

Rockville High School Booster Club Meeting
June 11, 2008

In attendance: Pam Angelis, Eileen Boyd, Jeff Carmines, Sheila Carmines, Peter Daddone, Pan Denion, , Paul Fahrner, Tim Hibberd, Mark Kitsoulis, Steven Kubasik, Lennie Melvin, Duke Owen, Donna Shelly, Phyllis Taylor, Stan Thomas, John Vlahakis, Susan Weinstein, Sheila York

May Minutes – minutes were accepted as presented; any changes to be sent to Phyllis

CONCESSIONS: Lennie Melvin

- Have a track meet in July will make sure everything is set up
- Clean up will happen after
- Lennie and Susan to go to Sam's club to make name switch – but don't want to have to pay a new membership fee.
- Susan said they'll switch it to a charge card for Booster Club as a tax exempt so won't be a person's credit and won't have to personally pay and get reimbursed.
- Ann gave Lennie a new spatula and marinade brush – Ram orange!

SPIRIT WEAR: - Susan Weinstein

- Have put in request for new items to be sold
- Coming from under money that was set aside previously

TREASURER REPORT – Duke Owen

- Page 1 monthly financial - April changed due to a mathematical error so made about \$15,000 rather than \$19,000
- May column is actual numbers
- Snack bar
 - \$4,600 is due primarily to COR track meets (about \$600 per night for 6 meets).
 - Next year they'll likely go back to RM track. We were supposed to share the meets with Wootton but they were getting new bleachers and teams were in playoffs so we got all the COR meets
- Mulch
 - May was money from PayPal that remained.
 - Line 44 - \$1,000 model ram winner awards
 - Line 36 capital improvement was a reissue of a previously written check.
- June – numbers are pretty good for what is known.
 - Line 22 \$2,000 is an estimate based on what Susan said is needed for spirit wear
 - Line 29 lights reflects line 13 – pay down for year is \$2,600 with about \$15,000 outstanding on the loan. We have a written agreement with county – they bill us monthly and we make a once-yearly, no-interest payment in June. Have been able to pay what we bring in. We owe about \$1,800 a year for lights and pay out about \$2,000 (from Safeway jugs, membership line item, mulch sale line item, snack bar jug, etc.
- Budgeted \$113,000 – brought in \$91,000 and line 49 – have spent about \$55,000 so far.
- Duke will firm up all numbers and totally balance sheet.
- Question to Paul: can we to solicit use for our fields (and gym)? Is Chuck Noor the person who makes that decision? Winter basketball tournament (not each individual game) could be here. If AD hears that there are a bunch of kids for tournaments, to let BC know so we can open snack bar. Lou Clark at COR is the person to talk to re hosting events on our field (Rockville football league events, etc.). For last 3 years, our biggest snack bar events outside of football have been outside-RHS events.

- Corrections to Financial report – form should be all caps on FORM; basketball after meet the coaches
- Barbara Rossi – we send them what we have.
- PayPal account credit card is in Duke’s name but is linked to the Booster Club – but will need to be changed for new treasurer.
- Overall for year: We were down in fall, even in winter and up in the spring for income this year. Track meets did pretty well

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Dr. Munk not in attendance

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Paul Fahrner

- Had a very successful year by the amount of tournaments we won, division titles we won.
- Thanked BC – and have talked to other ADs who don’t have active BCs or any at all and thanks because the athletic department is in good shape because of BC.
- Thanked Sheila York for banquet book, and Mr. Daddone for laying out and printing
- Pom coach and varsity cheerleading coach hired.
- Planning next meet with parents for fall sports.
- Brittany Knowles is the everything JV coach for girls but won’t be coaching next year.
- Field hockey, basketball and softball – JV level – all have open coaching positions.
- In the process of ordering necessary items for next year.
- Swim coach will be teaching at Julius West and not RHS.
- Track coach is fine with starting blocks – will to be sure they have everything they need for next year.
- Had 35 girls try out for cheerleading and kept all – need more uniforms and a JV coach.
- Beware freshman eligibility.
- Question to Paul Fahrner: What is the general policy on buying uniforms for sports teams? RHS supplies full uniform but not additional clothes. Some teams are supplied with sweats as well (track, football?).
- Divisional champ banners – generally wait until end of year to update – so for the 3 teams who won divisions banners will go out for updating and be back in time for fall. New banner being ordered for individual state champs: tennis and wrestling or track – anything that had a state champion.
- Once again thanks to ALL BC officers and members for all the time and effort put in throughout the year for everything. Thanks to Duke and Lennie especially for all they’ve done and both have been tremendous assets to the BC and RHS.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE/MODEL RAM REPORT: John Vlahakis

- 21 or 23 coaches submitting a Model Ram nomination, some at the 11th hour.
- AD - Please stress again to the coaches that their write-up is a critical piece of the rating criteria. Several of the kids who were nominated would have been scored higher but for the “slim” write up. They received examples but . . . kids do a “brag sheet” at the beginning of their senior year but some of the kids were slacking on their own brag sheet. 3 kids ended up being nominated but didn’t even have a brag sheet.

PTSA REPORT: Stan Thomas

- All officer positions are filled for next school year.
- Summer mailing – Donna Shelly talked about doing a mailing during the summer with the 3 main parent groups (PTSA, BC, FORM) would give a little blurb about each, with a membership form for each – along with health evaluation flyer. There are more than the 3 – but these are the 3 that are recognizable and active. Try to send in early-mid July so

can get Aug 9 health evaluation information in it. Could include sports practice tryout out schedule, etc. Donna will spearhead this effort. Could go under bulk mail and cost could be shared between each organization. PTSA meeting next week to finalize mailing. Would be about \$400 for 1500 copies (that's what 4 pages was for health eval in 2007). Donna Nichols to supply the BC membership piece.

FORM – Donna Shelly

- Meeting was held on June 9.
- July meeting to discuss fundraising and wreath sale. Looking into another company to do the wreaths for this year.
- Marching band numbers will be down due to recruitment from Wood. Mr. Barnes is going over to Wood to try to recruit more kids.
- Mr. Barnes will be teaching AP music theory next year and is going to IB training for music as well.
- Mr. Hartman will be gone next year.

MEMBERSHIP– Donna Nichols not present

All memberships expire June 30 so be prepared to re-join at the July meeting

HEALTH EVALUATIONS – Pam Angelis

- Mailing is done in English and Spanish – needs a copier code
- Donna Shelley is 99% sure she can help on the 9th.
- Have created a flyer for Safeway and Super Fresh etc.
- Open to other schools? We'd like Fahrner to send notice to other Ads within our quad cluster (RM, Kennedy, Wheaton, Einstein) – Aug. 9, 9:00am-1:00pm.
- Phyllis has labels. Will make a copy of the labels for health mailing to give for parent mailing to Donna Shelley.
- Health forms – for RHS kids, they are kept and then given to Paul instead of giving to kid to give to coach to give to Fahrner.
- Question: do any other schools do these assessments? Sherwood used to do. Montgomery General Hospital may be running one perhaps, but we don't know.
- Use dots rather than staples to keep mailing closed.

VOLUNTEERS – Pam Angelis

Focus on volunteers for health evaluation – hoping to get out same time as report cards

BANQUET – Sheila York

- Paul did a great job again this year at the Golden Bull.
- We were down a little bit on attendance.
- Booklet had about 18-19 advertisers, much less that last year, made \$520 in advertising, \$20 came in for lights,
- Mr. Daddone helped a lot. Didn't have the software for it (adobe creative suite, photoshop) but the kids earned hours to put it together. Had only 8 ads by the deadline and then some more came in.
- In 2007 the booklet cost about \$900 and this year prices ranged from \$925-\$1200 – but Mr. Daddone spearheaded the effort and we got it for \$305 with no color.
- Not much difference in price from running 100 than 200 copies.
- Senior names weren't in the booklet.
- Mr. Daddone indicated that if OK with BC, the kids will take it on every year and start to plan it now rather than 2 months in advance. One thing talked about with Mr. Hibberd is

that when Blanton comes in to take team photos, the journalism academy can have a RHS photographer there to take senior head shots, etc., and will then have the photos much earlier in the year to make the layout and identification of all easier.

- Ideas to make whole dinner better not just booklet – perhaps a running video with kids talking, sports outtakes,

NEW BUSINESS:

- Journalism Academy: Request from Messers Daddone & Hibberd for donation:
 - paper costs up over 5%; TV equipment is old and needing repairs; about ½ of equip was out for most of 4th marking period.
 - Gazette is sending 1 person out rather than 3 so that one person would have a TV and still camera and a mic (convergence journalism – 1 person doing the work of 2 or 3). So they are trying to train RHS students in the same model.
 - Rampage has always had a great staff but next year's staff is even more interested in journalism; have a bunch going to journalism camp.
 - Next year Rampage will cost about \$300 more per issue for about \$2400 per year.
 - Spending a lot of time on web site – trying to work with the 10th graders for continuity.
 - Have tried everything from car washes, ad sales, laptop raffle, yard sale. Will be having a Ram Classic golf tournament – entire community can participate, not just RHS families.
 - Journalism academy takes no money from the board of education in order to maintain editorial freedom.
 - Some of the kids who would otherwise be involved in Rampage, are now involved with IB or other rigorous programs and can't also be involved in rampage and are getting other kids who can't necessarily supply their own equip (flash drive, tape recorder, etc.). Getting Adobe software so can work with art department, etc.
 - Originally received \$40,000 to set up the radio station; about ½ of it went to build the wall to separate studio 1 and studio 2.
 - The kids' time is stretched as well – the kids are in numerous AP classes and then they're asked to go out and sell ads and raffles, etc.
 - Editing station – currently have 3 working – about \$1,600 for the 20" monitor and media computer plus \$500 – so \$2,100
 - There are well over 200 kids in the journalism academy and they're accessing the equipment daily so it gets work out pretty quickly
 - This is really a request for funds rather than a request for help in fundraising.
 - They'll send out info to academy parents to help out on BC events; kids are already encouraged to participate in mulch sale
 - Would like to develop an internship program where the kids are interning with the BC – can work the sport angle and can work the "business" angle as well – can work it above just the newspaper angle.
 - BC needs the costs breakdown to be more detailed than just a wish-list.
- RamsNet email list serve – who maintains? 3 coordinators; Does school attempt to capture emails anywhere else. Perhaps get Dr. Munk to sign off on automatic sign-up on Ramsnet for all families who provide email addresses, unless they want to opt out.
- End of year social picnic/potluck – June 21 – Ann's house – Ann will get entrée and have drinks, need paper products, side dishes, desserts, etc. RSVP to Ann or BC site.
- Steve Kubasik: ran on a platform of starting a foundation. Concept of foundation – set bar at say - \$500,000 – raise money and don't touch it until we have that, then live off the interest, etc. This is a multi-year plan. Would like to see BC set aside a percentage of every

dollar we own for the foundation. Like the idea of partnering with the students to learn something about running a foundation. Ran some numbers and scenarios, and what-ifs. After hearing the journalism pitch don't want money available to take away from that but can partner with some of the other schools – Barnsley, Flower Valley, Wood, etc. Proposed operating principals and samples distributed as a handout.

➤ Disbursement 2008:

- Athletics – agreed to a 60% disbursement from our income
- 15% would go to SBOs to Dr. Munk to disburse – we ask for a reporting for what they spent, but not approval
- 20% of non-funded school programs: APP, marching band, others (NAACP, Latino group, PTSA) – no one came asking for money in spite of our seeking them out
- Model Ram Award and Barbara Rossi Scholarship fund.
- Discretionary funding – 5% - added this year.

Discussion:

Propose to carry over to 2008-9 \$2-3,000 to get through August for any spirit wear items and snack bar inventory (by the time we pay the bill we get the money so it's very little).

A – budgeted column – anticipated \$45,000 for year

B – close to what we have – is \$32,500 but when finish with June, it'll likely be closer to \$34,000 but pretty sure we have \$32,500 to give away.

Of \$32,500, - would give Paul \$19,500, Dr. Munk \$4,875, nonfuded, \$6,500 – etc.

Propose column E – we've done nothing with the “other” and discretionary funding so would be distributing that money between other areas, come up with give aways of Column E. Then if those monies are transferred to column F, we end up with about \$2,500 left over, inclination would be to add to Athletic dept and still have \$2500-3000 to carry-over to next year.

Question: Rather than rounding up for current disbursement methods, could we give that small amount to the journalism academy now rather than simply wait and allot them money in the budget for next year? Haven't promised amounts to anyone. No problem to sticking with line B.

There were 4 numbers we voted on last Sept: as a group we proposed the other percentages for the sub-groups based on having 20%.

Several suggestions were put out on what to do with the discretionary spending – redistribute to the 4 sub-groups, or take from other areas and give to journalism academy who saved us between \$300-600 on the booklet, which is pretty good for a last minute proposal.

Column E – 1st 2 numbers become \$19,500 and \$4,875 and bottom line goes from \$32,850 to \$33,225 (take \$325 from the carryover) and that gives \$1,000 to journalism academy, which would be listed under discretional account as going to them.

This final proposal was accepted. Outgoing treasurer Duke Owen will disperse checks as agreed.

Meet adjourned at 9:17pm