

PRAIRIE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB

Monday, April 8, 2024 @ 7:00pm

Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the PRHS Booster Club was held on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the PRHS Library.

Board Attendees: Sieglinde Savas, President; Kevin Koeppen, Vice Principal, Tatiana Gray, Treasurer; Shannon Vrbancic, VP Operations-Concessions; Katie Czarnecki, VP-Spiritwear, Margie Palmer, Secretary

Call To Order: Prairie Ridge High School Booster Club President, Sieglinde Savas, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2024, meeting, was seconded and carried.

Vice Principal Report: Mr. Koeppen was absent due to the Faculty / Student basketball game, but joined later. Nothing current was reported. Faculty won the basketball game this year!

BOARD REPORTS

President/Fundraising Report: Ridge Raffle at Rookies raffle ticket update included mention of the number of ticket sales thus far. More than 11 tickets were sold the day of this Booster Club meeting. Sales are nearing the breakeven point, and it is hoped that additional sales will go beyond. Event date is April 21st, at Rookies in downtown Crystal Lake at 5PM.

Graduation Signs: Sieglinde recognized Kelly Demakis for her design efforts on the new yard signs. It was reported that 25 signs of 400 have been sold to date. Sales will also be taken the day of distribution (cash / credit card) on May 3rd from 1:00 - 3:30pm. No concerns were expressed about the progress since there will be plenty of signs available on the day of distribution. Order yours here if you wish to have it paid before your senior picks theirs up. (about halfway down the page.)

<https://www.prathleticboosterclub.com/>

Jewelry Fundraiser: Kest Jewelry (PR family) has launched a fundraiser offering 10% of total sales to PR Boosters for permanent jewelry. Dates are April 19th-21st and 26th-28th at the Crystal Lake location, and May 3rd-5th and 10th -12th at the McHenry location.

Sports Rosters: To date \$4,000 in ad sales have been secured. There is room for plenty more, so please spread the word and contact Sieglinde with any interest in placing ads. Or visit the website at <https://www.prathleticboosterclub.com/roster-sponsorships.html>. Pass the word to your business owner friends!

Graduation Flowers: The NHS members will handle this year's flower sale for graduation.

Ridge Fest: The first Committee meeting will be held Thursday, April 18th at Lucky Lulu's. Johanna Donohue will again serve as this year's chair for the event. Come join us, anyone is welcome to be a part of planning. Save the date for Ridge Fest 2024 at the Dole on October 19th, 2024.

2024/25 Booster Board Elections: Elections will be held at the May meeting. The VP Fundraising position is still available. The current board is very focused on succession planning to ensure continuity and momentum on established projects and efforts. If you wish to run, please make your intentions known before the May meeting to our current President at PRBoostersPresident@gmail.com.

VP Concessions Report: Girls soccer is still currently without volunteers in place to oversee concession sales during games.

VP Spirit Wear Report: Katie reported that she is in the process of designing a t-shirt for promotion night for incoming freshmen. Shirts will be sold during promotion night at PR, at just above cost. Remaining inventory will be sold during Distribution Days. The graphic will be simple and not advertising the status of Freshman. Looking for old school / vintage designs. The goal is to be able to sell remaining inventory at Distribution Days. Everyone is encouraged to go back and look at old designs in their closets that they like and share with Katie.

Treasurer's Report: Tatiana reported an opening balance of \$85,953. Total revenue was \$2,552 vs. expenses of \$55,215. Ending balance is \$33,290, which includes the \$50,000 in Allocations that were awarded, but excludes upcoming scholarship awards, as well as the payout for the Ridge Raffle at Rookies.

Secretary Report: Margie Palmer reported on the status of the Scholarship Application process. This year, 19 applications were received. All applicants are incredibly deserving, and deciding will be difficult. Announcements will be made at the May meeting.

Team and Activity Representatives Report:

Track & Field: Heather Jewel reported via email on Girls Track for the 2024 season. The indoor season was short with just two meets, plus Conference where the girls came in 3rd behind Huntley and Burlington Central – both Class 3A. Five athletes represented Prairie Ridge at the Class 2A Indoor State Meet at Illinois Wesleyan. Junior Katie Jewell took 3rd place in the 60M, tying the school record she set previously this season, and 10th in the 200M with a new indoor PR. Senior Olivia McPherson, sophomore Brenna Benjamin, sophomore Lila Stewart and senior Faith Wilder placed 8th in the 4x800M relay. Lila and Faith also competed in individual events, the 800M and 400M, respectively.

The outdoor season kicked off today at Burlington Central, followed by Grayslake Central Invitational (Thursday) and Barrington Invitational (Friday). We anticipate sending several athletes across multiple events to compete at the Class 2A State Meet May 17th and 18th at Eastern Illinois University (Big Blue).

Lacrosse: First of five home games scheduled for next week.

Upcoming Dates:

April 10th & 11th - School-wide Testing
Signing Day - Wednesday, April 10th
Booster Club Meetings This Year - May 13th
Sunday, April 21st - Ridge Raffle at Rookies in Downtown CL
Prom - Friday, April 26th
Graduation Sign Distribution - May 3rd 1-3:30pm
Booster Club Elections - May 13th
Graduation - Saturday, May 18th

\$100 Raffle Winner: Jeremy Horton, Lacrosse

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margie Palmer, Secretary PRHS Booster Club