

# University High School Boosters Meeting

1/10/2024

- Agenda:**
- Welcome/Call to Order
  - Officer and Administration Reports
  - Administration Report (Andrea Markert)
  - Committee Chair Messages & Reports
  - Old Business
  - New Business
  - Adjourn

## Notes

### Call to order/Roll call

Meeting called to order by Jennifer McDade at 6:30 on January 10, 2024.

### Officer Reports

**President**

Jennifer  
McDade

- Quick update on IRS filing for tax exempt status (see full update in treasurer report, Shannon)
- Request for support of Shriner's ad for U High player/s. Joe Hunt came to the meeting to discuss his participation in this summer's IL Allstar Shriner game on June 15 at IWU. Funds raised through this game benefit the Shriner's Hospital for Children. Asking for support for IL Allstar Shriner game. Joe left a brochure with suggested donation amounts.
- Next steps on After Prom fundraising (Joan/Terry)  
As a summary of the background on the fundraising, typically U-High Boosters runs two fundraisers: Gold Rush and Cash Bash. Funds are used for grants and After Prom. Historically, Cash Bash raises a lot of money but also costs a lot of money and takes many volunteer hours. To alleviate some of the concerns from previous years, it was suggested to look at alternate methods to raise funds. Joan presented the option to donate online rather than by hosting a Cash Bash event which costs \$75/ticket. Feedback to the online option after discussion in October was mixed but generally favorable of exploring another option.
  - SnapRaise is an online platform that runs fundraisers with a 80/20 split. They manage everything online with a user-friendly interface. They also make it easy to track giving and cover credit card fees. Donors can choose the amount to donate over 28 days. Has seen success in boys soccer and volleyball. For reference, Cash Bash made \$16k and spent \$6k in 2023.
  - Target Amount? How much does it cost to run AfterProm? \$5k is minimum we would need, \$10k would be great, \$15k would be amazing. If we happened to raise money above and beyond, there is now a plan in place for what to do if there is extra money which is to work with Administration to spend at the school.
  - Hatch is an alternate donation site through ISU. Could we do a Boosters account that is not through the Foundation. Hatch was what was used for Giving Tuesday. Meeting with ISU on Friday (determined that the funds would need to go through the ISU Foundation.)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan B if enough isn't raised through this options is a potential other event (different venue, something different/creative). Ideas: direct mailing,</li> </ul>
<b>VP</b> <i>Tim King</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three outlets for notifying others of Boosters: Main Calendar, Andrea's Sunday email, Boosters subpage. The Boosters page was not updated. Tim will work with Steve Corrigan to ensure the page is updated.</li> <li>• After Prom background checks. Sometimes the need to get a background check might deter someone from volunteering at events, but don't let this deter you, the background check is simple.</li> <li>• Band trip chaperoning. Wonderful experience and worked with great kids. If presented with chance to chaperone, take it.</li> </ul>
<b>Secretary</b> <i>Angie Reedy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The minutes from November will be posted soon along with the January meeting minutes. We will approve both at the February meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurer</b> <i>Shannon Moreland</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See treasurer report attached at the end of this document.</li> <li>• December was relatively slow with incoming funds for spirit wear sales and a deposit of collections for Faculty Appreciation. Small expenses for Gold Rush and Credit Card fees. See attached report.</li> <li>• IRS Tax Exemption status was fully approved in December. This was setting up U-High Boosters as a full non-profit. We have a EIN and after this week will be fully approved. We could also apply for state sales tax exemption. If our income stays \$50,000/year to stay under simple tax filings.</li> <li>• Next step will be establishing PayPal or other methods for tax exempt organizations to receive funds electronically or via CC. This will need to replace our current system used to accept credit card payments.</li> </ul>
<b>Resource Review</b> <i>Chris Grieshaber</i>	<b>Funding Requests</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

### **Administration Report (*Andrea Markert – Principal*)**

- Thank you for gift cards donated for teachers in December!
- Ms Corpus (Chorus) is retiring so we have a job opening for next year.
- Admission season
  - Advertising on the Bloomington buses, large billboard by ISU Alumni Center, flyers around town (available for parents to take and hang),
  - Andrea will share application with Boosters next month, Application is available in all languages.
  - Priority students are Metcalf students, teacher's children, siblings of current students. Looking for specifics in extracurriculars,
- Prospective student open house January 31. There will be a Parent Panel and will be asking for parent volunteers in Sunday email
- Summer School information will come out in March
- Spirit wear from graduated students can be donated to lower income students if brought to the Main Office
- TeacherEase has a glitch when printing report cards changing some grades to an F. This is being worked on.
- Standards Based Grading is not a GPA. The grades will be transferred to a letter grade.

## Committee Reports

<p><b>Counseling Center Updates</b> Courtney O'Connor</p>	
<p><b>After-Prom</b> Carrie Kieser</p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> After-Prom provides a safe place for the students to go after the dance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cash Bash/FUNDRAISER for PROM AND BOOSTERS</b> Joan Pacetti Terry Ogunleye</p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To plan and execute the Cash Bash event. - THIS YEAR'S GOAL WILL NOT ONLY BUT TO HELP TO SUPPORT THE PROM BUT ALSO TO WORK AS An ALL-OVER FUNDRAISER FOR BOOSTERS WHICH SUPPORTS ALL UHIGH CO-COORICULARS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>Gold Rush Raffle</b> Megan Brent Kim Ekhoﬀ</p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To coordinate the raffle which is one of Boosters largest fundraisers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No new ticket sales, but our community continues to be extremely generous - of the \$1300 in prizes, so far \$675 has been donated back with others expressing they are using the winning for specific school fundraisers as well.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Directory</b> Aslihan Spaulding</p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To provide a listing of all U-High students &amp; families for reference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>Faculty/Staff Appreciation (FSA)</b> Tara Kruger, Amanda Esparza, Amanda Fisher</p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To provide meals and gifts to the faculty/staff to show our appreciation. This may include late start breakfasts, parent-teacher conference dinner, and freshman testing dinner. Additionally, gifts will be provided at the holidays and teacher appreciation week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>Homecoming game dinner with Alumni Association</b> Felicia Goodman</p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Connecting with Alumni and building a sense of community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hospitality</b> Sudha Bodavula</p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To provide a welcoming environment along with food/drink for our 3 hosting events: 1) Open House in September, 2) Prospective Student Open House (usually in January), and 3) Freshman Testing in April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will be working at Student Open House.</li> <li>• Sudha will send out a Sign up Genius for help working at the hospitality table.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hospitality (For Dances)</b> Amie Kincaid, Michele Mathieson</p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To provide hospitality to our dances (back to school, black-light, and Class Night dances)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>Spirit-Wear</b> Amy Westbrook Angela Null</p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> The purpose is to sell spirit wear and take proceeds to boosters as well as to promote U-High spirit in the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online order in February</li> <li>• Freshman class testing night.</li> <li>• Possible spirit wear garage sale</li> </ul>
<p><b>Recognition – Good for U Award</b></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> The purpose of the Good for U Award is to recognize a student for contributions made outside of traditional academic and sports accolades. This may include acts of kindness, outstanding effort, resolution of issues, etc. Nominations may also be done for teachers &amp; administrators for their contributions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>Website/social media</b></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To ensure we have a positive presence &amp; info available on our website.</p>

*Kelli Kiefer*

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### **Representative Reports – Sharing for recognition and support from the Boosters**

<b><i>Band</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The band had a successful trip to Florida over Christmas break. The band won many awards at the Florida parade!</li></ul>
<b><i>Choir</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
<b><i>Dance</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
<b><i>Orchestra</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
<b><i>Orchesis</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
<b><i>Speech</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
<b><i>Theater</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
<b><i>Sports/Clubs</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
<b>STEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
<b>Girls Golf</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
<b>Cheer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
<b>Boys Soccer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
<b>Girls Swimming</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
<b>Boys Football</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
<b>Boys Wrestling</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
<b>Girls Tennis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
<b>Girls Softball</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Next meeting – February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 – Wednesday --- Library

### **Adjourn**

- Motion to close was made by Eric Thome and Sudha Bodavula seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

**Attendees:** Joan Pacetti, Kate Hunt, Sudha Bodavula, Ryan Convery, Collette Fung, Eric Thome, Danielle Holzbauer, Christ Grieshaber, Erin Easter, Megan Brent, Bunny King, Andrea Markert, Tim King, Jennifer McDade, Shannon Moreland, Angie Reedy

**Treasurers Report:** See report below.

