

**VALLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MAY 1, 2023, 7:00 PM, VCHS LIBRARY**

Present: Loni Adams (President), Steve Gunther (Vice-President), Megan Heyworth (Secretary), Noel Kinder (Treasurer), Cathy Merz (Member-at-Large), Ginnie Patterson (VCHS Fine Arts Department Chair), Dr. Sara Bruins (VCHS Principal).

Absent: Cecilia Nguyen (Volunteer Coordinator), Patrick Chapman (VCHS Athletic Director).

Meeting time: 7:00 PM

1. In Attendance: Executive Committee officers stated above and about seven additional parents attended the meeting.
2. Principal Dr. Sara Bruins opened in prayer.
3. **Principal Report**
 1. Focus on needs has been going to the Athletic Director and the Fine Arts Chair
 2. The Booster Club Executive committee decided against sweatshirts for all the teams.
 3. Dr. Bruins reported that the Fine Arts Chair had reported a big need for both lighting instruments and musical instruments.
 4. Dr. Bruins is working on setting up financials for the booster club and how it will work for restricted funds and having access to them.
 5. Dr. Bruins would like to have a fall AND a spring event to generate excitement but need to get them on the calendar ASAP.
4. **President's Report**
 1. Loni deferred to Dr. Bruin's report. Most of her report had been covered.
 2. Loni re-emphasized she would like to focus on what we want to do in fall and spring.
 3. Reminder to Booster Club of Chipotle night on June 7
 1. 30% of sales between 4-8 pm go to the Booster Club. Need to make sure attendees know they need a flyer and/or code.
 2. Suggestion made to give it to the SBO's to report it. Also to be placed on social media.
 3. Dr. Bruins will drop it in their google classroom and have it announced over the intercom.
 4. Have an idea of all restaurants that would participate in a program like this.
5. **Treasurer's Report**
 1. Noel is going to have a conversation with the Foundation with Sara, Tricia, and some others in the finance department to make sure the tracking, donor intent and best practices are being followed.
6. **Member at Large Report**
 1. Cathy emphasized she would like Booster Club to team up with VCHS Alumni department. Alumni Golf tournament coming up, perhaps Booster Club could go next year.
 2. Cathy is working on a final draft of the membership letters. Three different levels for participants to take part in.
 1. White level at \$50
 2. Blue membership level at \$200 which gets member a \$25 voucher

3. Valiant Level \$500 gets member four passes to games and/or plays
3. It was suggested that language in letters should mention donations from companies and double match days.
4. Alumni letters with booster club information will hopefully go out this summer.

7. General/Open Discussion

1. Dr. Bruins reminded the committee that November 4th is the VCS gala.
2. The Booster Club discussed the Event Committee ideas. Dr. Bruins would really like to have a Mother/Son event and/or Father/daughter event. A Harvest Festival was proposed. Pickleball competition was proposed- could we do it at the tennis courts? We need to determine dates ASAP as the calendar is already filling up for next year.
3. An attendant mentioned we need to have better involvement among parents/students. Can VCHS do pep rallies? A back to school event was suggested. Can we have more visibility like CYO basketball nights?
 1. Thursday August 17th was the date for BBQ.
 2. Thursday August 31st is back to school registration day. Perhaps piggy back on to this? Determined summer meetings are important to make this feasible.
4. Dr. Bruins stated a covered football stadium is not an option right now. Many attendees feel this is an important item eventually for Booster Club to raise funds for.
 1. Pop up tents for the football stadium were brought up as a way to make money. VIP seating for individuals to buy?
5. Dr. Bruins emphasized the need for Booster Club to take over the Concession stand. It is a big job. Booster Club should keep this on the forefront of plans.
 1. Parents questioned if teams could help run it?
6. Sponsorship Banners were discussed
 1. Dr. Bruins received approval for the Booster Club to sell signs for the field and gym as a fundraiser.
 2. Cathy and Patrick will meet up to measure and see how many banners could go up.
 3. Typical banner is 3x6. St Mary's school in Medford sells them for \$1,000.
 4. Booster Club needs to determine price, how long they go up for, sizing, how to advertise etc.
7. Discussion was had about hoodies that Mr. Chapman mentioned.
 1. 1 per athlete/not per sport. Sean Bonnet reported to have access to the sweatshirts.
 2. Sean will look into getting Nike sweatshirts for all athletes and will get a price to the booster club.

Meeting adjourned 8:09 pm