



WALTER JOHNSON BOOSTER CLUB

6400 Rock Spring Drive, Bethesda MD 20817

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WJ All-School Booster Club Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2023 , 7:00 PM

Zoom

Meeting Commencement

- The meeting was called to order by President Mary Bittle Koenick.
- Today's meeting will begin with Club Presentations/Requests

Club Presentations/Requests

DECA Club

- The DECA Club is actively engaged in role-playing activities to develop business plans and generate innovative solutions to real-world business challenges.
- Members represent WJ in both local and regional competitions, collaborating with actual businesses.
- Extensive participation in workshops and guest speaker sessions provides valuable business experience.
- Strong emphasis on fostering lasting friendships through conferences.
- Requesting \$2,680 in funding to support the 2023 conference registration.

Model UN Club

- The Model UN Club simulates the United Nations environment, cultivating essential skills in public speaking and debate.
- Aiming to attend the WAMUNC XXV conference in Washington, DC, hosted by George Washington University, with hotel accommodation from April 13 to 16.
- Various fundraising activities, including a bake sale in front of Giant, a bake sale at Back to School Night, and an outdoor concessions event on March 28. A Snap Raise campaign is currently pending.
- Seeking \$1,955 in financial assistance.

Youth and Government Club

- The Youth and Government Club strives to enhance understanding of American government and public speaking skills.
- Engages members in discussions on current events, and this year, collaborated with the History Club.
- Focus on teaching the components of argument and legislation.
- Requesting registration funds to attend the Maryland Youth and Government Conference from April 22 to 24, providing an opportunity for WJ members to interact with delegations from across the state.
- Requesting \$1,800 for conference registration.

Amantha Linkie;Used Book Sale Review:

- Yesterday, Wonderbooks collected the 350 surplus boxes.
- The financial details are pending, with Shannon possibly having more information.
- This year, new signs and reusable shopping bags were purchased.



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- There was a need for additional tables.
- Consideration for raising the early bird hour charge fee for the next year was discussed.
- The first hour had an attendance of approximately 75 to 100 people.
- The sale likely began with 1500 to 2000 boxes and concluded with 350 boxes.
- It was noted that there was an overflow of books last year (the first year after the pandemic closure).
- A customer inquired about a handicapped parking spot. Terry mentioned the possibility of designating off some spaces near the door for next year's sale, although it's uncertain if there's a curb.

Tom Rogers-Athletics Update

- The spring sports season has started, and the first week was completed with 506 student-athletes registered.
- Terry welcomed Coach Larry Hurd as the new Athletic Specialist, effective July 1, 2023.
- Coach Larry expressed enthusiasm for serving WJ in this new role

Terry Heintze-Athletics Updates:

- Terry shared that last night's awards ceremony went well.
- The turf is growing nicely and is expected to flourish with warmer weather.
- A new scoreboard is needed, estimated at \$100,000, and contributions from WJ Foundation, Boosters, and corporate sponsors will be sought to cover the cost.
- The search for a new head football coach has commenced, with interviews beginning this week.
- Terry expressed gratitude to everyone involved in the used book sale and mulch sale.

Concessions-Dawn Harris

- Concessions for spring sports are getting underway, with Becky unable to participate.
- North Bethesda is hosting a staff basketball game, and the school store will be present.
- Discussion about promoting Boosters and the School Store at Tilden and North Bethesda.
- Consideration of potential merchandise price increases for the next year.
- SGA requested merchandise donations for crowd engagement similar to NBA games, and these were provided.
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Ryan Watts-Sports Commissioner

- Ryan had no updates to share.

Shannon Dietrich: Financial Report

- Shannon reported that finances are in good shape.
- She inquired if anyone is awaiting a payment.
- The exact earnings from the book sale are unknown, but over \$9,000 in cash and \$17,000 was deposited.
- It is unclear what the \$17,000 comprises (likely a significant portion from the book sale), and the final amount will be determined during end-of-month reconciliation.



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- Mary Bittle mentioned that concessions tends to run at a decent profit, while the School Store seems to break even.

Mary Bittle-Website Update

- Mary, Sharon, and Bob Chang will collaborate to compile a wish list for the website.
- Aim for website to incorporate QR codes and define desired website functionality.

Football Family Donations:

- Two checks were received from football families to contribute to "new markers" for chains.
- This money will pass through the Booster Club and be directed into the football account.
- Tom Rogers has already purchased the chains with the \$1,000 from families.
- Checks made out to WJ High School can be deposited directly.

Mary Bittle Koenick-Mulch Sale Update

- Approximately 6,000 bags have already been sold.
- The final two days of sales are upcoming, with 50 percent of sales being allocated to the organization.
- Sales have been slower but are expected to increase during the final two days.
- This year's mulch sale occurred earlier than usual.
- Sign-up Genius is full with student volunteers, including many National Honor Society kids.
- There is a need for more parent volunteers.
- The mulch is scheduled to arrive on Thursday the 23rd.
- Mary Bittle will work on reserving/blocking off the parking lot.
- The possibility of scanning student IDs to record SSL hours is under consideration.

VOTING:

1. DECA Club

Sharon Watts motions to fund \$26.80. Michele Wisniewski seconds the motion. Passed by unanimous vote.

2 Model UN

Melissa Forburger motions to fund \$1955. Linda Harrington Baker seconds the motion. Passed by unanimous vote.

3. Youth and Government

Amantha Linkie motions to fund \$1800. Terry Heintze seconds the motion. Passed by unanimous vote.

In Attendance:

Meghan Zampardi

Melissa Forburger

Michele Wisniewski



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Janice Marks

Mary Bittle Koenick

Michelle Reid

Ryan Watts

Amantha Linkie

Jenny Corrado

Linda Harrington Baker

Tom Rogers

Terry Heintze

Ciara Durkan

Dorothy Alexander

Shannon Dietrich

Larry Hurd

Alison Xu

Daniela Znam

Mr. Galuska

Zuzaria Huserova

Samanta Moyard

Colin Tierney

Shannon Dietrich

Clara Durkan

, Next Meeting: April 12, 2023



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