Arlington High School Booster Club

General Meeting Agenda

November 23, 2015

Welcome

Call to Order at 7:04 PM

Introductions – George Boulton – Dollars for Scholars

**Present:** Mike Carlton, Marc Rosson, Bill Landry, Theresa Hinrickson, Kristine Hinojosa, Kathy Estes, Linda Bollinger, George Boulton, Shawna Gould

Minutes from October 19, 2015

1st Theresa Hinrickson 2nd Linda Bollinger

Motion to approve - All in favor.

Treasurer's Report (Marc Rosson)

Basketball concessions – Marc explained that there is $2,000 budgeted as income for concessions, whereas the by-laws state this amount is not to exceed $5,000. Marc feels this amount is a bit aggressive given the amount that has been utilized in previous years, and the amount needed to run the concession stand effectively. This was informational and no action was taken.

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The Booster Club has a new locking mailbox with two keys. Marc has one and Dina has the other.

There is a difference between cash and club balances of $12 on the bank ledger. This is viewed as a positive amount, and it is a reduction of the previous amount.

A big check went our for graduation night. There were 2 large deposits from online fundraising and sports medicine, which will be donated back to the ASB.

We are looking at creating a policy stating we won’t use Snapraise for Airie.

1st Linda Bollinger 2nd Michelle Hinrickson

Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report - All in favor

**OLD BUSINESS**

Basketball Concessions

There is one more meeting prior to the start of basketball, so we will have the opportunity to discuss basketball concessions volunteers at that time.

Booster Club members will have a separate line to enter basketball games this year. This will be manned by Booster Club volunteers.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Basketball Concessions

Basketball concession volunteers should be added to the website. We will also need a person to run the ticket booth, so a volunteer spot will need to be placed on the website for this as well. Michelle said 3 people running the concession stand is ideal.

Marc expressed that we need to orient ourselves to the rules for selling and serving food so we are in compliance with items that require a food handlers permit, and those that do not.

Budget Concerns, presented by Marc Rosson

There is less money coming into our current budget compared to previous years, and Marc expressed we may want to consider making adjustments to this year’s budget so next year’s budget won’t be as tight as is projected. The 2014-2015 budget was the starting point when the budget was reviewed this year. It was discovered that funds were not saved from the reserve on the 2014-2015 budget. Instead, these funds were distributed to the existing budget. When Marc pulled this to the 2015-2016 budget, there was no consideration for allocating money to the reserve. If we continue spending as projected this year, we will have only $2,800 remaining at the end of the year. This year we started out with $25K, whereas we’ll have only 10K starting next year if we do not make modifications. Mark stated there is adequate money in this year’s budget to allow for some reduced spending to build up the reserve. We can also do more fundraising. We can also increase the amount it costs to become a member. The consensus was the best option is getting more members.

Michelle and Mike stated we should look at all avenues for trimming this year’s budget and/or increasing revenue. A discussion was opened with many ideas on how to both raise funds and increase membership.

There is a desire to have students accessing the Student In Need fund give back to the community in exchange for the funds they receive – through community service or some other avenue. Many ideas were discussed on how to organize this. Mike will touch base with Kristine and the counselors regarding how best to move forward with this.

Dollars for Scholars – George Boulton

Booster Club was one of the first donors to Dollars for Scholars and George expressed appreciation. He asked if it would be beneficial for us to review our criteria, which would need to be completed by December 15th. George explained they need to move the selection date back so that the information can get delivered to the appropriate people so the information is ready for awards night. The new date for applications is March 15th. $80,000 was given out to approximately 75 students last year. There are new rules this year – deadlines are critical and cannot be extended and all materials must be included to have a complete application. George said we may want to consider giving less scholarships with higher amounts so they have a greater impact.

Request for Funds

Knowledge Bowl Club (Ben Mendro) – request of $275 to send 3 students to the Knowledge Bowl.

Motion to approve Request for Funds - All in favor.

**DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Academics (Linda Bollinger)

Looking into a new frame for the honor roll board, or a better way to mount it so it’s more secure.

Creative Arts

No director yet

Student Activities (Theresa Hinrickson)

No report.

Staff Activities (Kathy Estes)

No report.

Athletics (Michelle Williams)

No report.

Fine Arts (Open)

No report.

Membership (Open)

196 members to this point. Signs have been ordered.

AHS Principal Remarks and Information (Kristine Hinojosa)

Kristine said the Booster Club’s support of the staff dinner during conferences and the staff appreciation movie cards was greatly appreciated.

Waitroom rack – They are looking at an alternative solution to fund the racks as there is also a need to purchase state of the art microphones, which is a $20K investment. Bryan said splitting the gift between the two might be the best way to go. This was being tabled to the next meeting.

Levy Committee – Kristine passed out the levy brochure. She stated a key activity is giving the gift of time to write a letter to the editor supporting the schools and encouraging parents to vote. A schedule of the letter timeline was passed out, sample letters, outlines, etc. AHS is needing 20 letters to the editor.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING – January 20, 20116

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:05 PM.