COMET ATHLETIC BOOSTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2017

In Attendance: Andy Dever, Matt Veneman, Valerie Neidert, Casey Wolf, Beth Burgett, Jennifer Gendics, Mary Bartek, Drew Biedenbach, Stephanie Kramer.

The meeting was called to order by Matt Veneman at 6:37 p.m.

Secretary Report – Beth Burgett

*The November meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by all in attendance. There was not a December General Membership Meeting.
*Beth reviewed where it is outlined in the Bylaws, how Team Representatives can assist their team's Head Coach. Article 9: Duties of the Committees, Section C, Team Representatives.

"Team Representatives act as the communication link between the Comet Athletic Booster and the team members, coaches, and parents.
Specific responsibilities include:
1. Provide chairpersons with a report monthly on the team's activities, accomplishments, etc.
2. Present requests for financial support to the Athletic Boosters for consideration.
3. Distribute information from the Athletic Boosters to team members, coaches, and parents.
4. Recruit new Athletic Booster members from the team parents.
5. Recruit volunteers from team parents when needed for a specific activity involving the team."

*Beth also reviewed the Election of Officers as detailed in Article 10 of the Bylaws.
The current Executive Board of the Comet Athletic Boosters are wanting to continue for another term of office (two years beginning August 1). However, we need to hold an election to follow the Bylaws. The full Bylaws can be found on the Amherst Athletic Boosters tab, on the Athletics page of the school website. The timeline is as follows:
*March- a Nominating Committee will be established to prepare a slate of Officers.
*April - Nominations will be presented at the General Membership Meeting.
*May - Election of officers

Treasurer's Report - Valerie Neidert

*Valerie distributed financial reports for each sport team.
*There are checks that have been returned for non-sufficient funds. The bank charges us $12.50 per check. This expense will need to be paid by the team(s) that the check originated.
*Mark Lowrie has requested that the remaining balance of $25.76 in the Steele News Live account be donated to the General Fund of the Comet Athletic Boosters.

Athletic Director Report – Casey Wolf

Amherst Athletic Hall of Fame

*The inaugural class induction weekend will be February 10th & 11th. The class will be formally introduced at halftime at the Boys Varsity Basketball game with North Olmsted on February 10th. Halftime is around 7:40 p.m. or so.
* The formal ceremony and dinner will be held on Saturday, February 11th at 6:30 pm in the Marion L. Steele Cafetorium. Pre-registration for dinner is required.

*__*The Inaugural class*__ is made up of seven Individuals and one team. The members of the class are: Richard S. Cooley, Theresa (Feldkamp) Brannen, Sherri (Horvath) Scanlon, Amy (McKinley) Agrella, Jack Moskal, Phil Parker, Chris Russo, and the 1962 Boys Cross Country Team.

*In addition the current Marion L. Steele students/teams that were ***State Qualifiers in 2016*** are invited: Josh Hill- Cross Country; Nathan Moore-Swim Team; Matt Lee-Wrestling; Todd Hastings-Wrestling; *Track & Field*: Taylor Hooks, Brooke Armbruster, Audrey Fayer, Madison Reynolds, Gracen Siegenthaler, Undrea Ballard.
Girls Softball Team: Ashlee Dahman, Ashley Cogdell, Madyson Harris, Sarah Miller, Madison Spataro, Madison Cruzado, Ashley Seitz, Amanda Crisler, Lauren Kachure, Kate Iliff, Madison O'Berg, Kasey McGraw.

*The Hall of Fame Committee will also recognize Danny Koch and Tom Capasso with the Comet Spirit Award.
*Members in attendance thanked Casey Wolf and the Amherst Athletic Hall of Fame Committee for all their efforts to make the Hall of Fame a reality.

Other Athletic Department News:
*There is now a permanent tab, "*Amherst Athletic Hall of Fame*" on the Athletics page of the school web page. A list of all Inductees and a description of their accomplishments is provided.

*Sydney Roule is expected to reach the 1,000 career points scored at tonight's Girls Basketball game.

*OHSAA Military Appreciation Night is January 20. The Amherst Cheerleaders and Boys Basketball teams are organizing gift baskets that will be raffled during the Boys Basketball games. Money will be donated to Valor Home.

The following fundraisers are occurring:
*February 12, Hockey, Dine to Donate at Ziggy's 1-5 p.m.
*May 1st, Girls Softball Steak Fry – Eagles
*May 20, Boys Soccer Steak Fry, at Amherst Eagles 5 -11 p.m.

The next General Membership meeting is February 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Marion L. Steele Creative Learning Center (library).

The meeting was motioned to be adjourned by Beth Burgett and seconded by Jennifer Gendics at 6:58 p.m. The motion was approved by all in attendance.

Minutes Submitted by Beth Burgett, Secretary, Comet Athletic Boosters