Page, Wally Reed Jr., Mary Rochon, Lance Simon, Steve Schuck, Keith Umbel, Annette Rauh

1. Call to Order 7:08

2. Approval of February Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of February meeting was made and passed.

3. Booster President's Message – Bill Burchett

We are looking for more volunteers for nominating committee and board positions, but also for other opportunities such as driving kids during mulch sale.

4. Athletic Director's Report

Boys swimming made State Championships; boys track: won State Championships in 4x800; wrestling: Thomas Fitzpatrick won Regional Championships, David Silverberg made 3rd place and both are going to State Championships on March 7, 2013;

New coaches for spring: JV softball coach: Erin Wright; JV girls lacrosse: Rodney Mullinex; Track and Field assistant coach: Tony Lumpkin (He also is a football coach.)

Spring schedule: First game March 21. The water in outdoor facilities is not turned on because of the cold weather.

5. Treasurer's Report - Darlene Din

Made concession deposits, account is balanced as of Feb. 28, 2014.

6. Committee Debriefs / Discussion Items:

- Merchandise Update – Charlene McClelland/Susan Silverberg: Spirit store was open at basket ball game.
- Website– Brenda Dunham: Dodgeball: rules and applications are available on website. Announcement page lists Rocket champions, and mentions of athletes in Gazette and Washington Post. Mulch page is live and accepting orders. Spring photos have not been scheduled because of weather.
- Events/Outreach – Shannon Cole: spring potluck will be on Thursday, March 13, 2013, 7pm. Mylene is working on flyers.
- Dinner fundraisers - Doug Campbell/Jeanine: Next fundraiser will be from March 17 to 21 at Paisano's for lunch and dinner. Bring flyer.
- Concessions – Keith Umbel: We are transitioning from winter to spring; food is moved from inside to outside; we ordered a new grill, which still needs to be assembled.
- Membership – Barb Kunstman; no update yet
- Mulch Sale – Robert Longest: Last year we sold over 10,000 bags, with a revenue of \$57,000; of that \$11,000 was in orders on day of delivery. Flyers will be distributed on March 8, 2014. Ordering deadline is Thursday, March 27, 2014. Delivery will be Saturday, March 29, 2014. Bags cost \$2.50/bag, and will be sold for \$5/bag. Shift schedules for mulch distribution will be worked out next week. Spreading is offered again. Many volunteer opportunities are available, especially driving trucks until late afternoon. Pick-up trucks and drivers very welcome. The more trucks the smaller the shifts. We also need parents to drive kids to distribution areas. Sign-up genius might be sent to coaches by Jon

Freda. Gazette should be notified for calendar section. Drink donations welcome. Advertising went out to feeder schools we will follow up. Email blitz to addresses of last year will go out next week with a follow up a week later and a final email during last week. Yard signs available! (Especially for high traffic yards.) Robert will have more signs at potluck. Word of mouth is important, please spread the word.

- Golf – Paul Whaley: Tournament date is set for Monday, May 19, 2014.
- Scholarship Committee – Catherine Parish will serve as chair and is looking for 4 new members. Brendan Lane and Doug Watson might participate. If you do not have a senior in the upcoming school year, consider joining.

7. Old Business

- Fencing and Dugouts: Fencing: We got fence permit MCPS approval for fencing. Andrew Silverberg is getting permit from Rockville.
- Dugouts: Assumed structural engineer would do the work pro bono. Emailed today to say he will do it for \$700. Found 2nd engineer who will work pro bono but may not stamp work because of liability concerns on pro bono work. He said he should be done by Monday, and returned it to architect without stamp. We have MCPS approval to do it. Will confer with architect and engineer on how to get stamp and how much we have to pay if that is necessary.
- Mulch Sale Delivery on March 29 and flyer handout day on March 8, 2014.
- Dodgeball: Event will take place on March 14. No team has signed up yet. Karen Morgan is organizing this fundraiser. Sign up tables will be in school next week.

8. New Business/ Open Discussion Items

- Nominating Committee: We never had one before. We would like 2 or 3 people to seek incoming board members. Board elections are coming up in May. Board terms start on June 1, 2014.
- Jon Freda asked for more funding and submitted examples of how the funds are spent. The additional funds would be used for spring orders and to pay outstanding expenses such as winter orders, coach buses (were needed twice in winter). Motion to grant \$10,000 to athletic department was made and accepted.
- Jeanine: Board is working on amendments to by-laws, which will be submitted at May meeting, after the Board had 30 days review period. The amendments are necessary because Board needs greater flexibility, such as scheduling calendar and meeting days. Brenda will post proposed amendments on website.
- Phil suggested to Jon Freda to let Boosters know where their funding went to. Jeanine seconded by stating how many positive reviews the Tide ad received that highlighted Boosters funding last fall.
- Monitors: no updates. Request at MCPS still open.

9. Adjournment at 8:03pm