

# University High School Boosters Meeting

11/7/2023

- 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 Angie Reedy at 6:30 on November 7, 2023.

### Officer Reports

<b>President</b> Jennifer McDade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tim is substituting for Jennifer tonight and welcomed everyone to the meeting.</li></ul>
<b>VP</b> Tim King	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
<b>Secretary</b> Angie Reedy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The minutes from October need to be approved. Jennifer McCarron made a motion to approve the minutes. Erin Easter seconded the motion and the motion passed.</li><li>• Please send agenda items to me as soon as possible. Thank you!</li></ul>
<b>Treasurer</b> Shannon Moreland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• See treasurer report attached at the end of this document.</li><li>• Faculty Appreciation raised some money for a separate fundraiser.</li><li>• Gold Rush has now added the step to ask winners before mailing their checks to see if they would like to donate their winnings to a specific club</li><li>• All forms for the tax-exempt status are complete so the application process is complete. we are Waiting for official approval.</li></ul>
<b>Resource Review</b> Chris Grieshaber	<p><b>Funding Requests</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Band</b></li></ul> <p>The U-High band is in the initial process of raising \$20,000 for band equipment, instruments and props for future marching band competitions. The primary, and initial focus, is to replace broken instruments and equipment. A few examples of this are cracks in cymbals, holes in the bass drum, dented/broken tuba for concert choir, and snare drum harnesses that slip causing issues for the performers (we've repeatedly tried to "Fix" these over the last couple of years and they are on last legs). In speaking to Mr. Landes, he spent time last year researching a convertible tuba that could be used both for concert band and marching band. A "basic" starter version was \$5,000. As you can see, costs add up quickly!</p> <p>There are approximately 75-100 students in band</p>

Our request from Boosters is for \$500 intended on purchasing one of the 3-4 harnesses needed for the percussion. Mr. Landes directed us to work with the students and Sara (ISU percussion student teacher) to review and find a suitable harness that would give students support they need, and also be sturdy enough to last multiple years. He believes the current harnesses were purchased roughly 10 years ago through a parent donation. A good quality harness will cost approximately \$400 - \$500. With the Booster support we could purchase at least one harness and have some money left for part of a second purchase.

The following are strategies we have employed or are hoping to employ over the next 6 months:

- 1) Individual donations - matching gifts through employers
- 2) Grants for volunteer work
- 3) Dine to donate - starting with Krispy Kreme the week of 10/16
- 4) 50/50 raffle and concessions at various Uhigh/ISU events
- 5) Kids want to help with bake sales, tshirt sales, etc.
- 6) A formal campaign targeting current band families and all alumni band members. We are in initial discussions with the ISU Foundation. We have a site, which appears to be very similar to the SnapRaise site we discussed at the last Booster meeting. Our hope is to potentially use this to put together a formal campaign.

To date the band has raised about \$7,000

Angela Null made a motion for \$1,000 to go towards this request for harnesses and instrument repair. Jennifer McCarron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Basketball (Boys and Girls)**

The boys and girls basketball program have purchased a Dr. Dish shooting machine from Illinois Wesleyan University for \$2,700. The shooting machine allows for our basketball players to get shots up in an efficient manner that doesn't require a rebounder or a passer. The machine collects shots and funnels them into a machine that will pass to the players. This allows our players to get shots up in an easy and efficient manner. A player could get 500 shots up in 20-25 minutes, where without the Dr. Dish it could take up to 90 minutes to get 500 shot attempts. This is a huge advantage to our program; we have purchased one 7 or 8 years ago and it has held up really well. This is a second Dr. Dish which will allow both the boys and girls programs in and out of season to efficiently work on their shot and drastically improve. By adding a 2nd Dr. Dish we will be able to serve more of our student athletes at the same time and make practice time more efficient as well. Within certain PE classes U-High Students are able to get the Dr. Dish out and get a work-out in as well. The Dr. Dish Shooting Machine is used year round by U-High Student Athletes in the boys and girls programs. A brand new Dr. Dish is over \$5,000 and we got a great deal on this one because of our relationship with the IWU coaches. They purchased a new one and were willing to give us a great deal on the 2nd one for us. Other schools in our town and conference have 3-4 Dr. Dishes, this is not viewed by our programs as a want, it is viewed as a need to remain competitive.

60+ U-High Students are impacted by this request each year. We anticipate this current Dr. Dish will work without issues for a minimum of 5-7 years and then small maintenance will need to be done.

The boys and girls are requesting reimbursement from Boosters for the \$2,700 purchase of the Dr. Dish from Illinois Wesleyan University. We have already paid for the Dr. Dish and it has arrived and our players have been using it. We are requesting that Boosters cover 100% of the purchase due to the importance that it serves both of our programs. The Boys and Girls programs split the cost equally at \$1,350 a program. If boosters is not able to cover 100% of the cost, the boys and girls in the basketball programs would greatly appreciate any help that boosters is able and willing to give. The last request that boys basketball has made from boosters was nearly 7 years ago and I believe that boosters covered half of the cost of our original Dr. Dish Shooting Machine, since our programs do not make many, if any, requests from boosters we hope that is taken into consideration when we do make a request.

The Basketball programs at U-High fundraise through our Summer Basketball Camps and this year we will be doing a Free-Throw-A-Thon fundraiser during the Winter Season.

Girls basketball received \$500 for uniforms last year. The Boosters guideline has been \$500 evert two years for each group requests.

Megan Brent made motion to give \$1,500 towards this basketball shooting machine. Eric Thome made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- We are in the winter sports season now. Had such success during the Fall sports. Girls basketball starts next week.
- There is an opening in the main office. Hoping to hire someone by the end of the week.
- Met with architects for Chemistry lab. We raised \$300,000 and the district will cover remainder. Construction will start day after school is over and be done by July 31. First will do asbestos abatement. This lab is from the 1960s.
- Design Lab meet next on Monday. We should have info this week about the number of groups we will have. Alumni will help with this.
- Giving Tuesday, November 28. Trying to get a new John Deere gator. This is used for sports and other PE classes.
- Incidences of swatting. If students are in danger, parents will be notified. While Bloomington and Unit 5 were targeted in a recent incident, U-High was not named as a target. Please don't perpetuate rumors regarding things that happen at school. Consider that perpetuating rumors especially about children is not helpful.
- Emails regarding Healthy Roster Account are being sent out via email saying sign up is required. Mr. Evans will send out info on Skyward saying that it is not required. There is an option to opt ouout. Mr . Evans will send an email to opt out.
- Current Covid cases are not a concern right now.

### **Committee Reports**

<p><b>Counseling Center Updates</b> <i>Courtney O'Connor</i></p>	
<p><b>After-Prom</b></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> After-Prom provides a safe place for the students to go after the dance.</p>

<i>Carrie Kieser</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Cash Bash/FUNDRAISER for PROM AND BOOSTERS</b> <i>Joan Pacetti</i> <i>Terry Ogunleye</i>	<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>• Planning on doing the online Snap Raise fundraiser for After Prom like we planned for the winter. Joan has done most of the legwork for that so she is going to send out I believe after the Christmas break. Goal is to raise \$20,000 with U-High keeping 80%</li> </ul>
<b>Gold Rush Raffle</b> <i>Megan Brent</i> <i>Kim Ekhoﬀ</i>	<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 sales, but we have had winners donate \$225 back to various clubs/organizations!</li> <li>• Online sales were \$500 more than last year. Savings Net is \$7300 currently.,</li> <li>• May consider adding a yellow piece of paper with a QR code to remind people to donate. This would bring a low additional cost.</li> <li>• In person sales have not been great. People are buying more than \$100 in tickets.</li> </ul>
<b>Directory</b> <i>Aslihan Spaulding</i>	<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>
<b>Faculty/Staff Appreciation (FSA)</b> <i>Tara Kruger,</i> <i>Amanda Esparza,</i> <i>Amanda Fisher</i>	<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>
<b>Homecoming game dinner with Alumni Association</b> <i>Felicia Goodman</i>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Connecting with Alumni and building a sense of community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Hospitality</b> <i>Sudha Bodavula</i>	<p>Purpose: 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>•</li> </ul>
<b>Hospitality (For Dances)</b> <i>Amie Kincaid,</i> <i>Michele Mathieson</i>	<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>
<b>Spirit-Wear</b> <i>Amy Westbrook</i> <i>Angela Null</i>	<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>• Good in-person sales for Spirit Wear at Football games in Sept.</li> <li>• Online store for Christmas was open Oct. 26 – November 6th</li> <li>• Items will be at school for pick up December 8th</li> <li>• We will sell in person on Dec. 8th and Dec. 15 at Basketball games.</li> <li>• Looking for helpers on those two nights!!</li> </ul>
<b>Recognition – Good for U Award</b>	<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>

<b>Website/social media</b> Kelli Kiefer	<b>Purpose:</b> To ensure we have a positive presence & info available on our website.  •
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**Representative Reports – Sharing for recognition and support from the Boosters**

<b>Band</b>	•
<b>Choir</b>	•
<b>Dance</b>	•
<b>Orchestra</b>	•
<b>Orchesis</b>	•
<b>Speech</b>	•
<b>Theater</b>	•
<b>Sports/Clubs</b>	•
<b>STEM</b>	•
<b>Girls Golf</b>	•
<b>Cheer</b>	•
<b>Boys Soccer</b>	•
<b>Girls Swimming</b>	•
<b>Boys Football</b>	•
<b>Boys Wrestling</b>	•
<b>Girls Tennis</b>	•
<b>Girls Softball</b>	•

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

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

**Adjourn**

- Motion to close was made by Eric Thome and seconded by Ryan Convery Meeting adjourned.

**Attendees:** Erin Easter, Jennifer McCarron, Justin Murphy, Ryan Convery, Eric and Jenn Thome, Angela Null, Amie Westbrook, Megan Brent, Shannon Moreland, Tim King, Angie Reedy, Andrea Markert

**Treasurers Report:** See report below.

**University High School Booster Club**

**Treasurer Report**

**SY 2023-2024**

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
	7/1/2023	8/1/2023	9/1/2023	10/1/2023	11/1/2023	12/1/2023	1/1/2024	2/1/2024	3/1/2024	4/1/2024	5/1/2024	6/1/2024	
<b>Busey Account Balance</b>	\$34,011.23	\$40,212.23	\$45,198.63	\$52,741.64	\$48,340.77	\$48,340.77	\$48,340.77	\$48,340.77	\$48,340.77	\$48,340.77	\$48,340.77	\$48,340.77	\$34,011.23
<b>Income</b>													
Gold Rush	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 5,350.00	\$ 1,225.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,975.00
Spirit Wear	\$ 2,794.00	\$ 871.00	\$ 5,506.00	\$ 1,058.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,229.00
Freshmen Shirts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,772.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,772.00
Voided Check	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Homecoming Social	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 323.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 323.00
Cash Bash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Funding	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.00
<b>Income Total</b>	\$ 6,219.00	\$ 6,221.00	\$ 9,826.00	\$ 1,058.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,324.00
<b>YTD</b>	\$ 6,219.00	\$ 12,440.00	\$ 22,266.00	\$ 23,324.00	\$ 23,324.00	\$ 23,324.00	\$ 23,324.00	\$ 23,324.00	\$ 23,324.00	\$ 23,324.00	\$ 23,324.00	\$ 23,324.00	\$ 23,324.00
<b>Expenses</b>													
Gold Rush	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00
Spirit Wear	\$ 18.00	\$ 853.00	\$ -	\$ 4,325.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,196.00
Freshmen Shirts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,024.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,024.00
Booster Mailing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Homecoming Social	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant Requests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cash Bash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Credit Card Expenses	\$ -	\$ 181.60	\$ 202.99	\$ 209.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 593.75
Admin/Office Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56.00	\$ 275.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 331.00
After Prom Funding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Busey Bank	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Expense Total</b>	\$ 18.00	\$ 1,234.60	\$ 2,282.99	\$ 5,009.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,544.75
<b>YTD</b>	\$ 18.00	\$ 1,262.60	\$ 3,535.59	\$ 8,544.75	\$ 8,544.75	\$ 8,544.75	\$ 8,544.75	\$ 8,544.75	\$ 8,544.75	\$ 8,544.75	\$ 8,544.75	\$ 8,544.75	\$ 8,544.75
Income: Faculty Appreciation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expense: Faculty Appreciation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 449.71	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 449.71
<b>Balance: Faculty Appreciation</b>	\$772.87	\$772.87	\$772.87	\$323.16	\$323.16	\$323.16	\$323.16	\$323.16	\$323.16	\$323.16	\$323.16	\$323.16	\$323.16
	7/31/2023	8/31/2023	9/30/2023	10/31/2023	11/30/2023	12/31/2023	1/31/2024	2/29/2024	3/31/2024	4/30/2024	5/31/2024	6/30/2024	
<b>Busey Account Balance</b>	\$40,212.23	\$45,198.63	\$52,741.64	\$48,340.77	\$48,340.77	\$48,340.77	\$48,340.77	\$48,340.77	\$48,340.77	\$48,340.77	\$48,340.77	\$48,340.77	\$48,340.77
<b>Heartland After Prom - Beginning</b>	\$9,896.95	\$7,206.95	\$7,206.95	\$7,206.95	\$7,206.95	\$7,206.95	\$7,206.95	\$7,206.95	\$7,206.95	\$7,206.95	\$7,206.95	\$7,206.95	\$7,206.95
Funding													
Ticket Sales													
After Prom Purchases	2,690.00												
<b>Heartland After Prom - Ending</b>	\$7,206.95	\$7,206.95	\$7,206.95	\$7,206.95	\$7,206.95	\$7,206.95	\$7,206.95	\$7,206.95	\$7,206.95	\$7,206.95	\$7,206.95	\$7,206.95	\$7,206.95
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual									
<b>ISU Foundation Account - Beginning</b>		\$11,412.87	\$14,972.87	\$14,542.87	\$14,467.87	\$14,467.87	\$14,467.87	\$14,467.87	\$14,467.87	\$14,467.87	\$14,467.87	\$14,467.87	\$11,412.87
Additions		\$ 3,560.00	\$ 70.00										\$ 3,630.00
Grant Requests			\$ 500.00										\$ 500.00
Other Transfers Out (i.e Gold Rush)				75									\$ 75.00
<b>ISU Foundation Account - Ending</b>		\$14,972.87	\$14,542.87	\$14,467.87	\$14,467.87	\$14,467.87	\$14,467.87	\$14,467.87	\$14,467.87	\$14,467.87	\$14,467.87	\$14,467.87	\$14,467.87

Estimated