



**BLUE THUNDER BOOSTERS
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2021
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Called to Order: Meeting was brought to order at 6:11 p.m.

Attendees: Ed Powers, Kristin Sayles, Robin Winters, Jenni Ripplinger, Katie Belinson, Marci Hartle, Becky Giesecke, Sarah Gamble, Tom Bucher, James Friesema, Jody Flynn and Ken Downey.

Secretary's Minutes: Secretary's minutes were sent out for January, reviewed. Motion was made to approve January's minutes by Jenni and seconded by Becky. All directors approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jenni went over the Cash Flow Details from January 25th through February 21, 2021. Ed had a question regarding the Stadium Improvement Fund in the amount of \$1,883.23. Discussion was had since the stadium has been paid off what to do with the seed money still in the account. A motion was made to leave the money in there for future projects. A motion was made by Kristin and seconded by Tom. All directors approved.

AD Report: Jody gave Jenni money collected from masks at the basketball games along with a check for \$70 for merchandise purchased from staff members.

Jody advised that he and Jim had met with Greg Brown over some issues at the school along with discussion about the outdoor locker room. Jody said that Mr. Brown took notes and Jody let him know how Boosters would be willing to be a big part of the project if it was approved.

Also for dreams and wishes for what we as Boosters want to raise money for, it would be a good idea to have at the golf outing a picture of what our goal for raising money for the school is geared towards. If it is the outdoor locker room, mention to the District with what we would be willing to do is a 1/3, the school do a 1/3, and the District maybe. Just discussing no motions were made at this time but at least we could put the money up front and then be paid back again if is approved.

Also mentioned with school sporting events limited to 50 participants, we will see how that works for the football games. Our first two away games will be held at Harlem High School with the anticipation of our first home (field being ready) can be played at home versus Harlem.

Jody also gave stats for competition cheer for Varsity and JV and the swim team. Winters sports is almost complete with some overlapping. Spring sports will be starting up, soccer, football and girl's volleyball. Football practices are being held at ISC in the morning from 6:00 to 7:30 a.m. and for wrestling at VC United the first week.

Robin asked regarding the status of the Bell. They are looking to have the cement poured in late spring, brick layering done and have the Bell in place by football season.

All orders have been placed for the wish lists except the basketball rebound machine. One question they were not sure about was the old basketball machine and not knowing if it can be fixed or not. They are still working on what needs to be done with that machine.

On behalf of the coaches, through Jody and Jody personally, everyone would like to thank Boosters for their donations

to the school athletic department and how much it is appreciated by all.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Robin had one new lifetime membership Tom and Becky Giesecke. Becky mentioned that she would get her check directly to Jenni after the meeting.

Also mentioned was working on getting an updated list of all memberships together. Robin will get together at some point with Jenni and Jan and hope to be able to consolidate lists and come up with a master sheet in the near future.

Scholarship: Becky said that applications were all due. She had not received anything from the District as of the date of this meeting. She will check again and keep us advised. Committee as of this date is Becky, Robin, Sarah and Marci. More details to come.

Merchandise: Marci was happy with the spreadsheet that Ed came up with and hoping to be able to keep it up. Moving forward Marci is hoping to get a more accurate account of the number of items in inventory. Discussion was had regarding getting a new hoddie since it's our number one seller. First home game is scheduled for April 3rd.

Concessions: Sarah spoke regarding what is remaining in the freezer which has a shelf life of a year. A motion was made by Jenni to donate the extra food to either the Rockford Rescue Mission or Ms. Carley's and seconded by Becky. All directors approved.

BCMS: Ken mentioned that they too are in the whirlwind of getting things up and moving again over at Central Middle School for athletics. Volleyball and boy's basketball for 7th and 8th graders is just finishing up. They ran their programs like a camp more or less just to be able to give the kids something to do. Also girl's basketball tryouts were scheduled for this evening. Poms, cheer and dance have been practicing as well as cheer just sent in their recording for competition.

Scholastic bowl has their first competition tomorrow, soccer tryouts coming up, football starting with virtual meetings and wrestling will start when space becomes available in the gym. Ken mentioned he was very excited to get things moving again for the kids.

Fundraising/Social Activities: Blue Thunder Open – Becky to post on FB – save the date.

Thunderfest – Sarah - Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Non Thunderfest – Wait to see. On hold.

New Business: Discussion was had regarding recruitment of new members. Some suggestions were putting something on our FB page along with a possible parent letter/post card going out. Robin to get together with Katie at some point to discuss further.

Ken Downey asked the question ... how can I get you more involved at the middle school level? Hoping to pull members to Boosters from that middle school level. Much discussion was had amongst some of the Boosters about their thoughts and experience through the years. Also which lead into the next item of social media. Katie working on the website, Becki and Katie monitor the FB page. Robin mentioned to Becky to take her off the FB page since she is doing such an amazing job of keeping up with the page and posting. 😊

Also new business was discussed regarding auto payment of dues and different ways to pay them. PayPal was mentioned and how it needs to be linked to our website. Possible other methods of payment were discussed as well. Jenni and Katie to work on linking website.

Ed also mentioned that with people leaving the Board positions and making sure that their successors have access to everything and everything is updated and easy to follow for the next person. Anyone who has people interested in joining Boosters please reach out to them.

Also discussed was the yearbook ad and how it looks good. Mention to add the scholarship winners to it as well. Becky and Jenni both spoke about checking on the deadline to make sure to get the ad in the yearbook.

Also discussed for new business was our tear drop banners that have been purchased over the years by Boosters for each class. There were eight total purchased, two for each class year. They were purchased for around \$220 a piece. They would then be auctioned off at Thundefest. Since they were not necessarily geared toward athletics, a motion was made to no longer purchase them by Jody and seconded by Tom. All directors approved.

Mentioned at the meeting by Marci that Corrine Boatman told her about an idea of having a fish fry or a drive-up diner idea to raise money since we are not doing Thunderfest this year. Since we are not even having concessions at this point, no further discussion was had on this matter with COVID happening at this time.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Ed and seconded by Robin at 7:22 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, March 22, 2021, BNHS Library