



Rockville High School Booster Club Meeting
February 4, 2009



Minutes

In attendance: Jeff Carmines, Sheila Carmines, Ann English, Paul Fahrner, Mark Kitsoulis, Steve Kubasik, Dr. Debra Munk, Richard Nichols, Phyllis Taylor, Stan Thomas, Susan Weinstein, John Vlahakis

No minutes from January meeting to report on.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Steve Kubasik

- Detailed records from winter sports snack bar operation to be compiled/reported soon.
- Susan has been depositing while Steve has been out of town.
- There's been a good deal of APP activity.
Month to date: \$38,000 revenue
 \$ 8,000 expenses
- Revenue is \$60,000 away from expected year-to-date – almost \$30,000 of profit and we budgeted \$37,000 so getting close.
- Need to check with Paul to see what track events we'll get, but with RM up and running they may get all the City of Rockville track meets.
- Discretionary officer donations still to be made – should be allocated before we commit allocation to AD (line item 45) – 2 have been made.
- For Mulch sale – have set up to pay on the web similar to APP Google account; have purchased our own web name for mulch sale – RHSMULCH.COM or RHSMULCH.ORG (should point people to “.org” but “.com” is linked to go to “.org”)
- Have tried working with PayPal and Google, but Google seems to be friendlier to use from an administrative side. Can go in and look where we are and see our goal much easier than with PayPal the way it worked last year.
- Honey-Baked ham sent in a check – need to be thanked.
- Insurance – of some kind for BC? Nonprofit status is being reactivated. Mike Sorrell, freshman parent, can help set up with IRS and handle taxes. Need to file a tax return.
- No specific tax ID number for BC just yet.
- 2 bills need to be sent to Dr. Munk: 1 for pop corn and 1 for T-shirts for journalism speakers.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR – Paul Fahrner

- Winding down winter season. Playoffs beginning soon.
- Had 264 athletes competing in winter and only lost 2 to ineligibility. Did a good job this year. 15 straight A's, and a bunch with As and 1 B.
- Feb. 18 is “Meet the Coaches night” at 6:00-7:00pm in auditorium; will promote to Wood as well.
- BC rep to come in to 4:45 coaches meeting in staff dining room.
- Banquet date is May 20, 6-9. Price not set up yet. Menu changed a little bit.
- Heard back from Noodles and made \$2,200+. Very good turn out. May order them an appreciative plaque and then talk to manager about doing again.

- Just got a request from City of Rockville to use RHS baseball fields and said no.
- Don't see why we can't use the outfields at Broome. Lacrosse and baseball/softball doesn't tear up like football does; soccer doesn't either. The "patch" they gave us is not big enough for practice. When asked, COR representative said they will pursue Carl Sandburg center and Wood. Person to talk to about fields at Wood may be the asst. princip or financial mgr. Sandburg is an ICB facility so may be easier to get than Broome fields. Could possibly put both girls' teams at Sandburg and keep boys at Maryvale.
- Parent question on fundraising for all teams – fundraise or take busses. Mr. Fahrner encouraged all teams to help out and to fundraise. Actual money raised through fundraising goes to overall Athletic dept. Indoor track's only costs were for bus, uniforms and small amount of equipment and they only had 4-5 meets; saved money by using same uniforms for cross country and outdoor track. Has been about 2-3 years since new uniforms; got new warm-ups last year. Obligations for turning uniforms back in help get money back but some kids keep uniforms and just pay the difference. Track uniforms are easy to get as they are not complicated to make.
- Tennis or cross country hasn't turned in fall model ram award nominations. Mr. Fahrner should ask the coaches that if they don't have a nomination, to at least let John know that so he'll stop bugging them.
- Working on girls JV lacrosse coach.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Dr. Munk

- Candlelight vigil for Thiago went well – has been a tough week for all. Thank BC so much for all they do for RHS and programs.
- Dr. Weast shared with principals, and asked that they pass along to all parent organizations, that he's concerned about fiscal responsibility and parent groups keeping an even closer eye on funds due to economic times, and has put in place some safeguards because principals are ultimately responsibility for funds – each school has a bus. Mgr. who has to keep a very close eye on things. Since BC's primary purpose is to fundraise for the school, want to communicate and discuss safeguards for money. BC needs to be able to show that as an organization we've been fiscally responsible and cover our bases on that. Dr. Munk doesn't have any reason to think any funny business has been going on at RHS but it has happened at a few schools around the country. We have to protect snack bar coordinator and others who handle so much money. Form a committee to look at practices – and will include RHS business manager Pat Gamage.
- Question to Dr. Munk re Liability during mulch sale – do we need an insurance rider? No, we're covered because it's a school activity, and if people are in private cars, it'll use that person's insurance. Need to confirm that drivers have insurance.
- BC would like to take a look at the tractor that Paul bought from BC funds but no BC member has seen. Dr. Munk said Mr. Fahrner says it's used "all the time." AD position falls under the umbrella of RHS and Dr. Munk has fiscal responsibility for that.

SPIRITWEAR – Susan Weinstein

- ½ the inventory is done. There is some stuff that needs to be ordered soon.

SNACK BAR – Susan Weinstein

- Indoor snack bar bottom line is helped a LOT by kids being allowed to take food and drink into the gym. Building services doesn't like it, but we've gone from \$300 to \$500-\$700 dollars. Susan does offer up soda/hot dog left-over's to the cleaning crew.

MULCH SALE – Richard Nichols

- First meeting was 2 weeks ago, gave out most assignments with a few more assignments to go.
- Quality of mulch from potential new vendor – Dick got a sample and is about same as last year.
- Approached Country Boy about different in price; KLM came back and rescinded their price due to a non-compete agreement and added that they'd need to charge a \$1 delivery charge for Montgomery County, bringing their price up to \$3.30.
- Country Boy quoted \$3.00 (up from 2.70 last year).
- Think we need to charge \$4.50 a bag – can't go higher, so \$1.50 profit a bag with the Country Boy price. We'll make about \$10 less per order (using an average of 20 bags per order). That would be about \$435 less than we earned last year. Budget is to net \$17,000. We profit \$1 per bag for leaf gro a that's same expense. Average about 85% of our sales are for delivery. 300 and some deliveries. Answer to higher prices is better promotion.
- Promote RHSMULCH.ORG/COM. Could do a postcard mailer. Steve will check with PostNet.
- Richard offered Messers. Daddone, Fahrner & Barnes to have kids go out and spread mulch behind the delivery trucks – but while the teachers were all for it, the students were not willing to do it. Orgs. would have kept the dollars. Jeff will ask football club.
- Mulch-sale-day hours WILL count for SSL. Have some kids who are willing to get hours to put flyers on doors in various neighborhoods. Neighborhoods to target: Barnsely, Flower Valley, Manor Lake, Twin Valley.

PTSA – Stan Thomas

- Got first newsletter out, wasn't quite the quality they wanted, but second one should be out first week of March.
- Will be establishing a nominating committee for new officers.

VOLUNTEERS – Mark Kitsoulis

- Spring sports – lacrosse and track are only snack bar sports.
- Baseball – softball: How about selling candy, drinks, chips – packaged goods – sell at a table with a cooler.
- Call Carmen's Ices and ask them to sell at our home games? That way we get something with less work. **Steve to call to ask.** If it's not worth it to Carmines, we can then try to bring a cooler to baseball field to sell some soft drinks if we get a volunteer.

MODEL RAM/PARENT REPS - John Vlahakis

- Done with model ram for fall.
- Parent Rep email to go out.

APP – Jeanine McGrath

Buy your tickets for dinner/dance and keep sending in donations.

Volunteer Assignments:

- Varsity Banquet – Sheila York - Nancy Fox will help – PT to send lists of instructions to Sheila Carmines
- Get Rampage ad to Peter Daddone by Feb. 9. Will put mulch sale, English and Spanish - \$4.50 mulch, \$3.50 for leaf gro. Use Richard's email if questions. Mulch sale hours – until 3:00pm. Volunteers being asked for. Will do continual RamsNet postings.
- Nominating Committee – need volunteers; Sheila Carmines – get a copy of RHS directory to Mark Kitsoulis to go through and cull for volunteers.
- Health Evaluations – Will Pam do it? PT thinks so. Potential date: Look at June 6 – see if docs and nurses can make it in afternoon since SAT test that morning – look at Sunday afternoon in school. Would have to go through ICB. Ask about June 6 or 7 with docs and nurses.

Adjourned at 9:13pm