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| **University High School Boosters Meeting** | |
| ***3/2/2022*** | |
| **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 6:34 pm on 3/2/2022.  **Officer Reports**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | ***President***  *Jennifer McCarron* | THANK YOU to all those who organized, attended, sponsored, and/or supported the CASH BASH that was Friday, Feb. 25th. It was a tremendous success – financially achieving our fundraising goals to ensure that we can indeed have an AMAZING AFTER PROM this year and continue to fund requests – but that we can do so next year. But just as important – I think it was a success for our community of parents – who finally were able to celebrate without concern and come together for a common cause – our kiddos. Julia/Teri will provide final numbers for you, but we again, we appreciate everyone’s support.    As we plan for funding, activities, and events…we want to formally start succession planning for our board and for our committees. This year has certainly been one where we’ve had to do some restructuring after COVID, however we now are in a good place with our programs and documentation of what needs to be done and how. With this said, we have opportunities in the following Exec Board areas:    Treasurer  Board Secretary  Fundraising Chair  Vice Chair Position    If you have interest, please call, email, or text Jennifer McCarron or Angela Null and we’ll talk with you about the role and what it includes. And, if we can gain commitment sooner – than later – especially with the treasurer role- we can offer you the opportunity to shadow and gain information firsthand from the person who’s been handling it. Also, we will assume that all current committee chairs will be holding their seats next year unless you have formally informed us otherwise. And, if you will be leaving, please help us to fill the role through communication to your UH network. Thank you!    Next meetings will be held **in person**, in the UHigh Library @ 6:30. We will look forward to seeing you and also fulfilling part of our mission to bring parents together and truly be a part of what’s happening here at school.   * Wed, April 6 * Wed, May 4   We officially have a U High Boosters email address! This is helpful for State Farm grants. Uhighboosters@ilstu.edu | | ***VP (will also include fundraising update)***  *Angela Null* | **Fundraising/VP Report**:   * See cash bash update below | | ***Secretary***  Stephanie Checchi | * February minutes were posted – motion to approve by: Michelle Cervantes; Seconded by: * Please state name and change it in zoom if possible so I can record | | ***Treasurer***  Teri Wilson | * See treasurer report attached at the end of this document.   + Insurance policy went up about 12% - checking into what happened here.   + $186.46 in credit card transaction fees   + $750.63 in faculty appreciation for a breakfast and parent/teacher conference meals   + Remaining balance in the faculty/staff appreciation balance is: $361.00 which will go to Freshman Testing   + Continued to work with Halo on a $2400 deposit |   **Administration Report *(Andrea Markert – Principal)***   * Girls basketball made it to super sectionals and lost by just 2 points * Replacing a chemistry teacher for next year – Ms. Solberg left in December. We’ve hired a graduate student to fill some of her classes and Mr. Davis is taking some of her classes – thank you! * Committee formed to formalize the director of laboratory schools – hopefully * April PSAT testing coming up and stand * Graduation details have not been finalized – an indoor and outdoor location have been save. Details coming soon.Indoor at 2pm. Outdoor depends on other times * Link to new school schedule is posted. Tuesday May 24th is last day.   **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!  Thank you to Stephanie Kim and Carrie Kieser for chairing After Prom for us! We appreciate you! Future After Prom meetings are as follows:   * Monday February 28th, 7pm in the library * 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 contract was signed in January. We have seven awesome pieces of equipment coming including:   + 7 element obstacle   + cannon ball blaster   + Hippo chow down   + Human whack a mole   + Awesome axe throwing challenge   + Face Place photo booth   + Human Foosball * Stephanie Checchi was able to go out to the interstate center two weeks ago and check out the building and we signed a new contract for the much larger west expo center. Huge thanks to Mike at the Interstate Center for accommodating us with a great price! * Heather Brown booked the Laser and Gaming truck which will include an incredible setup of PlayStations and other video game equipment. It also includes an up-to 80 foot laser tag mat. * Awesome DJ has booked and he’s going to provide a super fun, entertaining night for the kids. * At some point we are going to need to start drawing a blue print of where we want all this located. There’s plenty of room but we will need to have a plan. I’m not an architect by any stretch and we could really use some support in this space. | | ***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 was Friday February 25th at Bloomington Country Club from 6 – 9 pm. It was a huge success!**   * Between ticket sales, sponsorships, donations back and cash collected the night of the event, the Cash Bash raised over $12,000! * Thank you to the Burwell family for allowing us to use BCC for the evening * A huge thank you to our sponsors who donated to the evening, and to Bloomington Country Club for providing fabulous service. Your sponsorship was a game changer to this event. * Four reasons this event was successful:   + About $5K in sponsorship support   + Ticket sales – sold about 160 tickets (about 115 of the 160 sales showed up)   + “Extras sale” – the 50/50 raffle and the extra balls raffle   + Keeping people at the event was crucial * This event will allow us to fund After Prom and continue funding a variety of sports, clubs and activities at U High * A huge thank you to the planning committee: Julia Heller (accounting, budget and support), Joan Pacetti (marketing and structure), Terry Ogunley (sponsorships), Vanessa Barry (50/50 tickets), Jennifer Mullins-Stuckey (wine donations), Angela Null, Teri Wilson (check support), and Jennifer McCarron (video and marketing support). | | ***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.   * 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.   * Booster’s provided a Biaggi’s pronto pack dinner to all our teachers for the February Parent-Teacher conferences held on 2/23. We received a nice thank you note email from the Counseling Department. * Next event is freshman testing where we will be providing Little Caesar’s pizza. * 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:     * Football has a big fundraiser to support uniform purchasing * coming up:   + March 18th event   + Link to support the football team directly | | ***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   * 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)   * Black light dance had about 100 kids in attendance – mostly under-classmen. * Super fun glow in the dark U High sign was made * Next event is Class Night Dance | | ***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 received | | ***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.   * Freshman shirt has been designed and will be ready to go out with the freshman acceptance packets – will be a vintage design. * Spirit wear is waiting on the spring designs from Select Spiritwear and then the spring store will go live. This will be entirely electronic. * Supply chain issues are slowly getting resolved. | | ***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 update received | | ***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 * If you have updates needed, please reach out to Kelli Kiefer |   **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* |  | | **Advisory Council** |  | | **Boys Soccer** |  | | **Girls Swimming** |  | | **Boys Football** |  | | **Boys Wresting** |  |   **Old Business**   * No old business   **New Business**    **Adjourn**   * Motion to close by Shannon Moreland at 7:32 pm and seconded by Angela Null. Meeting adjourned. | |
| **Attendees:** | Andrea Markert, Teri Wilson, Jennifer McCarron, Stephanie Checchi, Angela Null, Shannon Moreland, Karin Burwell, Michelle Cervantes, Michele Cheeseman |
| **Treasurers Report:** See budget report below | |