



## RM Boosters Meeting Minutes October 9, 2014

**Present: Andrew Silverberg, Brenda Dunham, Rori Kochman, Jeanine Gould Kostka, Barb Kunstman, Karen and Rusty Morgan, Steve Schuck, Susan Silverberg, Lorin and Doug Umbel, Doug Watson, Chamy Wijeratne, Annette Rauh**

**1. Call to Order at 7:05**

**2. Approval of September Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes was made, seconded and approved.

**3. Booster President's Message – Andrew Silverberg**

Thank you for working hard. Things are looking good.

**4. Athletic Director's Report – Chamy Wijeratne**

Teams are doing well. New Hall of Fame wall is up. Homecoming will be on Friday. News regarding baseball field: Department of Facilities is still waiting for state permit for remediation; this permit is needed because of the size of the project. Work will take about one month. MCPS is still convinced that the field will be ready for the spring season. MCPS promised in a meeting in September that they would file for the permit. Damon is engaged but has not made any calls. Chamy, Damon, a coach and Bill Burchett are working on the issue. Update concerning the issue of adding irrigation to the field: MCPS had denied similar requests. Parents present demanded that MCPS should provide a field if the RMHS field is not ready. Susan Silverberg wants it on record that it is unacceptable that the RMHS field is ignored. Chamy said that RM principal is ready to do what is needed. Chamy will send out Amazon link for holiday season.

**5. Treasurer's Report – Rusty Morgan and Doug Watson**

Rusty: We are solvent. \$14,400 income; expenses dugout from last year covered by income last year. Facilities maintenance covers the new stadium speakers.  
Balance sheet: Bank account: \$20,089.

**6. Committee Debriefs / Discussion Items**

Fundraising – Steve Schuck:

- Merchandise – Charlene McClelland/Susan Silverberg: We have \$1200 sales vs 600 last year. This is a 56% increase. We have no merchandise left. Restocking for holiday season is another big expense. Rocket pride shirts for students will cost only \$10. Thank you to those who helped at Back to School Night. UnderArmour sweatshirts sold out twice. The budget still has \$5,000 for restocking.
- Concessions – Keith Umbel: Stanchions helped with crowd control at football games. Sales of the first two football games were especially good. Sales at Thursday night's game were not so good. Chick-fil-A sandwiches were well received and sold out. Ed Lee has been getting them for concession stand. They have limited fundraising potential since we are only allowed to sell for \$1 profit. So concessions sells Chick Fil A meals (with drink etc.) to boost profit. Bad news: There are not enough volunteers to cover for field events during the rest of the season. This week, we had three events and concessions could not open because of lack of coverage. Rori tried to help and sent emails to coaches and team parents. Students cannot sell without parent supervision. Varsity games are not covered since JV games are over and parents will not volunteer any longer. Remedy suggested:

Can coaches ask parents, send more targeted specific email with link to make sign up easier.

- Membership – Barb Kunstman: We now have 148 member households compared to 114 households last year. Breaking out booster members to team roster: 87% Field Hockey, Boys soccer has a very low percentage, Tennis is 0%. We will be sending out a Spanish/English letter to kids via coaches.
- Dinner Fundraisers – Jeanine Gould Kostka: October 20: Chipotle 50% with flyer (!) and Sweet Frog 20%; October 29: Miller Ale House; November 12: Five Guys 15%, Marble Slab Creamery 20%; December 9: Rocklands Barbeque 20%.
- Banner Sales – Doug Hemmig: He is collecting the fees. When you go to Sweet Frog, thank them for banner. Amazon banner wanted by Andrew.

Programs – Jeanine Gould Kostka

- Events/Outreach – Shannan Cole, Mylene Ouimette: Nothing to report.
- Team Parent Liaison – Rori Kochman: I am trying to find a way to engage team parents more. Chamy suggested that she has letter ready for winter sports to give out to every athlete.
- Website – Jeanine Gould Kostka: Brenda has been updating, flyers there. Rocket Athletics has updated calendar.

## **7. Old Business**

- Baseball field update – Bill Burchett: See Athletic Director's report.
- Dugouts completion: are completed.

## **8. New Business/ Open Discussion Items**

- Fun Run: A race director was identified. He will charge about \$1,000 to \$1,300. Race director will assist with permitting etc. We are talking about starting the race at RM. A planning committee should start. Paul Whaley will connect with sponsors. \$40 entry fee on day of and \$25 before event is being considered.
- Jeanine: Thank you for paying for The Tide ads.
- Brenda: Photos: Fall photos completed and delivered.

## **9. Adjournment at 8:20**