

Welcome and call to order by Pat Killpatrick.

**Secretary's Report – Jennifer Weist**

The March Minutes were distributed by email. A motion was made and the minutes were accepted as written.

Jennifer asked that any new representatives for spring sports update the sign in sheet with their names and email addresses and asked those covering for others to please also sign in and designate the team(s) they are representing.

**President's Report – Pat Killpatrick**

**Mulch Sale:** 5554 bags of mulch have been ordered and are scheduled for delivery on Friday night. We received no feedback or push back on the price increase of \$0.50 per bag. Approximately 400 extra bags have been ordered. Please let your teams know about the extra mulch and ask those interested in purchase to contact Pat directly. A printout regarding sales was made available for review.

Due to the Earth Day event also scheduled at the school and on the advice of the mulch distributor, the bags will be staged in the Teacher parking lot behind the school. Only delivery/pick up vehicles will be allowed in this lot. Volunteers should plan to park in the Student/Visitor parking lot on the front side of the school. Parent volunteers will be asked to arrive at 7:00am and Student Athletes will be asked to arrive at 7:30. We are still in need of more delivery vehicles/drivers and follow car drivers. Students who are 18 and have a signed note from parents giving them permission to drive may serve in this role.

**Earth Day Event:** Chris Myers is involved with an Earth Day event that will also be held at the High School on Saturday. During the event, they will be collecting many items for recycle, including sports gear and trophies. A flyer will be shared with the membership. Please let you team families know.

**Scholarships:** The deadline for Booster Scholarship applications has passed and Pat has received all applications that were collected through Navience in addition to those that were submitted directly to Boosters. The review committee will include Nina, Kim and Dierdre.

**Booster Bash:** Pat is working on a plan for a Booster Bash event to be held in the fall at a location like the Tap House. Although the last Booster Bash was very successful in raising funds, he believes that a simpler event that provides a great social atmosphere for community members is important and will be more enjoyable for Board Members involved in planning. Mindy Adams agreed to assist in planning.

**Bocce Court Project Update:** Pat is still working with the concrete company to nail down details on possible donation of materials. It would be helpful if we could get the concrete forms built so that we are ready for the concrete to be poured as soon as the agreement is finalized. It was suggested that building of the forms could be a great opportunity for a Scout in search of an Eagle Scout project. Nadine will follow-up with Pat.

**Membership Report – Christina Powell**

Representative have received their updated membership information by email along with the overall spring membership report. We have received a check from a parent named Carrie York that did not include a student athlete or team name and we have no student athletes with the last name of York on an active roster. Please let Christina know if this parent is affiliated with your team so that the membership may be credited. Also, please reach out to parents who have made duplicate payments to determine if they wish to receive a refund or would like to donate the duplicate payment. Donations can be designated to specific teams and or may be retained in the general booster account per the wishes of the parent making the donation. If donated to the team, the Rep can choose to use those funds to cover membership for other athletes. Remember that coaches may approve the waiver of the membership fee for hardship cases. Please remind

families about the importance of members and the \$10 per athlete incentive that teams receive when they achieve 100% membership.

### **Treasurer's Report – Sharon Burke**

Sharon shared the budget document with all reps via Google Sheets. If you did not receive a link to the document or could not access it, please let Sharon know. This will provide real time access for Reps. Please notify Sharon if you see discrepancies or errors.

We are in a strong position with more than \$100,000 in the general account. We have paid invoices for recent approved projects of stadium signage, flag pole banners, and the rebuild of the mound on the baseball field. The invoice for the tree trimming has just been received and has not yet been paid.

### **Concession Manager's Report – Sharon Burke**

The outdoor concession stand is still just a shell. The electrician who did the initial wiring work in the building has been asked to come back to add electrical outlets needed in the middle of the space to support various equipment and to upgrade the service as needed for some of the equipment to be installed. We are hopeful that having the original contractor return for the upgrade requests will keep the building warrantee intact. Once this work is complete we can move our equipment in and contact the Health Department for inspection. We will also be required to have an additional inspection by the Building Inspector and Fire Marshall before we can obtain the final permits needed to occupy and operate the stand.

Sharon is also working with several vendors (Ledos, Wagners, Coke) on bids for the various equipment needed. We have agreed to carry Coke products in the stand and Coke will provide free drink coolers and product delivery.

Sharon will share a job description for the position of Stand Manager that can be shared out to teams. We are hopeful to recruit a few individuals who may serve in this capacity and can provide Sharon with the support she needs to run and manage concessions.

### **Athletic Director Report – Dave Lanham**

Mr. Lanham recognized the coaches in attendance and let the membership know that the stadium work was scheduled to begin the following week to take down the home side of the stadium to correct the placement of the press box which was not properly placed at the 50 yard line. This project is expected to take 5 weeks and will involve a crane on site and placement of construction fences to secure the work zone. The score board will be installed after the rebuild it complete (following the end of the spring season/school year). The final projects will be to apply the finished surface to the track and tennis courts.

Mr. Lanham thanked the Concessions crew that has been providing outdoor concessions to spring games at the stadium. He realizes that the weather has made this challenging for volunteers but the service has greatly enhanced the atmosphere at the games.

Finally, he asked reps to remind their families that pets are not allowed on AACPS property, including sporting fields. He realizes that this is a shift from venues at Kinder Park and other locations and could be causing confusion.

### **New Business**

Pat Killpatrick introduced a request for reimbursement for Coach Milton (baseball). He personally funded the construction of new batting cages and believed the project would cost \$5000. The final cost was \$8,000. Pat asked the membership to approve a \$3,000 reimbursement to cover the cost over run on the project. A question was asked out the funding that was already approved for upgrades and repairs to the baseball and softball fields. Members were reminded that \$7,500 was approved and covered necessary improvements and repairs. The baseball and softball fields are the only

facilities located on the high school campus that were not improved during the rebuild process. With no additional questions, a motion was made to approve the reimbursement, it was seconded and approved.

Jennifer Weist shared a request to establish a new Booster sponsored annual scholarship in honor of retiring Cross Country and Track Coach Elmer McPhail. She acknowledged that it is not feasible to honor every retiring coach in this way but Coach McPhail's service has been unique because in his 16 years of coaching for SPHS he has coached all three seasons each year and has maintained open rosters despite extremely large team sizes so that all athletes willing to commit to the training schedule could have a place on a sports team. The eligibility requirements were debated, especially the inclusion of JV athletes as a group to receive priority consideration since most JV teams include only freshman and sophomore athletes. The criteria will be refined and a grid outlining requirements of all Booster sponsored scholarships will be provided to the membership at the May meeting. Following the discussion, a motion was made to approve the request to establish a \$1000 scholarship sponsored by Boosters in honor of Coach McPhail. The motion was seconded and was approved with two abstentions.

Finally, the group recognized the birthday of President Pat Killpatrick.

**With no other business, the meeting adjourned.**