



WALTER JOHNSON BOOSTER CLUB

6400 Rock Spring Drive, Bethesda MD 20817

www.wjboosterclub.org

Walter Johnson All-School Booster Club Meeting

May 17, 2023

Welcome: Mary Bittle Koenick

Administration Update: Terry Heintze

- Recently had a Senior Signing Ceremony for students planning on playing sports in college
- New WJ safety and security initiative requires that WJ students only purchase food at neighboring retailers and don't stay at the restaurants/stores to eat items purchase

Athletics Update: Tom Rogers:

- WJ gymnastics finished second at county championships; baseball won county championships; boys volleyball lost to Wooton last night, but still 2nd place in county; girl's lacrosse beat Whitman;
- New fields are growing in nicely and will be beautiful surfaces to play sports on
- There is a hold on purchasing a new football scoreboard; Dave Forburger is looking into corporate sponsorships to purchase a new digital scoreboard

Treasurer Report: Shannon Dietrick

- For far this year: Concessions had a net positive of \$4,000; School Store has broken even; Book sale earned \$16,000; Banners raised \$2,000; 'Membership raised about \$10,000; Mulch should probably come in at \$45,000
- Donated \$2,000 to Kennedy High School Athletics
- Next year Boosers needs to push for more donations
- Although Boosters previously voted to help fund 'digital marquis' (sign) front of WJ, the project is now stalled.
- Have funds to give away to support clubs and teams
- Shannon will try to find a 'free card reader' since it would be helpful to have another one at events.
- Boosters submitted our IRS taxes 3 times for the last year! This year it is due in November, but July 1st is when can sign it in.



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Funding Request: Tom Rogers

- Outdoor Track seeking \$2,059.20 for National 2-day meet registration fees in Oregon in June; 21 athletes will attend.
- Track team also running its own fundraiser to raise \$6200 for a new shotput since an artificial turf field destroyed the current one.
- Linda Harrington Baker motions to approve \$2,059.20 request. Michele Wisniewski seconds it. Ten meeting participants voted to approve the funding request.

Banner Update: Marilyn Santiago

- Many Businesses no longer want to buy banners

New Business:

- Mary Bittle Koenick suggests that WJ Foundation, PTSA, and Boosters should do a joint newsletter together
- On May 30th, Mary Bittle and Dave Forburger will represent WJ Booster Club at end of year Booster Club County-Wide Booster Club meeting
- Science Olympiad, Step Team and Wrestling teams all worked 4 concessions and will be awarded a bonus of \$100 per team 'extra.
- Mary Bittle working with Bob Change on website. Trying to get the same website that is currently used with Webnode.
- June 6th will be end of year BBQ at Mary Bittle's backyard

Elections of New Officers for 2023 to 2024 Officers:

- ● Nominating committee is Becky Sher, Dawn Harris and Michele Wisniewski
- ● President will be Mary Bittle Koenick (returning)
- Vice President will be Linda Harrington Baker (NEW)
- Treasurer will be Shannon Dietrick (returning)
- Secretary will be Janice Marks (returning)
- Note that Sharon Watts has stepped down and will not be a VP for the 2023-2024 school year
- Terry Heintze motions to approve new board; Michele Wisniewski seconds vote and 10 Booster Club members in attendance vote to approve new board.



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Booster Club Members in Attendance:

Becky Sher

Janice Marks

Mary Bittle Koenick

Marilyn Santiago

Terry Heintze

Shannon Dietrich

Michele Wisniewski

Linda Harrington Baker

Meghan Ampari

Tom Rogers