

**VALLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING MARCH 6, 2023, 7:00 PM, VCHS Library  
(KICK-OFF MEETING)**

Present: Loni Adams (President), Cathy Merz (Member-at-Large), Noel Kinder (Treasurer), Cecilia Nguyen (Volunteer Coordinator), Patrick Chapman (VCHS Athletic Director), and Dr. Sara Bruins (VCHS Principal)

Absent: Steve Gunther (Vice-President), Megan Heyworth (Secretary), Ginnie Paterson (VCHS Fine Arts Department Chair)

1. In attendance: Executive Committee officers stated above and about 14 people attended meeting.
2. Dr. Bruins passed out candies and raffle tickets for door prizes (VCS shirts).
3. President Loni Adams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
4. President displayed reviewed the Standing Agenda for VCHS Booster Club General Meetings.
5. **Opening prayer:** Dr Bruins conducted prayer.
6. **Principal Report:** Dr. Bruins presented.  
Dr. Bruins did an introduction; summarized booster club planning and formation activities to date including: the election of officers, anticipated involvement of student representative (target date: fall of 2023), and identification of non-voting members (principal Dr. Bruins, athletic director Patrick Chapman representing sports, Fine Arts Dept Chair Ginnie Paterson representing arts, music, and drama). Dr. Bruins also shared that the executive committee has met twice since the initial interest meeting, is building foundation through creation and adoption of bylaws, and has obtained a general bucket list from the athletic and fine arts department to get a general idea of needs and wants.
7. **President Report:** Loni Adams presented.
  - a. Progress to date: deferred to Dr. Bruins' report;
  - b. PowerPoint presentation: Overview of the bylaws as adopted by the Executive Committee.
  - c. Questions/Concerns raised by attendees: There would not be a meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in September in any given year. Another attendee asks how funds and projects are prioritized due to concerns about booster club becoming dumping ground for fundraising; Sara Bruins addressed some of those concerns and talked about relationship and delicate matter between the school, foundation, and SSMO Corporation.
  - d. Loni Adams stated intention of creating two committees: 1) committee to review and propose membership incentives and tiering; 2) committee to discuss potential 2023 spring fundraising event.
  - e. Next steps: how do we build a community?
8. **Treasurer's Report:**
  - a. Noel Kinder did not have anything to report since there are no funds yet.
  - b. Athletic Director Chapman shared examples of non-capital expenditures. He also mentioned that some expenditures may address the disparities of needs/wants among the sports teams. Other examples are things like gifts for

senior nights, travel sweats, team outings, coaching tools, etc. He mentioned that some expenditures are often due to unexpected costs that may not have been anticipated in the school budget like the cover for the pole vault that was damaged by mice. For the fine arts department, he and Dr. Bruins mention needs/wants like: replacing really old instruments including a grand piano, in kind donations, supplies, labor, repairs to piano keyboard, shelving and storage, sheet music, etc.

- c. An attendee asked about whether there is a tradition for each graduating class to do a gift for the school. Mr. Chapman said yes and gave two examples such as water fountain and tv monitor in the concession stand for volunteers to watch the game, but class gifts will depend on the organization of each class.
- d. Several attendees asked about corporate/business sponsorship advertisements placed at sports events as way to raise money.
- e. There was a discussion about concessions for CYO games, buddy system (high school with a lower grade), invitation to elementary and middle school families to high school events.

**9. Committee Reports:**

- a. Call out for attendees to sign up for the two committees discussed above.
- b. Committee sign-up sheets were passed around along with sheet for attendees to sign up to be on booster club e-mail list.

**10. Upcoming events:**

- a. President gave notice of next General Meeting on 4/3/2023 at 7:00 PM.
- b. Volunteer Coordinator did shoutout for upcoming spring sports concession sign ups.

**11. Recap of concluded events:** None.

**12. Unfinished biz/open forum:** None.

**13. Raffle:** In between reports, Dr. Bruins did the raffle drawings.

Meeting officially adjourned at 8:04 PM.

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**POST MEETING NOTES:** Committee sign-ups received from President Loni Adams.

**Membership Committee:**

Cathy Merz (Executive Committee Officer/Member-at-Large)

Marissa Doyle

Matt Rocha & Melissa Rocha.

**Spring Fundraising Event Committee:**

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Natalie Haima

Moly Amano

Heidi Schaer

Kathy Randolph

Sheila Hill

Marissa Doyle

Hillary Klumpe-McKown