Choteau Booster Club Meeting

March 14, 2016

**Members Present**- Shelly Capps, Lorraine DeBruycker, Chuck Gameon, Beth Barlow, Jolynn Bowers, Glen Swanson, Christina McCollom, Dawn Gunderson, and Julie Shepherd

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

**Membership Report-** No new members

**Treasurer's Report**- Treasurer's report was handed out.

Total Inflows-$698.18 (50/50 basketball, Classic)

Total Outflows-$1,458.84 (BB, Hospitality rooms, supplies50/50)

Balance to date is $44,066.00

Booster Balance: $41,435.39

FB balance $2,630.61

**Old Business**-

Excess Booster Shirts/Rollerbands: Not sure without Nate present

Payment for the decals on the new bus: Yes it has been taken care of.

All Weather Track: No new news

Budget cuts: It has been reported that at the last board meeting the school board was discussing different options of cutting $10,000 out of the activities budget to help with the overall shortfall. Some options that were discussed were cutting an activity, raise the revenue through pay to play, or ask Booster for an annual $5000 to cover expenses. It was difficult to make any motions or decisions until the school board makes their final decision. The Booster Club officers agreed to attend the next board meeting and be “available” for questions if this option arises in the discussion. The board meeting is April 12 at 7pm.

**New Business**-

Fundraising-With the increasing annual/onetime commitments the booster club is making it is imperative that we look into revamping our means of fundraising. Are we doing enough, is there more we can do, will we have enough to help support the decreasing school budget? Beth Barlow spoke about a new idea. She said that she attended a planning meeting of the *MT office of Tourism* and they discussed ways to make our community come together and help each other’s cause. One way is by creating a calendar which can be accessed by all. Opening communication between all groups/events is very important. All community events would be on this central calendar. This would help all clubs/groups to see events and maybe work together to raise funds at the same time, rather than creating a new event/fundraiser. An example that was given was, the Threshing Bee. If all clubs/groups knew about it they could contact the head of the event and organize a booth like selling fudge-bars, t-shirts, face painting, etc. Each group would keep their proceeds earned at the event. This central group would be the Choteau Area Tourism Board. Beth said to watch for information in Meolody Martinsen’s editorial articles for the latest updates.

State BBB Celebration: The school is hosting celebration of the boys receiving the state title for the second year in a row. Julie asked the group if we should provide refreshments and the overall opinion after some discussion was that it was “silly”. So there was no movement to do anything.

Triathlon: Dawn Gunderson spoke about an idea to host a kid-adult triathlon event this summer. It is just an idea that is beginning to stir. She wanted to present the idea to the Booster club to see if they would be interested in being a co-partner in the event and keeping part of the profits raised. All thought it sounded like a good idea and would be interested in discussing it more at a later date.

Adjourned at 8:12

Next Meeting: Monday, April 18 at 7pm at John Henry’s

**THIRD MONDAY not second so the Booster club officers can attend the board meeting.**