

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

October Membership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 18th, 2023

Meeting Time: 7:00 PM Murzyn Hall Senior Room

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 7:00 PM by Stephanie Alvarez

2. RECOGNIZE VISITORS: Matt Kourouma - Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, JV/Varsity

MISSION STATEMENT: *The Columbia Heights Boosters is an organization of dedicated community volunteers that offer their time and talents to support youth activities and athletics throughout Columbia Heights fostering participation and the best experiences possible.*

3. CURRENT EVENTS / BOOSTERS CORNER:

Football team is playing tonight in Big Lake

Boys Soccer team finished their season second in the section and the team will have 2 all-state players, 5 all-conference players & 2 all-conference honorable mentions. Lost to Mahtomedi. 22 seniors graduated. Banquet request forthcoming. Practicing until the state tournament to keep the boys sharp for the college showcase tournament.

Volleyball still in regular season

Cross Country earned an all conference in their first year as a team.

Girls Swim team dual meet season is done, sections November 7 & 9

Girls Soccer team finished their season 5-7, lost in sections to Totino Grace.

Strikers Adaptive Soccer have 20 kids participating

4. CHARITABLE GAMBLING REPORT: Wendy Willey

***See attached [Gambling and Lawful Purpose report for September 2023](#) ***

Motioned by Hector Leon and 2nd by Chris Schoenbauer to accept & approve the August Gambling Report. All Ayes. Motion carried.

- Lawful Purpose donations were **\$35,932.73**
- Total allowable expenses for the month of September 2023 were **\$53,679.33**
- Net Profit was **\$22,692.07**
- New profit carryover was **\$99,095.72**

Motioned by Alita Bergan and 2nd by Chris Schoenbauer to accept & approve the Allowable Expense Report. All Ayes. Motion carried.

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT / FUNDING REQUESTS: Hector Leon

***See attached [Lawful Purpose report for September 2023 & Requests for October](#) ***

Motioned by Chris Schoenbauer and 2nd by Alita Bergan to accept the Lawful Purpose Donation to the North Park PE Program for a GaGa Pit, for a total of **\$3,178.00**. All Ayes, Motion carried.

NOTES: Vicki Denzer presented the request

Motioned by Trevor Major and 2nd by Stephanie Alvarez to accept the Lawful Purpose Donation to the CHHS Athletics & Activities / Boys Basketball for Shooting Shirts & Snacks, for a total of **\$2,600.00**. All Ayes, Motion carried.

NOTES: Matt Kourouma presented the request

Motion by Trevor Major , 2nd Chris Schoenbauer to accept the Lawful Purpose Donation to Rescued Pets are Wonderful, for merchandise bingo & 50/50 Raffle, for a total of **\$4,053.00**. All Ayes, Motion carried.

Motion by Keith, 2nd Wendy Willey to accept the Lawful Purpose Donation to MN Dept of Revenue, for Gambling Taxes, for a total of **\$37,456.54**. All Ayes, Motion carried.

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Alita Bergan

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Motion by Hector Leon and 2nd by Chris Schoenbauer to accept and approve the September Membership minutes as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT: Trevor Major

Motion by Stephanie Alvarez, 2nd Hector Leon, to accept and approve the end of month balance in the general account at Northeast Bank at the end of September 2023 was **\$34,558.75** when the account was balanced & reconciled to Northeast Bank's statement. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8. CARE & CONCERN REPORT: All

Tanya Moore continues to have health struggles and has been receiving care at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. The Boosters send her our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

9. BOOSTERS CORNER:

This section will be combined with Current Events (above) in the future.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

Homecoming Week Recap

Tuesday Booster Wagon @ Stadium: The Booster Wagon was on site from 4:00 - 8:00 and during that time we distributed over 400 hotdogs & 50 hamburgers. Mike Novitsky grilled and we had many community member volunteers.

Wednesday Annual Awards Dinner: Stephanie shared that overall the event was a success, we had a lot of good feedback from the community members in attendance. We will continue to use Sarna's to cater the event. John Larkin was the guest speaker.

2023 / 56th Annual Awards & Recognitions:

- Jason Kuhlman received the Distinguished Service Award
- Alita Bergan received the President's Award
- North Risk Partners (Steve McAlpin) received the Ron Wojciak Commercial Award
- Jared Severson received the Ron Wojciak Individual Award

Friday Homecoming Pre-Game Tailgating: Alita shared that the prep work we did made this event go much smoother, but it would be worth looking at ways to increase participation and plan activities to have people hang out before the game - mostly people grabbed food & went into the stadium.

Fireworks: The post-game homecoming fireworks were canceled due to weather, so the money donated for the fireworks will be held in the Activities account until homecoming 2024.

Fire Station Open House Recap

The Booster Wagon was on site, volunteers worked the event and approximately 150 hot dogs were sold at the event. We will participate in the future.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Truck or Treat planning:** *Saturday, October 28 from 1-4 p.m. at Huset Park East*
- **CA/VV Safety Night:** *Monday, October 30 from 5-7pm:*
 - *We will attend and promote the Boosters at the Columbia Academy and Valley View Safety Night for families. PD/FD/Rec/Other Resources will be participating. CH Activities will likely have a table too.*
- **Gambling Convention:** *November 16 & 17 in St. Cloud*
-Wendy, Chris & Hector are attending.
- **Holiday Potluck Planning:** *Wednesday, December 20*
SAVE THE DATE!

MEETING ADJOURNED: at 7:48 PM by Stephanie Alvarez

Respectfully submitted by:

Alita Bergan

Secretary

Columbia Heights Athletic Boosters