

HUNTINGTON EAST MIDDLE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

MINUTES

March 8, 2023

5:30pm

Type of Meeting: Board Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Tony Christian, President

Meeting Location: HEMS Cafeteria/Foyer

Members Present: April Smith, Melissa Christian, Tony Christian, Jason Shepherd, Kristen Hatfield, Barb Angle, Christine Vo-Salisbury, Jody Sowards

Board Members not Present: n/a

- I. Meeting called to order** at 5:30pm
- II. Approval of Minutes** from February 8, 2023. A. Smith made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes; J. Shepherd 2nd the motion. All present in favor.
- III. Treasurer's Report.** No report available. J. Shepherd to request the account information from Tiffany Mills.
- IV. Old Business**
 - a. Winter banquet went well. **Need to label all food in the future.** Awards nice. Per April Smith, school cook was upset we didn't use them for the dinner.
 - b. Winter fund raiser- Chocolate covered cherries sale. Unknown what profit was at this time.
- V. New Business**
 - a. Discussed needs of Track teams.
 1. Girls' Track has same uniforms from when school opened. Sizes run very large.
 2. Need starting block. They have 2 they share. No pole for pole-vault (purchased based on weight of athlete). Discus falling apart. Only have 1 shot-put. No stopwatches. Mr. Sowards stated that he told Coach Morrow to provide a list of needs to him, but Mr. Sowards has not received a list at this time.
 3. T. Christian will ask HHS booster for track equipment.
 - b. Spring fundraiser. Carwash. April 1, 2023. O'Reilly's at 31st. Christina Vo-Salisbury will call and request to use their store. The carwash will be held from 8:00am-2:00pm. Boys Track and Golf will cover 8:00am-11:00am. Girls Track will cover 11:00am – 2:00pm. Need buckets, sponges, drying cloths. T. Christian has large bucket of soap. Ask Heather Dempsey to prepare form and submit it.
 - c. Spring banquet. Possible dates of May 9th or May 15th. 9 cans of sauce remaining. Will get count of pins once we have count of athletes.
 - d. Future banquets:
 1. Do not have practice for current season sports on same night as previous season's banquet to reduce attendance interference.
 2. Letters for 8th graders and well as pin.
 - e. Social Media. A. Smith requested that M. Christian be added as an admin to the Booster's social media pages in order to make meeting or other necessary posts.

- f. Resource Fair. Hosted by HHS, titled BBQ&A. April 6, 2023. 4:30-6:30pm. M. Christian said she would set up a table which will include sports info, booster info, sponsorship info, meeting info.
- g. Booster Sports Fair. Invite feeder schools. Post on social media. Possibly hold night of May meeting.
- h. Prepare sponsorship packets in purple folder that include, W-9, letter, tier form, 2 admission tix for athletic events, concession voucher for two drinks and 2 popcorns, contact information. M. Christian to prepare 24 folders.
 - a. Discussed invoicing renewals in the future.
- i. Discussed fundraising opportunities.
 - 1. Fundraisers at restaurants always an opportunity,
 - 2. Highway 55 has discount cards for \$10/each. School gets \$8/card back.
 - 3. Collecting money at Walmart.
 - 4. Grants that can be applied for: Walmart Front door grant, Marathon Oil (T. Christian will apply), John Manchin Education and Sports grant, Huntington City Council, HUD grant.
- j. Discussed ideas to increase involvement which include posting team schedules, students of the week, tryout info, etc.
- k. Play it Forward, Inc. requested a list of all of our equipment needs.
- l. Equipment needs
 - 1. Football needs are a priority. Need to increase involvement and new equipment may help. A. Smith will reach out to coach and Amber Johnson for a list of needs. K Hatfield also stated she would reach out for a list.
 - 2. Golf should not have many if any needs. Athletes have own equipment.
 - 3. Needs of tennis discussed but unknown. Need to confirm with coach.
- m. Next meeting to be held 4/12/23 @ 5:30pm. HEMS Cafeteria.

VI. Adjournment. 6:36pm Motion to adjourn made by J. Shepherd. K. Hatfield 2nd the Motion. All present in favor.