Choteau Booster Club Meeting

September 12, 2016

**Members Present**- Shelly Capps, Lorraine DeBruycker, Glen Swanson, Christina McCollom, Kathje Griffis, Shawna Jaminson, and Julie Shepherd

Minutes of April’s meeting were read and approved.

**Membership Report-** To date we have 9 singles, 52 families, and 40 businesses signed up for a total of 101. The names will be added to the sporting event programs.

**Treasurer's Report**-

Total Inflows-$15,899.73

Total Outflows-$8,524.07

Balance to date is $49,311.05

**Old Business**-

Fireworks: There was discussion on whether the Liberty and Smith stands caused a decrease in profits. It is difficult to say if they had a direct impact with so many variables to consider. The use of the square and being able to offer our customers the opportunity to pay with debit/credit was a huge success. One third of the overall sales were processed through the use of the square. A total of $4,298.28 was charged using it. We were pleased at how easy it was to use and the response from the public. We will continue to use it for fireworks and also consider using it at the concession during the Wresting Classic. Due to the decrease in man power and available volunteers to sell fireworks, the group decided to “strongly encourage” people requesting funds from the group to sign-up for a time slot to sell fireworks. Christina also suggested that an Circulatory envelope be passed around the HS and Elementary in the spring encouraging the staff to take an active role in helping raise funds over the fourth by signing up for a time to sell fireworks.

The net profit of Fireworks sales for this year was $4,915.83.

Membership Mailing: The question was asked as to if we saw a difference in membership signup from previous years when it was sent in June, to this year when it was sent in August. No difference has been noticed.

All Weather Track: It was discussed as to when we should present the check of $20,000 to the school. The officers decided to meet at 10:30am at the Elementary Office to present the check to Chuck Gameon on Friday, Sept. 16. Christina will contact the Acantha about sending a photographer over to capture the moment for the paper. The officers will also ask Mr. Gameon if the Booster Club can hang a banner on the Fence at the Track along with the other donating Businesses. Julie said she will talk to Mr. Gameon and make sure his schedule is clear for the photo op.

**New Business**-

50/50 Chairs- Julie contacted Ron Daley and asked if he would chair Volleyball. We still have not heard back from him. All he would have to do is find workers to sell tickets at the home games. Lorraine volunteered to find workers for the remaining Football games.

Homecoming-Sept 12-16 This year’s theme is *The Great and Powerful Dawgs* (play off the Wizard of Oz) Julie found community members to judge the following areas for cash prizes. The judges that were chosen have no direct connection to any HS students. **Windows**:Crawford/Olsen **Floats**: Ekegrens **Hallways**: Hanson/McCollom **Bonfire Spirit**: Buckman

Monetary Prizes are as Listed Below:

* Windows 1st $40, 2nd-$30, 3rd - $20
* Floats 1st -$75, 2nd -$50, 3rd -$20
* Hallways 1st -$100, 2nd -$70, 3rd -$50
* Spirit 1st $50

The Bon Fire will be in parking lot behind the gym after the varsity VB Game. Jeremy Buckman has been hired to DJ the event and it was agreed to pay him $150 and one Adult Activity Ticket. The Pep Assembly will be at 1:50 Friday, Sept. 16 in the HS gym. School will be released at 2:30. The Parade will be down Main Street at 3:30. A Free-will Dinner, sponsored by Teton Banks, will be offered at the FB field after the parade.

Advertising Booster Club: The group discussed different ways to advertise what the Booster Club does for our community and our school in hopes to raise awareness as well as encourage members to take an active part in meetings and events sponsored by the group.

Kathje volunteered to write an informative letter to the editor educating the public about what Booster Club does and how they raise/donate money back to the school. Julie will provide a list of activities/events/fundraisers to Kathji to use to create the article.

The group also thought that having a link on the school website to an interactive Booster Club Website would be helpful in educating people, answering questions and accessing documents. Christina volunteered to create the website and get it linked to the Choteau Schools Website.

Christina also said she would contact the Acantha and ask them to add our meeting dates to the Community Events Calendar in the weekly newspaper.

Julie will order a banner like the fireworks one we ordered this summer that displays our pride and presence in our school. The Banner can be hung in the gym for all to see during home games.

Fireworks Booth: The group discussed what a fabulous job the Cheer team did at painting spirit paws on the Fireworks booth this summer and decided to donate a small token of our appreciation. Christina moved to donate $50 to the cheer team for their efforts and Shelly seconded it.

Officers: After much discussion, the election of officers was conducted. Shelly moved to elect the following officers and Glen seconded it. All members present were in agreement.

**President**: Julie Shepherd

**Vice President**: Shawna Jamison

**Secretary**: Christina McCollom

**Treasurer**: Lorraine DeBruycker

Adjourned at 8:12

Next Meeting: Monday, Oct 10th at 7pm at John Henry’s.