

PRAIRIE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB

Monday, November 13, 2023 @ 7:00pm

Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the PRHS Booster Club was held on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the PRHS Library.

Board Attendees: Sieglinde Savas, President; Tatiana Gray, Treasurer; Shannon Vrbancic, VP Operations-Concessions; Katie Czarnecki, VP- Spirit Wear; Margie Palmer, Secretary; Kevin Koeppen, Vice Principal and PRHS Booster Club Liaison

Call To Order: Prairie Ridge High School Booster Club President, Sieglinde Savas, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2023, meeting, was seconded and carried.

Vice Principal Report: Mr. Koeppen welcomed everyone to the evening's meeting. He noted the conclusion of the Fall athletics / activities, as of the weekend, and that the Winter season is underway. The fall play was a success and the spring musical auditions have been held. Mr. Koeppen recognized the Booster Board for the amount of time and effort spent on behalf of the students, families and school, especially as these are parents with students of their own, and many of whom work outside the home. Of particular note was effort and coordination associated with concession and spirit wear sales for the fall season, which included ensuring a corps of volunteers, maintaining inventory and tracking sales. Most notably was the tremendous success of RidgeFest. Everyone was thanked for their commitment and efforts.

Introduction of Attendees: Sieglinde initiated a round of self-introductions among the Board and meeting attendees. Sieglinde encouraged members to explore Board and/or leadership opportunities available within the Booster Club.

Board Reports:

President/Fundraising Report: Board President, Sieglinde Savas, reported on the success of RidgeFest, noting Tatiana Gray would provide a more comprehensive overview in her Treasurer's report. Sieglinde reported there were 14 total sponsors that supported RidgeFest, and provided a special shoutout to our own Summer Moon Coffee family and Country Donuts who donated 100% of their product for the event.

The fall months were busy and the board is now working on attending parent meetings for winter athletics. These parent meetings provide the opportunity to better acquaint our families with the Booster Club in general. Activity directors and parents of students in clubs and activities were encouraged to contact Sieglinde if they would like us to attend any similar parent meetings.

With the start of the winter athletics season comes the next round of Roster Program Books. The new programs are currently in production and will feature Boys and Girls Basketball, Cheer, Dance, Pep Band, Girls Gymnastics and Wrestling. The program designer, Kelly Demakis, and printer, Brian Coyle at UPS, were recognized for their very generous support.

Sieglinde explained the Booster Club's effort to promote and highlight student athletes who commit to a college for their sport vis a vis Signing Day. Last week, four new seniors committed to colleges:

- Charlie Pettrone, Golf - Bowling Green
- Will Gelon, Cross Country/Track & Field - Illinois State
- Laney Borg, Rowing - Temple University
- Anna Borg, Rowing - Temple University

In closing, members were asked to note there would be no Booster meeting in December. Instead, the Board will be meeting to begin discussions surrounding Spring Allocations, revamping the Scholarship Program and planning for the Ridge Raffle at Rookies. Lastly, Sieglinde encouraged parents to reach out to share any information, announcements or photos highlighting students. The Yearbook photographer, Sylver McAllister welcomes receiving any pictures of our students for consideration in the yearbook. Photos can be shared directly to her email at SMcAllister@d155.org, but don't forget to also send them to Sieglinde, as well!

Vice President Operations: Shannon reported on the results of Fall 2023 concessions sales. The Boosters grossed just over \$40,500 from football concessions. After expenses and the disbursement of funds to the athletics and activities that volunteered to work concessions this season, Boosters added \$13,200 to our account for allocations. Volleyball and Soccer ran their own concessions throughout the season and volunteer parents raised \$1,241 and \$250, respectively. Similarly, Basketball and Wrestling will oversee their concessions, as well. Schedules are currently being prepared, along with organizing the inventory needed for Boys and Girls Basketball and Wrestling. Shelly Voight and Tatiana Gray volunteered to coordinate Boys Basketball, however, parents are still needed to oversee Girls Basketball concessions. To ensure spring allocations, parents are needed to oversee the sales on game nights. Last year Girls Basketball netted \$1200 and Boys ended with \$1700. Girls JV and Varsity parents interested in volunteering as the Concessions Coordinators are encouraged to contact Shannon directly.

Vice President Spirit Wear: Katie Czarnecki unveiled this year's PR Wolves Christmas sweatshirt. A preview sale was offered during the evening's Booster Club meeting at a \$35 special price. The sweatshirt will be offered at the December 9th Annual Holiday Sale for \$40; however, following the Holiday Sale, the price will increase to \$45. Finally, the Annual Holiday Sale will be held at school on Saturday, December 9th from 11:00am - 1:00pm, with setup beginning at 10:00am and teardown from 1:00pm - 1:30pm. Volunteers will be needed and those interested were asked to contact Katie directly with any interest in staffing the event. (There will be no SignUp Genius this year.) Volunteers will also be needed for 8th Grade Night (January 18th), as well as the (4) Girls / Boys Basketball Friday night games (December 8, 19, 26 and February 2nd). All opportunities are a great way to socialize! Katie's email is PRBoostersVPSpiritWear@gmail.com.

Treasurer's Report: Tatiana reported RidgeFest 2023 was attended by approximately 175 people and raised almost \$22,000. After expenses of just under \$10,000, the event netted over \$11,000. This represents an increase over last year's event, which is primarily due to reduced costs, increased sponsorship revenue of \$6350, and the larger and improved event venue. The Dole Mansion space provided greater space for attendees and for showcasing the Raffle Baskets and Silent Auction offerings. PR's athletics, clubs and activities provided approximately 30 baskets for the raffle and silent auction, which resulted in revenue of \$2530 and \$3220, respectively. The Booze Pull was also very popular, raising \$1100. Special note was given to the Adventure Club and Nick Low for the donation of a pair of wooden adirondack chairs made by woodworking students for the Live Auction, and a set of Blackhawks tickets donated by Heritage Title, resulting in raising \$1325.

Overall, the change in venue provided more flexibility and creativity in the attendee experience, enabling the Boosters to increase the music entertainment featuring three bands: The PR Marching Band welcomed guests as they arrived, the BluesBerry's (featuring two PR alumni) performed pro bono during cocktails, and Dollar Giraffes performed in the Sage Ballroom.

Team & Activity Reports:

PR Dance: It was reported that the First Dance competition is coming up this weekend at Mundelein HS on Sunday. They perform at 1:41PM!

Adventure Club: The first Ski Night is scheduled for Friday, December 4th at Alpine Valley.

Fine Arts: Madrigal Dinners / performances will be held this weekend. Tickets are available for both dinner and performance only. Performance only tickets will include cookies.

Baseball: Community Dine Out night is Thursday at Panera.

Upcoming Dates:

- Madrigal Dinners Fri. 11/17 @ 5:45 and Sat. 11/18 at 12:45 (Walk ins – no dinner is \$5)
 - The Evangelical Free Church of Crystal Lake (575 E. Crystal Lake Ave.)
- Booster Club Meetings this year: **NO December Meeting**; Jan. 8th, Feb. 12th, March 11th, April 8th, May 13th
- Thanksgiving Break – Wed. 11/22-Friday, 11/24
- Spirit Wear Sale during first Boys/Girls Combo basketball night on Wrestling balcony 12/8
- Boosters Holiday Spirit Wear Sale Saturday, December 9th 11AM-1PM in front hallway
- Winter Break – Thurs. 12/21-1/7
- 8th Grade Night - January 18th 6-8pm

\$100 Raffle Winner: Melissa Braun, Choir

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Palmer, Secretary PRHS Booster Club