**October 17, 2016 AHS Booster Club Meeting Minutes**

In Attendance: Susan Rietano Davey, Janet Stokesbury, Jim Stapleton, Susie Downey, Jennifer Gorack, Esther Aronson, Susan Arciero, Staci Purcell, Mary Deppe, Jesse Aguilar, Nancy Kostal, Jennifer Jeandell, Tom Saxe, Robin Saxe, Sree Prthigadapa, Bill Brown, Tom Culbertson, Nicole Leavens, Maria Mascoli, Kerry Magrini, Mary-Michele Neagle, Adam Theriault, Jordyn Saxe, Sue Davies

Start time: 7:34 pm

Introductions: In the future the Board will ask Team Reps to provide updates from their respective teams during this portion of the meeting.

Minutes Approved: R. Saxe/N. Kostal

Treasurer’s Report: Jim Stapleton

All Booster Club Team Cash Balances appear on the website (<http://ahsboosterclub.weebly.com/> ) as part of the Booster Club’s going green effort. Data is reported as of the prior month’s end and exclude any unidentified deposits. If there are any questions regarding balances, they should be directed to Jim Stapleton (j.stapleton@comcast.net).

Financials Approved: J. Stokesbury/K. Magrini

Events: Susie Downie reported on Events for Jen Gorack

* The Ticket Drive was a success with 32 adults driving our students through half the established routes and raising a total of $9,200 after expenses. There is always room for more volunteers in the future. The team with the most student participation was Field Hockey and they were awarded the Pizza Party on this date. Maria Mascoli indicated that Field Hockey’s strong representation is a direct result of Coach Ziemnicki making participation mandatory.
* The Booth at Avon Day was also a success with Booster Club Board representation by Janet Stokesbury and Jim Stapleton. Athletes and National Honor Society students were on hand to assist Nicole Leavens with the spirit wear sales.
* Everyone is encouraged to visit and “Like” the Booster Club’s Facebook page. If someone would like an item posted please send an email to Susie Downey. (susiedow@aol.com)

Membership: Janet Stokesbury

Everyone is encouraged to please fill out the membership forms and join the Booster Club. At present, membership is lower than last year. The fee to join is $25 and any additional money donated can be designated to a specific team’s account. More importantly, if you want to be eligible to vote on Booster Club Capital Disbursements, you need to be a paid member and have attended 3 meetings by the voting date.

President’s Report: Susan Rietano Davey

* 2 Sheets describing logistics and protocols for Spirit Week and Senior Day have been provided to the Team Reps. The Booster Club subsidizes flowers for all seniors and will provide the banners.
* Spirit week runs from Monday 10/24 through Sunday 10/30 with games under the lights every night during the school week. The key is to get town participation from the older residents, former parents and alumni and the parents of younger kids too. The Pep Rally will be held on Friday 10/28.
* Maria Mascoli pointed out that we will be recognizing cancer awareness during Spirit Week by fundraising for Vie for the Kids. All donations and bake sale proceeds will go directly to this organization. All teams are encouraged to come up with their own fundraising efforts. For example, Field Hockey will be having a Bake Sale and Volleyball will be conducting a Raffle at Half Time. There is a flyer advertising this fundraising effort.
* On Thursday November 10 at 7 pm the Booster Club will be hosting the event “So You Want To Play Sports In College”. This is an athlete-parent forum on Athletics at the next level for students in grades 6 through 11. There will be collegiate coaches and college athletes at different NCAA divisions on the panel. A packet of information will be provided for parents, including an explanation of applicable terminology and deadlines.
* Susan introduced our intern, Adam Theriault, who is in charge of The Booster Bulletin content. Team Representatives are encouraged to contact him (adamtheriault5@gmail.com) with any notable information and photos. We are interested in all levels of athletics, not just Varsity. We would also like to include video links and flyers for fundraisers.
* The Booster Club has committed to take over the maintenance of the Records’ Boards. Team Representatives need to work with the coaches to provide the records to be added. The coaches have discretion on the type of records to include on the boards.

Questions and Suggestions from Audience:

Team Photo Displays were discussed. These have not been updated for a long time. As a connection to our former students, we should ensure that these be updated. All team photos can be ordered from Motophoto and must also be mounted, all of which are added expenses. Maria Mascoli suggested that this should be a school expense.

 A “Coaches Hall of Fame” wall was also suggested as a way to honor our coaches. It was suggested that the presentation for this award could be done on the same night as our Senior Athlete Recognition Dinner.

Sue Davies discussed the Falcon 5K event which will be taking place on 10/30 to culminate Spirit Week. This event is strictly a community spirit raising event and not a fundraiser. At the moment there are very few runners registered so she is urging everyone present to get the word out. There will also be a raffle for those runners coming in costume. Falcon 5K flyers have been placed at several businesses such as Fleet Feet and Sartorius Sports.

Nicole Leavens passed out another sign-up sheet for Spirit wear volunteers during Spirit Week. The biggest seller so far has been the red flannel pants and some vintage shirts.

Meeting Adjourned 8:28 pm (Gorack/Mascoli)

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Aronson