

**PRAIRIE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB**  
**Monday, February 12, 2024 @ 7:00pm**  
**Meeting Minutes**

A meeting of the PRHS Booster Club was held on Monday, February 12, at 7:00 pm in the PRHS Library.

**Board Attendees:** Sieglinde Savas, President; 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 7:02p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2024, meeting, was seconded and carried.

**Vice Principal Report:** Kevin Koeppen reported that the winter sport season is winding down with the spring sports season beginning in two weeks. Mr. Koeppen noted the important role parents and families play in supporting efforts within the PR community. A most compelling example of voluntarism is the work being done on the design and construction of the musical set. In addition to the many hours the students put into preparing, there is a large corps of parents who also commit an exorbitant amount of time to ensuring the success of the production. The Hortons were thanked for their leadership and coordinating the effort so that faculty is free to focus on students in the musical.

**Athletic Director Report:** Coach Schremp reported that the new Athletic Director and Volleyball Head Coach will be announced next Tuesday. The two candidates are exceptional and will contribute greatly towards building a successful athletic program and developing talent among our teams. While the School Board is a formality, both candidates have been engaged in some preliminary details, including summer camp schedules, etc. He also remarked on the Allocations process and noted coaches are identifying needs that exceed what the district provides. Additionally, coaches were asked to provide recommendations for any changes that could enhance the athletic program. So far, many good ideas have been generated, some of which he is already looking at implementing. In closing, Coach noted that he and the Booster Board will be meeting tomorrow to discuss and consider initiatives that the Booster Club might oversee, all of which are intended to integrate families in the PR community to ensure more investment and involvement in efforts.

**Introduction of Attendees:** Sieglinde initiated a round of self-introductions among the meeting attendees.

**Board Reports:**

**President/Fundraising Report:** PR Boosters President, Sieglinde Savas welcomed everyone to the evening's meeting. It was reported that Allocation Applications have gone out to coaches and activity/club sponsors. The application deadline is February 16th. She stressed the main goal of the Booster Club is to raise funds for the students and provide additional funding where the district cannot meet needs. The initial review of the applications will be overseen by Administration (Dr. Koch, Kevin Koeppen, Chris Schremp and Mark Gilbert), who will then

present their recommendations to the Booster Board to make the final determinations. Results will be announced at the Booster Club meeting on March 11th.

Sieglinde reminded attendees that the “*Drowsy Chaperone*” spring musical is planned for March 1<sup>st</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. Tickets can be purchased online at [prtheater.ludus.com](http://prtheater.ludus.com). Playbill ad sales are going well, with 11 ads sold at \$300 each. Revenue generated from the playbill sales will be split between Fine Arts and Boosters, much like concessions. In addition, there are flower and candy bouquets being sold for additional fundraising revenue. Currently 18 floral and 15 candy bouquets have been sold. This effort is another example of how the new Booster Club is able to provide support to the PR community outside of the Athletic department.

**RIDGE RAFFLE AT ROOKIES:** Sieglinde reminded everyone that this year’s Ridge Raffle at Rookies is scheduled for Sunday, April 21st at Rookies in downtown Crystal Lake. Raffle ticket sales are going well and have surpassed last year’s sales for the same time period. As of this meeting, 65 tickets have been sold for a total \$6500. Raffle tickets purchased by the families of graduating seniors will be put into a special raffle for 5 premier parking spots the day of graduation.

**Senior Scholarships:** Sieglinde noted that the PR Boosters Merit Scholarship applications are now available with details to be provided in the Secretary’s report.

**Graduation Signs** are coming soon, with a new design this year, thanks to Kelly Demakis.

As the Booster Board continues to focus on fundraising efforts, Sieglinde shared an idea for a new fundraiser. “**Singo**” (Name that Tune meets Bingo emceed by the DJ) has proven very successful for other high schools in the district, and as such the Board asked meeting attendees for their thoughts. The event would be designed as a social adult-only event at Sideouts for \$20-\$25 a person. Attendees would purchase their own food and drink from Sideouts. More information will be forthcoming as dates are considered.

In closing, Sieglinde encouraged everyone to keep sharing information concerning athletes, clubs and activities, as well as sharing photos. Also, Board elections are slated for May 2024. The Board is looking to add one more member to oversee VP-Fundraising. Those interested should contact Sieglinde directly and she can explain the position in greater detail.

**Vice President Operations Report:** Shannon Vrbancic reported concession sales for Girls and Boys Basketball season is winding down. Wrestling grossed \$1730! As a result, Wrestling will net \$537 vs. last year’s \$138. Robin Meade was recognized for her leadership among the Wrestling team families.

**Vice President Spirit Wear Report:** Katie Czarnecki reported on spirit wear sales efforts since the last meeting. 8th Grade Night made \$5000, which was a decrease from last year’s event with revenue of \$8000. The decrease was attributed to a possible lower turnout than in the past. For the joint Girls / Boys basketball Friday evening games, sales totaled \$1700 in sales. “Meet the Band” night achieved the highest sales. In closing, Katie announced new sport/team specific spirit wear is available online, which can be personalized and sent directly

to the purchaser. A percentage of those sales will go directly to the team in an effort to generate more fundraising revenue for our teams. The tab is under the normal spirit wear tab.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tatiana reported on the Booster Club finances. As of last meeting, Booster Club income balance was \$65,335. Sales, including Concessions, Raffle Tickets, Playbill ads, Flowers and Candy for the Play and SpiritWear, totaled \$16,093 vs. expenses of \$3,679. Balance as of February 9, 2024, is \$77,749.

**Secretary's Report:** Margie Palmer announced the Booster Club Merit Scholarship for graduating seniors is now available. She referred everyone to the meeting packet for an example. The Board met over the summer and fall to revise the format and include more relevant questions. It is important to note that the scholarship is merit-based and will take into consideration the senior's (and their family) overall contribution to the fabric of the PR community. Last year, \$6000 was allocated and awarded. Applications are available on the Booster website as an editable PDF. Applications can be emailed directly to [PRBoostersscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:PRBoostersscholarship@gmail.com), or delivered to the Dean's Office to the attention of the PR Boosters Merit Scholarship Committee.

**Team & Activity Representatives Report:**

**Cheer:** All Cheer teams will participate in the Youth Clinic on Feb 24 from 9-2 w/the Jr. Wolves Cheerleaders. Photos from the State Championships will be made available to the Board for sharing.

**Boys Basketball:** Sr. Night is scheduled for tomorrow, February 13th.

**Wrestling:** Heading to Champaign on Saturday for State.

**Lacrosse:** It was asked if funds were received for the backstops and new balls from last year's allocations. Sieglinde responded that receipts have been received but that she would double check to ensure last year's allocations were used.

**Upcoming Dates:**

Coaches/Activity/Club Sponsors Allocation Applications are Due  
"Drowsy Chaperone" Spring Musical, March 1 - 9th. Purchase tickets at [prtheater.ludus.com](http://prtheater.ludus.com)  
March 11th - Booster Club Meeting & Allocations Presented  
Booster Club Meetings This Year - March 11th, April 8th, May 13th  
Spring Break - March 25 - 29th  
Monday, April 3rd @ 3pm - Booster Club Scholarship Applications are Due  
Sunday, April 21st - Ridge Raffle at Rookies in Downtown CL  
Prom - Friday, April 26th  
Graduation - Saturday, May 18th

**\$100 Raffle Winner: Dwayne Dittmer - Lacrosse**

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margie Palmer, Secretary PRHS Booster Club