

The September, 2015 meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Booster President Dottie Gottfried. Enough members were present to meet the quorum requirement.

Members Present

Dottie Gottfried, President
Randi Stave, VP
Dave Scher, Treasurer
Regina Winbush, Membership
Ann Wagner, Concessions
Bob Quackenbush, Secretary and Bricks and Pavers
Gayle Brooks - Website
Betsy Gillick - JV Field Hockey Team Rep
Sanal Kishore - Girls Tennis Team Rep
Ralph Nelson – School Store
Chris Thomson – Athletic Director
Dinah Eglitis – Volleyball (varsity) Team rep
Scott Vincentz – Social Media
Daisy Okudo - MTCN Chair
Gayle Kaplan – School Store

President's Welcome / Introductions

Dottie Gottfried opened the meeting at 7:04 and members introduced themselves.

Dottie is contacting team reps and concession team reps to get things organized for the fall season. Boys soccer is looking for MSI teams to provide ball boys starting with their game on Saturday morning and are hoping to offer SSL hours with the coach signing the SSL forms. They have also asked if we can offer the MSI volunteer kids a drink and snack.

Community night for football is on 2 October. They have asked for funds for a giveaway such as a megaphone. The Athletic Director offered that he is trying to organize a Community Week for each of the fall sports to help generate interest and support from the cluster schools. The group was enthusiastic about this week-long approach and Ralph Nelson made a motion to spend up to \$300 for giveaway items for a week-long community sports week for the different sporting events hosted by the various teams with giveaways for all the nights. Intent is to allow kids in for \$1 and hand out giveaways. Motion was seconded by Bob Quackenbush and motion passed unanimously.

Discussion next centered around adjusting the sign and name of the Wootton Stadium to read the Michael Doran Stadium at the James A. Cole field or other options to honor the former Principal. Any decision will have to be decided by the county but we can submit recommendations. The administration will work this.

Membership Report

Regina Winbush provided an update for current membership statistics excluding the forms she just received tonight. To date this year, there are 150 family memberships with a total of \$7320 in fees with additional 17 donations totaling \$1445 bringing total revenue to date from memberships to \$8765. We expect to get more memberships at back to school night tomorrow. The discounted bricks have improved extra donations so far.

Treasurer's Report

Dave Scher opened by discussing the Booster Balance Sheet which currently reflects approximately \$20K. With all team funds included the account balance is \$50K. The Boys Basketball team is \$504 in the red due to their Winter Basketball tournament losing money. With a new coach this year, Boosters

needs to decide how to resolve this. Athletic Director has installed better controls to ensure teams better prepare for tournaments to ensure they can accommodate their costs. Ralph Nelson made a motion to void the debt to give the team a fresh start. Gail Kaplan seconded. The motion passed with nine members present voting to approve and one member voting to disapprove the motion and 5 members present abstaining.

Minutes from July 2015 meeting

The Secretary never published the notes from the July meeting. He promised to send them out for review and we will approve the minutes for both July and September at the next October booster meeting.

Athletic Director Update

The Athletic Department's new website will be coming out any day now which will replace the league lineup site to include the team sites. Coaches will be using it to update scores which feed the Wootton social media sites.

Before Meet the Coaches Night, the AD met with coaches to discuss the Athletic Department budget which for the last several years has ended in the red. County-wide attendance has been going down at most schools which are similar to Wootton, ie Churchill. Costs have gone up and county funding levels are down. For a long time mulch sales were major fundraisers that augmented the department's budget but those profits went down due to other high school mulch sales bringing on other competition. The AD is developing a strategy working with coaches to conduct a large fundraising activity for this school year. Before the Meet the Coaches Night he held a meeting with the coaches who broached several ideas such as developing a Run in Honor of Dr. Doran, an option to possibly support a convention center DC Volleyball Tournament set-up in Feb 16, or other ideas such as a golf tournament. Goal is to raise approximately \$20K / year. The AD said this event will be driven by the coaches and he will be asking for support from the Boosters.

Coach Tolliver is wanting a fan bus for the game against Linganore HS in Frederick County due to the distance. He may come to Boosters asking for funds to support this.

To close out the AD portion of the meeting, Scott Vincentz came to discuss Boosters' social media sites that he has been operating for several years now. His kids have not been at Wootton for two years and he wanted to know whether anyone wanted to take them over now that his kids have gone. Gail Kaplan suggested that the task be handed off to a Common Sense student/reporter who can take charge of the social media. Dottie was going to inquire about that hand-off.

By-Laws – Discussion on the by-laws was tabled to the next meeting in October.

School Store / Concessions

Gayle Kaplan reported that apparel is selling well. The Wootton Strong is resonating among students and families after the tragedies we've had this summer. The magnets are also selling very well.

Dave Scher reported that the concessions stand is ready to go after making some renovations to the stand and cleaning out the mold. Ann Wagner reported they are in full preparation mode and are about ready for the Friday, 4 Sep home opener football game. Ann Wagner reported that Andrea Portes (football team rep) is doing well getting volunteers to work the stand. They are bringing in Chick-fil-A, Potomac Pizza, Annies Pretzels to sell in addition to our own prepared food and with new pricing, are expecting the stand to generate more funds this year.

Website Update

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Gayle Brooks received a green light from the board to begin transferring the Booster website over to the Google application site which will make it much more compatible with the school, PTSA, and other organizations.

Team Rep Matters: There was nothing significant to report.

Special Projects: Nothing significant to report.

Bricks, Pavers, and Signs- Arlis is continuing to close the sign sale with the ShadyGrove Adventist Hospital. Bob is working with the families on their desired engraving in preparation for ordering the bricks generated from donations this fall associated with the membership/brick incentives.

Booster Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. by Booster President Dottie Gottfried.