

# **Patriot Pioneers Booster Club**

## **Minutes of September 10th Meeting**

### Board Members Present

Dave Thomas, President  
Chris Newman, Vice President  
Sidney Lee, Treasurer  
John Boyes, Secretary  
Brad Qualls, PHS Activities Director

### Board Members Absent

Steve Daves, Member at Large (attended the executive session)

### Committee Chairs Present

Gayle Jenkins, Concessions

The board meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

The general meeting was called to order at 7:07pm

### Business executed via email between meetings

Little Caesars proposed the following donation in return for a banner and announcement during the football games

- 10 pizzas donated for each varsity game in the heater/cooking bags with delivery
- They will get t-shirts designed with PHS and Little Caesars logos to be tossed out at games, as well as LC dolls (ready for the next home game)
- They will also work with us during basketball season on a smaller scale
- Any additional pizzas we purchase will be \$5.00
- The board unanimously approved the agreement.

### Business Discussed

#### Executive Session

Brad Qualls made a request to purchase protective netting that would cover the softball bleachers to protect fans from foul balls from the baseball field. The cost is estimated at \$11,175. John Boyes put motioned to approve the request, after a short discussion a vote was taken.

- The board unanimously approved the purchase

Spirit Wear made a request to purchase 4 tablet computers and 2 cellular hotspots plus data to enable credit card sales via the Square credit card processing company for Spirit Wear and Concessions. John Boyes made a motion to approve. During the discussion it was determined that Concessions did not need two devices so the proposal was amended to 3 tablet computers and 2 cellular hotspots plus data. John Boyes amended his motion to purchase to that level and to appropriate sufficient funds to purchase the equipment and data plans. Approximately \$800.

- The board unanimously approved the purchase

The board had been presented with a proposal to fund travel for a sponsor to accompany the cheer team to a reward event in Florida. This request was withdrawn as the team had sufficient funds in their account to cover the costs and board approval is not required for them to utilize those resources.

Brad Qualls reported that the sports entrance tunnel had been ordered.

The board agreed that a committee should be formed to draft a policy that describes what types requests the board will consider for funding.

A motion was made to increase funding to spirit wear to \$16,500. Later it was discovered that the board had fully funded spirit wear at \$20,000 and this vote was OBE.

The board held a discussion regarding the Chorus request for funding 3 new sets of risers at \$1620 each, 2 new sound shells at \$2280 each and 2 new chair racks at \$302 each. After discussions the board amended the original request to 3 new sets of risers at \$1620 each and 1 new sound shell at \$2280. The rationale for cutting 1 sound shell was that sound shells are not a need like the risers and the board felt that Chorus had sufficient funds in their account to pay for the second shell. The chair rack is a school infrastructure item and should be purchased by the school if it is truly needed. A motion was put forward to fund the purchase of 3 new sets of risers at \$1620 each and 1 new sound shell at \$2280

- The board unanimously approved the funding for the purchase

The board discussed the topic of Segway for security. The board asked Mr. Qualls to request a formal request from security.

#### General Business

- The board announced that the meeting format would change starting in October. The General meeting would start at 6:30 PM and the executive meeting would follow adjournment of the General meeting.

#### New Business

- Chorus made a request for funding of the following purchases to accommodate the growth in the chorus membership. The request was for 3 new sets of risers at \$1620 each, 2 new sound shells at \$2280 each and 2 new chair racks at \$302 each.
- The President reported that the Vice-President Chris Newman has to resign due to a conflict with his job. Then he asked for volunteers and to contact him directly if interested.
- Jason Knight requested that the booster club donate Spirit Wear to build a Red Nation gift basket that would be auctioned off at a fundraising event for Sweet Julia Grace Foundation. The board approved the request and donated spirit wear valued at \$307.
- Mr. Lavelle presented a need for security to have a Segway to better police the parking lot during large gatherings but did not make a request for funding. He did mention that several efforts to fund the Segway via the PTSA had fallen through.

#### Treasurer

- Cash on hand \$181,408.59
- Income since last report \$49,940.77

#### Secretary

- Minutes from last meeting were approved by vote of the membership

#### Member-at-Large

- Reported board actions taken at the last executive session and between board meetings. These actions can be found in the current and previous board meeting minutes in the executive meeting sections.
- Mattress Sale – the board is looking for volunteers to assist Dave Thomas in preparing for the mattress sale.
- Golf Tournament
  - A Chairperson is needed to run the golf tournament, a volunteer was requested
  - Volunteers for the golf tournament Committee were also requested

#### Concessions

- Reported that the Freshman parents are great and making a significant contribution to the success of concessions
- Reported that all of you vendors are working out very well

#### Spiritwear

- Reported that sales are going well and that they are replenishing items that have sold out. They also shared a report that showed inventory and profitability for each item sold. Several board members made positive comments about having this information.

#### Membership

Membership reported that the booster club has 170 members.

The General Meeting adjourned at 7:37PM