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| **University High School Boosters Meeting** | |
| ***2/7/2022*** | |
| **Agenda:** | * Welcome/Call to Order * Officer and Administration Reports – 20 min   + President (Jennifer McCarron)   + Vice President (Angela Null)   + Secretary (Stephanie Checchi)   + Treasurer Report (Teri Wilson)   + Administration Report (Andrea Markert) * Committee Chair Messages & Reports – 20 min * Old Business – none * New Business – none * Adjourn |
| **Notes** | |
| **Call to order/Roll call**  Meeting called to order by Jennifer McCarron at 6:31 pm on 2/7/2022.  **Officer Reports**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | *President*  Jennifer McCarron | Welcome to our first boosters meeting of 2022! It’s hard to believe we’re closing in on the end of the school year. Thank you all for your flexibility in moving the Boosters meeting to this week to accommodate the school closure last week. We are so excited about all the big events to come in the spring and we have a lot of report outs to share. As a reminder, our future booster meetings are as follows:  **Future Booster Meetings**   * + - Wednesday March 2 – via Zoom     - Wednesday April 6 – TBD on zoom vs. in person     - Wednesday May 4 – TBD on zoom vs. in person   We can accept Credit Cards! Vendor is through First State Bank of Bloomington – the one that’s on prospect. The program is called “swipesimple” – and we can accept Visa, MC, Amex, Discover. We have the ability to accept cards at a point of purchase – with our new Bluetooth machine, and we can get more of if we want. Or, we can create a link and send that link out. We can also do many fancy things, like invoice out sponsors, offer receipts, and other fabulous things. What this means is that – we just made life easier for everyone.  Questions as to – can groups, clubs, etc. use this? Right now, we’re using it for Cash Bash, but we’re still figuring some things out. But the short answer is – YES – we want to make this available when it makes sense -for such thing as events. But because it is a direct line in to the checking account – and the equipment itself is something we are charged monthly for, we need to make sure that we have some protocol in place.  So, we’re working on that – but for now, we’re learning.    2/11 – Late Start Breakfast: Xiaoman Yan on deck to help – thank you so much!    Open House – Hospitality was there; thank you for always being on the ball with events!    2/23 – Parent Teacher Conferences meal for faculty under discussion. | | ***VP (will also include fundraising update)***  *Angela Null* | **Fundraising/VP Report**:   * See cash bash update below | | ***Secretary***  Stephanie Checchi | * Due to health issues, Steph missed the November meeting. We will approve both November and December minutes at the February meeting. * Please state name and change it in zoom if possible so I can record * Motion to approve November and December meeting minutes by Michelle Cervantes and seconded by Beth Sauser. Minutes approved. | | ***Treasurer***  Teri Wilson | * See treasurer report attached at the end of this document. * Having the ability to take credit card payments - $7,325 all through our new swipe system and this was all for cash bash. This will be a huge game changer for Gold Rush for future years. * Busey and Heartland bank were unable to give us a credit card machine so we are going to be moving our Heartland after-prom balance and transferring it to the credit card bank in a good-faith gesture to the bank. More to come on that. * We are seeking a new treasurer as Teri will no longer have students at U High next year. We could use support on both running the credit card piece next year as well as those |   **Administration Report *(Andrea Markert – Principal)***   * Thank you for the holiday gift cards! We had enough to give every teacher two $10 gift cards and save some gift cards for teacher appreciation * Winter Play – Twelfth Night – is this weekend! Please come check it out! * Cheer ended in 5th place at state this weekend – all other winter sports are going into post-conference * Spring sports meeting will be week of February 14th * Band and choir concerts are coming up * Thank you for your patience as we had to move Booster’s meeting last week due to the snow day – this was the first time we’ve ever had a snow day on a Booster’s meeting date. * Would like to thank our teachers – we have had a lot of COVID issues with both students and teachers getting sick, and teachers have really stepped up to cover for one another and they’ve been amazing! * Question on when finals will be – that schedule will be posted soon to accommodate the snow days last week. Seniors’ last day of school will not be extended and graduation remains the same.   **Committee Reports**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | ***After-Prom***  ***TBD – WILL HAVE MULTI LEADS*** | **Purpose:** After-Prom provides a safe place for the students to go after the dance.  Held a first general information meeting on Jan. 20th. We’ve got some GREAT parents on deck to help with of the key areas; but need many hands on deck.  After Prom will take place from 11:30 pm on April 30th – 2:30 am on May 1st  Theme – Bright Lights, Big City. We need significant help in planning this event!  Specifically – need help to acquire and buy prizes, to coordinate food with our entertainment and decorations folks, as well as some support co-chair staff. We really could use some help with follow-up, notes, meetings, budget and help with some of details that we don’t want to miss. If you are interested, please email Jennifer McCarron ([jennifer@businessbuildersmarking.com](mailto:jennifer@businessbuildersmarking.com)) your name, email, contact phone and what area you’re willing to help with!  Meeting schedule is as follows; zoom links to be found on the web (soon).   * Web, Feb 9  - 7pm * Wed, Feb 23, 7 pm * Wed, Mar 2,  7 pm * Thurs, Mar 17, 7pm * Thurs Mar 31, 7pm * Thurs April, 7, 7pm * Thurs April 21, 7 pm * Thurs April 28, 7pm   **Entertainment:** Fun on the Run Inflatables have been booked. We are in final contract negotiations with a DJ, and we’ve reached out to various departments at ISU to see about contracts with a caricature artist and booking Gamma Phi circus.  Follow up question – can we start posting the After-Prom info on Facebook, on Skyward, etc? Yes! We will do that! We will also resend the signup genius for assisting. | | ***Cash Bash/FUNDRAISER for PROM AND BOOSTERS***  *Angela Null* | **Purpose:** 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 A ALL-OVER FUNDRAISER FOR BOOSTERS WHICH SUPPORTS ALL UHIGH CO-COORICULARS  **Cash bash will take place on Friday February 25th at Bloomington Country Club from 6 – 9 pm. Doors open at 6 and prizes are drawn every 15 minutes starting at 7pm.**  Things are shaping up for a great event! The team is in the last phase of pulling things together for an awesome night!   * We have nearly 100 tickets sold. * Our goal is to sell 200 tickets. This event funds SO many activities, events, and support for ALL of our U High students – so please consider attending. * There will be lots of chances to win throughout the evening – we are sticking with $5000 in cash prizes, and we have jewelry from Bremer Jewelry including pearl earrings and a Watch, plus wine and other prizes for the second drawing. If you don’t win money there are other opportunities to win prizes * You can buy a ticket (chance) and not be present and still win!  Don’t have to be there. * Please buy tickets using link: <https://swipesimple.com/links/lnk_7632c6d5> * Around $3000 in sponsorships already – thank you to those who have sponsored us!   **Headliner Sponsors - $250**  First State Bank of Bloomington  Tracy Patkunas  Amy Zacharius  Anonymous  **Evening of Stars - $500**  Dr. Benyamin  David Bull    **Premiere Sponsorship- $1000**  VisionPoint Eye Care Center | | ***Gold Rush Raffle***  *Julia Heller*  *Terry Ogunleye* | **Purpose:** To coordinate the raffle which is one of Boosters largest fundraisers.   * Thank you, Dawn Miller, for taking on Gold Rush for the 2022-2023 school year. Julia and Terry will be transitioning this role to Dawn over the next few months. | | ***Directory***  *Mercy Davison* | **Purpose:** To provide a listing of all U-High students & families for reference.   * Directory is complete for 2021-2022 school year. Thank you, Mercy! * This year Mercy made some edits to modernize and refresh the look and feel including changing the name from “Mother and Father” to “Guardian 1 and Guardian 2”. This makes the directory more reflective of our families and provides a more inclusive feel. Great job, Mercy! * Thank you to Aslihan Spaulding who will be taking over this committee beginning with the 2022 – 2023 school year. | | **Faculty/Staff** Appreciation (FSA) | **Purpose**: 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.   * Next event is freshman testing * Thank you to Xiaoman Yan for coordinating Panera bagels for the teachers at our upcoming 2/11 late start breakfast! | | ***Fundraising***  *Angela Null* | **Purpose:** To organize and coordinate fundraising for all sports, teams and booster programs.  The Fundraising committee exist to support groups/organizations at UHigh raise funds – and do so in a way that is in-line with all policies and procedures. We do have to be involved/have knowledge of all fundraising activity – and am hoping this year that we can make that easy and also help groups better promote their events.  Here’s how we can help:     * See cash bash update | | ***Hospitality***  *Heather Brown and Laurie Dunn* | 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   * Prospective student open house was January 26th. Heather and Laurie did an awesome job coordinating the refreshments with individually packaged cookies green and gold cookies and bottled water and we had just the right amount! We received awesome feedback – thank you, ladies! * Next up is coordinating snacks for the students during freshman testing | | ***Hospitality (For Dances)***  *Katy Kraft*  *Beth Sauser* | **Purpose:** To provide hospitality to our dances (back to school, black-light, and Class Night dances)   * Next potential event will be the Black Light dance which takes place on February 25th at the school after the basketball game until 10:30 pm. In the small gym – lights are off and blacklights are on and students are encouraged to wear neon. A signup genius will be sent out a week prior to the event to coordinate refreshments. | | ***Parent Support Network (PSN)***  *Chris Grieshaber* | **Purpose:** The PSN is parents working with and helping other parents address issues that affect us all by having events on different pertinent topics.   * No update this month | | ***Spirit-Wear***  *Kacy Rader*  *Michelle Cervantes* | **Purpose:** The purpose is to sell spirit wear and take proceeds to boosters as well as to promote U-High spirit in the community.   * Next spirit wear store will be in the spring * The committee is meeting tomorrow to go over designs for Freshman tshirts * If you have suggestions on what you’d like to see in the spring order, please reach out to Michelle Cervantes. We must navigate inventory back orders. * Due to significant back orders, we’ve had trouble with getting inventory so that’s why there was no Christmas orders. | | ***Recognition – Good For U Award***  *Katy Kraft*  *Beth Sauser* | **Purpose:** 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 & administrators for their contributions.   * No Good for U nominations this month | | ***Website/Social Media***  *Kelli Kiefer* | **Purpose**: To ensure we have a positive presence & info available on our Website.   * Kelli does an amazing job on managing our sites and promoting events * Kelli independently manages U High text book sales. We’ve had questions about what we’re doing for used text book sales but this is really just handled by one volunteer. If someone has suggestions or wants to take this to the next level we’d like to ask that we get additional help in this volunteer space because it’s just run by one volunteer. |   **Representative Reports**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | ***Band***  *Jennifer McDade* |  | | ***Choir***  *Laura Jennings Mitchell* |  | | ***Dance*** |  | | ***Orchestra***  *Jani Hall* |  | | ***Orchesis*** |  | | ***Speech*** |  | | ***Theater***  *Holly Pfister* |  | | ***Sports/Clubs*** |  | | **STEM**  *Ashish Sawhney* |  | | **Girls Golf** |  | | **Cheer**  *Jennifer McCarron* | * Barb Jacobsen shared that U High cheer was undefeated all season in their competitions and made it to 5th in state – congratulations, Cheer! | | **Advisory Council** |  | | **Boys Soccer** |  | | **Girls Swimming** |  | | **Boys Football** |  | | **Boys Wresting** | * Grace Park shared that 5 students are going to sectionals – including U High’s very first female wrestler! |   **Old Business**   * No old business   **New Business**   * **Funding request # 1**- Theater Arts department   Details from Mr. Webb: Our panel saw acquired for free from ISU property Control has stopped working due to old age with a motor that cannot be repaired by Mr. Colbertson. We are requesting assistance during our "busy season" of Shakespeare and the Musical to purchase a new unit.   The saw itself is easier and safer to operate than a table saw with an exposed blade. The purchase of a new one will allow our theatre program to continue building and maintaining our operations. The previous unit we found at property control was already considered old by the unit on campus which replaced it. I anticipate a new one with the warranty to last at least 20 years with upkeep and frequent replacement of blades.  $1699 covers the cost of a replacement unit by Milwaukee [https://www.homedepot.com/p/Milwaukee-15-Amp-8-1-4-in-Panel-Saw-6480-20/100077431](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.homedepot.com%2Fp%2FMilwaukee-15-Amp-8-1-4-in-Panel-Saw-6480-20%2F100077431&data=04%7C01%7C%7Ccc899fa23378414ea0a208d9dfa2422a%7C085f983a0b694270b71d10695076bafe%7C1%7C0%7C637786710421892111%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Y5ccf%2FpEOpX4tKcuhlyShvswdK1HCuTm7Gyv1%2BgwprU%3D&reserved=0).  A $312 extension for the saw would allow boards to be cut at a longer length and maintain what we currently have. Alongside this purchase, Theatre would be getting a set of four (4) $21.43 3M-brand Hearing Protection and four (4) $14.97 fog-resistant eye protection glasses.  The Boosters organization feels comfortable putting forth a recommendation to cover $1699 to support the arts department. Heather Marshall – motion to purchase the saw equipment up to $1700. Seconded by Barb Jacobsen. All Boosters members approved this request.   * **Funding request #2 – Bass Fishing club**   Details: This being the inaugural year for a IHSA sanctioned bass fishing team we are in need of certain items to support all students interested in participating, specifically, life vests to be used during practices as well as during competitions. This is just our second year of having a team and we have 16 students listed on the team roster! We asking Boosters to purchase 4-6 lifejackets for student use during practices and competitions. These vests are IHSA approved and provide students the ability to maintain mobility while fishing. The vests cost $109.99 each and we are asking that Boosters consider purchasing 4-6 life vests which would result in a purchase range cost of $439.96 - $659.94. There is no maintenance or storage costs projected with this purchase. These items can be found, competitively priced at Dicks Sporting Goods. At current our only source of funding is students individually purchasing their own life vests.  Motion by Michelle Cervantes to approve $659.94 to approve the life vests. Seconded by Heather Marshall. All members approved this funding.   <https://www.dickssportinggoods.com/p/onyx-a-m-24-inflatable-life-vest-16onyatmn24nfltpfpas/16onyatmn24nfltpfpas>   * **Funding request #3 – Art Department**   **Details from Mr. Henning:** The Art Dept. is looking for money to replace two antiquated potter's wheels. These wheels were designed more than 60 years ago and pose a physical hazard to the student. (He included a picture.) The existing pottery wheel has an exposed shaft that can catch a pant leg and pull the student in. They also have an unshielded electric motor. Water is used in the throwing process, which creates an electrical shock hazard. If possible, the art department would like to replace them with two rent Model B wheels. One estimate from Dick Blick is $1778.00 each for a total of $3556.00. The art department is requesting $500.00 from Boosters to use toward the purchase. The rest will be funded by the school. Thank you for your consideration.  Motion to approve $500 to help fund the new pottery wheel for art. Heather Marshall – motion to approve $500 for the new pottery wheel. Seconded by Heather Brown. All members approved this funding.  **Adjourn**   * Motion to close by Barb Jacobsen at 7:36 pm and seconded by Heather Brown. Meeting adjourned. | |
| **Attendees:** | Andrea Markert, Teri Wilson, Jennifer McCarron, Stephanie Checchi, Michelle Cervantes, Heather Brown, Matt Hany, Michele Cheeseman, Lorraine and John Watson, Grace Park, Cindy Pully, Beth Sauser, Tim King, Karin Burwell, Benjamin Webb, Kim Eckhoff, Joan Pacetti, Brian Moody, Barb Jacobsen, Heather Marshall, , Ernst Jacobsen, Amy Ponce |
| **Treasurers Report:** See budget report below | |