

Minutes

January 2, 2012

RM Athletic Boosters

Attendance:

Paul Lofgren	Greg Kostka	Jerry Kashatus
Rhonda Gaynor	Jon Freda	Dolores Barns
Shannan Cole	Jeanine Gould-Kostka	Bill Burchett
Lisa Johnston	Ed Corr	Phil Page
Melonee Noll	Renee Aniere	Barbara Cano
Brenda Dunham	Beth Mittl	Darlene Din
Dave Sault	Craig Cano	Jeanette Winton

The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

Approval of the Minutes: November 2011 minutes were approved with change.

President's Message – Bill Burchett

- Indoor concessions have gone well. Marisa Foster has volunteered to work every JV and Varsity basketball game. She sets-up and cleans-up. We would like to give her an RM shirt and sweatshirt as a thank you.
- Need to start identifying sophomore and freshmen parents who are interested in Booster Club Board and committee position. Please send Bill an email with suggestions. Shannan Cole will take over the outreach committee and co-chair with Mylene Ouimette.

Athletic Director's Report – Jon Freda

- Saturday, February 25, the Jewish Day School (JDS) will hold a basketball tournament at RM. This will be a good concession opportunity. We would get 100% of the concession sales. They are expecting 1,000 to attend the tournament.
- Dodgeball tournament will be held Friday, March 16.
- Mulch sale is confirmed for Saturday, March 24.
- RM/JW Cluster basketball staff game will be held on Thursday, March 29 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. RM staff plus 2 elementary schools staff will verses JW staff plus the other 2 elementary schools staff. All 6 schools in the RM Cluster will be participating.
- RM Spring Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, April 14 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon in conjunction with the City of Rockville for a 50/50 split or proceeds. The City will promote the event. Should consider opening concessions and inviting Carmen's.
- Baseball field – the new infield is complete except for the mound. The work order has been in for the outfield with respect to drainage issues and Jon is waiting to hear back. The outfield has been over seeded.
- The field blankets are down on the practice field; most of the field is covered.
- The basement in RM was painted black and gold on the athletic wing. It looks really good.
- Teams are all doing well, hockey is 5 and 0, girl's basketball is 4 and 5 and boy's basketball is 5 and 4, and boys swimming is undefeated
- Jon will follow up on signs that say 'Keep off field'.

- Jon provided the following breakdown of expenses and requested \$10,000 from the Booster as a general donation:
 - Field Hockey uniforms - \$4,650
 - Boys and girls lacrosse uniforms \$7,000 (\$3,500/each)
 - Track uniforms - \$2,700
 - VA Tech bus - \$800 (\$2,400 split with Walter Johnson and Northwest)
 - Penn Relay vans - \$800
 - Helmet reconditioning - \$4,500
 - Spring order and medical - \$7,000
 - City of Rockville hoodies - \$270
 - 4 Pom competitions @ \$150/each - \$600
 - Total expenses = \$28,320

Jon will receive a spring allocation in March/April of \$17,940.

Basketball and wrestling tickets sales are low, may need to supplement the cost of referees and transportation.

Motion was made to donate \$10,000 to Jon for his general funds, it was seconded and approved.

Treasure Report – Beth Mittl

- There is \$45,000 in the bank.
- Scholarship and field related expenses (sod and topsoil for baseball, turf maintenance) are coming up.
- We continue to do well with concessions.

Committee Updates/Discussion Items – All

Merchandise

- Did well at the holidays both in school and on line orders.
- Sold items at the boys and girls basketball games.
- Will also sale at wrestling and Friday basketball games.

Web Site Update – Brenda Dunham

- Created new page on RMBoosters.org called Rocket Spirit. It contains school spirit information on RM such as the school history, history of rocket, pictures of old school and construction on new school.
- Eye on the Ball – Brenda took pictures reflecting a day at RM
- Spirit Shack information has been updated
- Winter team photos are complete except for indoor track. Pom’s decided not to have pictures taken.
- There is a good video on u tube from the RM SGA pep rally.

Outreach/Events

- March will be busy
- Winter awards, Thursday, March 8
- Spring potluck, Thursday, March 15.

- Should promote Cluster basketball game (March 29) on the individual school list serves.

Dinner Nights

- January fundraiser will be at Fontina Grill. It will be a sit down dinner with dining times. Trying to schedule for January 20, 21, 27 or 28. Suggestion to have a pre-selected menu.
- Raised \$500 from the Hard Times fundraiser. Very successful

Mulch – Craig Cano

- Will be held on Saturday, March 24.
- Need to start lining up trucks.
- Craig had a committee meeting on Nov. 30 to discuss any changes. They want to be more efficient and take the emphasis off of individual teams and focus on student athletes. Suggestion to assign neighborhoods to groups of athletes to distribute flyers/target marketing.
- They are trying to keep the price the same as last year.
- More organized effort by the athletes on specific days and offer incentives for passing out flyers.

Concession Report – Jerry Kashatus

- We received food license for indoor and outdoor concessions. It expires Jan 2013.
- Need to build and send out sign up email for possible 2/25 JDS event and Poms competition on Saturday, February 4.

Membership

- Continues to grow slowly.
 - 148 members (58 new members/90 returning)
 - Some donations

Banners

- New banner of sponsors has been hung at the exit of the gym.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Dodge ball – Friday, March 16. Need people to be at school during lunch to take applications/money from students and teachers. Need someone at least two days a week for two weeks. Paul Lofgren volunteered to be available Monday, Wednesday and Friday for those two weeks. Tournament will be double elimination.
- Golf Tournament – Paul Whaley will need committee members.
- Scholarship committee needs members. Members cannot be a parent of a senior. Dave Sault agreed to chair.
- Shot put/discus pit currently faces the practice field and will create craters in the new sod. Bill is working with the City of Rockville Council members to allocate the protected green space near the path for use. Dr. McLeod putting in a work order to get cost estimate of filling the ditch and moving the trees near the baseball and softball fields.
- Fencing to open up concession stand and bathrooms for non-stadium events – there may be county issue with regards to fire codes.
- Post Prom – requested a \$500 donation, motion was made, seconded and approved.

- Suggestion was made to light-up the rocket at night though Jon expressed concerns that it may highlight the empty field at night and encourage unauthorized use.
- Need to fix spot light at outdoor concession stand above grilling area.

Meeting Adjourned