



Rockville High School Booster Club Meeting  
February 6, 2008



In attendance: Sheila Carmines, Charlie Coffman, Ann English, Paul Fahrner, Lennie Melvin, Donna Nichols, Richard Nichols, Duke Owen, Phyllis Taylor, Stan Thomas, John Vlahakis, Susan Weinstein

January Minutes: approved as written; thanks to Pam Angelis for sitting in as Secretary at the January meeting.

CONCESSIONS: Lennie Melvin

- Rolling smoothly along.
- AD Fahrner mentioned that he was walking around the track and he saw the grill was tipped over and a trash can thrown on top and looked like it could have been vandalism. RHS maintenance will clean up and Lennie said the grill was old, and very inexpensive originally, and is only used for smaller events than football so it could be thrown away.
- Indoor snack bar is doing fine and has only had one incident where no one showed up to work but Lennie pulled in some people on site and it worked out.
- Need extra people for Gym-naming evening on Friday, Feb. 8. The reception will start at end of men's game. Agenda for evening will be girls' game, naming ceremony, guys' game, then reception. Lennie mentioned that Donna Nichols and Kathleen Johnson have said they can be there. Paul can have folding tables set up in advance. Lennie and Paul to talk about specific arrangements. Have enough volunteers signed up with Pam? Lennie will check.
- AD Fahrner said that one of the Damascus people mentioned that RHS has the best indoor concessions of all the schools they play at.

SPIRIT WEAR: Lennie Melvin reported for Susan Weinstein

- Flannel pants are being shipped but not sure when they'll arrive.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Duke

- Winter is even with previous year and fall was behind a little, but BC seems to be holding our own for this year so far.
  - Varsity double-headers and Fridays still do best; overall on par with last year
  - JV games at mid-week do not do as well but still bring in dollars to the snack bar.
  - Wrestling did slightly better than last year. Sr. night sales low.
- Received \$167.20 from Heavenly Ham winter campaign
- Not shown on Treasurer's report is about \$2,000 of outstanding bills waiting to be paid and \$175 that came in from the fundraiser at Three-Brothers.
- Overall for year as of the end of January is that we are dead even with last year (if we allow for the fact that we gave \$5,000 to SBOs in middle of the year last year. We're doing well – \$20,000 that we have now, anticipate making \$20,000 on mulch sale as we did for the last 3 years, and we should be very close to what's budgeted.
- APP donation is due to be paid out and we could pay ½ of the budgeted donation now without fear. Ann English indicated that the APP budget to date is slim and BC should cut a check for ½ of our donation immediately.
- Pizza at the snack bar does well on a Friday, but not as well during week; would do better if we could keep it warm. Perhaps bring in the warmer from outside, but it's large.

Lennie indicated that she heard of some pizza places that give you a warmer; alternatively, a cable that plugs into the bag to keep them warm that way.

- AD Fahrner indicated that he knows the owners of Potomac Pizza and will ask if we can borrow one of the plugs will keep the bag warm.
- Paul indicated that Safeway told him that along with money for lights, corporate indicated that they would be sending another check but we don't know when.

ACTION ITEM – AD Fahrner to ask Potomac Pizza for warming cable.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Munk not in attendance

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Paul Fahrner

- Winter season winding down – varsity girls' basketball and swim/dive teams had very successful seasons.
- In good shape for spring sports, with a total of 5 new coaches hired, 1 to go.
- Four new lacrosse coaches
  - Tamika Jancewicz – varsity girls
  - David Martin – JV girls
  - James Hernandez – varsity boys
  - Peter Brock – JV boys
  - Numbers are borderline for fielding a boys JV team but will do a PE announcement this week and push for kids to try out (need about 20). A little added expense to purchase new uniforms (for Varsity – old ones will be passed down) new helmets for JV boys.
- New JV baseball coach – Tom Russo (per baseball web page)
- Waiting to hear from coed volleyball coach from last year.
- Will start putting out info for new poms and varsity cheerleading coaches for next year. There are two past poms dancers on RHS staff who Paul is trying to get to hold tryouts this spring and then hopefully coach in fall.
- February 28, 7:00pm – spring meet the coaches night, auditorium.
- AD meeting with coaches will be held prior to meet the coaches night.
- Date for varsity banquet – Paul will check the dates of exams and book the location.
  - *(Editor's note: June 2, 2008 selected as varsity banquet date after the meeting)*

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE/MODEL RAM REPORT: John Vlahakis

- Still need field hockey model ram nominations from fall sports – have all others.
- Time to get letters out for winter model ram nominations – basketball, wrestling, indoor track, swim/dive.
- Working on parents for spring sports - will send note out recruiting parent reps at end of February.
- Would like to have a BC member be at the coaches meeting AND at meet the coaches night to ask for parent reps volunteers.

PTSA REPORT: Stan Thomas

- There will be a Safe Teen Driving Program on March 18 either 7:00 or 7:30pm arranged by Donna Shelly following a brief PTSA meeting at the earlier time of 6:30pm. This is designed for both students and parents.
- PTSA is appointing a nominating committee chair to find new officers for next year.
- Positions open:
  - Membership
  - Staff Appreciation
  - Secretary

- Café
- Treasurer
- Others?
- There are a few underclassmen officers on PTSA and some people coming up from Wood who we hope will get involved.

FORM: Donna Shelly not in attendance

Ann English indicated that there is/was(?) a jazz band competition on Friday and they are still working on the spring trip.

MEMBERSHIP: Donna Nichols

Nothing new to report. Phyllis pointed out that there was a favorable response from the BC corporate sponsors to requests to donate to APP raffle/silent auction being held in conjunction with the APP dinner/dance fundraiser, Feb. 9, 2008.

VOLUNTEERS: Pam Angelis not present

Ann mentioned that MCPS is trying to get an accounting of how many hours parents spend volunteering. Phyllis will supply the form to post on BC web site so people can download and fill out individually. This effort culminates in spring with some kind of award. Keep an eye out for the awards event at Carver center. Why track volunteer hours? No one sure but perhaps to determine if higher performing schools have higher volunteerism.

GYM NAMING CEREMONY: Lennie Melvin/Susan Weinstein

- All set to go on food - have shopping list and Lennie will order cake, etc.
- Concerned about having enough volunteers.
- AD Fahrner thinks there will be about 100 people (or so) attending specifically for the naming ceremony.
- A notice is out on RHS alumni web site, on the sign in front of RHS, and on RamsNet.
- Average weekly gate is about \$7-800 with between 140-160 attendees. If we get 200 people at the naming ceremony that would be great.
- Poms will perform at both games.

MULCH SALE: Duke Owen

- Have had 2 meetings. Minutes available on web site.
- Ad going in to Rampage in February issue that will be similar to last year's in 2-parts, English and Spanish
- Flier is ready.
- Price is 25 cents high than last year; our price is 20 cents higher than last year.
- Donna Nichols checked on the net – Churchill is \$5.25 per bag, and RM is doing their mulch sale on the 5<sup>th</sup> also – same day, but Richard says their (RM) sale is cut down due to lack of space due to construction.
- We are positioning ourselves to go up to \$4.50 next year if necessary.
- We are going to sell LeafGro 1 cubic foot bags for \$3.50 a bag – we're getting them for \$2.20 a bag.
  - LeafGro has a great explanation on the bag of how to use it (kind of like peat moss) – an enrichment product.
  - Only pre-orders for leaf gro and no walk-up sales. Leafgro bags remaining unsold cannot be returned to Country Boy as we do with mulch, so we'll order only what we need, but must get a full pallet so may have some bags left over and can give left over to green club or horticulture lab. Get the horticulture contact to Ann. We're not ordering with the intent to give any away.

- Kids should be talking to parents that RHS is going green and talk to their parents about purchasing LeafGro.
- We are linking to LeafGro information sites from the order form from BC web site.
- Susan is in charge of mailing forms; getting Spanish translation to complete mailing.
- Lennie is in charge of signs (change 14<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>).
- Mailing will be sent out week of March 1; March 2 signs go up.
- Mail orders going to Susan's house and phone calls to Susan's phone.
- Lennie mentioned that we need to take care with the horticulture group because last year we set aside an order for someone and horticulture thought it was left over and they came and took it before the purchaser came to get it.
- Credit card stuff is being set up by Howard Hartman and needs to be tested.
- Credit card orders – PayPal charges a processing fee of approximately \$0.30 per order plus 2.9% of total. Mulch Committee will discuss best way to incorporate/recover this fee.
- Next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 20 at Duke's house.
- Richard is doing a great job as co-chair and chair-volunteer for next year.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Banquet booklet – neither Sheila York nor Pam Angelis in attendance. Fall team photos are on a disk for Sheila York to pick up from Paul Fahrner.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Ann English and Sheila Carmines

- Will hold a meeting near beginning of March.
- Are there position descriptions in the files Doug left?
- Committee for nominating should be 3-5 people.
- Donna Nichols will help on committee
- Slate should be in place for April meeting, and the election will take place in May.
- Openings:
  - President open (Ann will stay as XC member but can't stay on as president)
  - Treasurer
  - Vice President
  - Snack Bar coordinator (need phone numbers for all Lennie's contacts)
- Need volunteers for nominating committee for a meeting in end of February

#### ACTION ITEMS:

Find position descriptions  
 Organize nominating committee & meeting  
 Collect Lennie's snack bar contact information

#### APP: Ann English

- Fundraising for APP appears lower than last year.
- Dinner dance sales are slow.
- Swim team is doing the service of converting music MP3 and costs are going to APP.
- Perhaps sent a letter to senior parents to request their "recommended donation" to APP.
- Ann will ask the committee about when that letter should go out.
- Please ask senior parents to send in their APP donation.
- Dr. Munk is not in favor of senior dues going to APP, but some other schools do that.
- Senior banquet is at a less expensive place so there may be some monies left in that fund that could go to APP.

**SHARP'S STREET PROGRAM: Ann English**

If a kid is suspended instead of sitting at home, they would go to the Sharp St. program; currently 7 sites in MC now which have supervision, counseling, etc. In 2006 the administration had lined up the church across the street and they gave a key to Mr. Green, and there's been a song/dance about it ever since. It would serve RM, RHS, and Wootton. Council will hold a work session at end of February. City of Rockville has a grant that will likely put in \$15,000, and the State has already agreed to \$20,000, and only \$60,000 is needed to start the program so the County Council only needs to add \$25,000. City of Rockville brought it forward to RHS, but MC is saying since we're in COR, they're saying COR and state should fund; but still county council won't give the remaining funds even though they contribute to the 7 other MC sites. There are three schools involved and all 3 principals are ready to go. Ann will draft a letter to county council before the work session, but should it be on behalf of BC or personally? BC only or along with PTSA? The group was OK with writing on behalf of BC and PTSA (Stan will answer this). If it becomes necessary to have petitions signed, BC will help circulate for signatures.

**ACTION ITEM:**

- Ask PTSA to sign on to letter
- Draft letter

No other business.

Next meeting is March 5; Executive Committee meeting is March 12.

Next PTSA meeting is February 19.

John Vlahakis will be cup holder for March meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm

Phyllis M. Taylor  
Secretary