

## North Allegheny Unified Booster Organization

### September 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes

**Board Members Present:** **Georgiana Thomas** (President/Scholar Athlete Coordinator/Website Chair), **Bonnie Genter** (Secretary/Field Hockey), **Heather Earle** (Treasurer/NASH)

**NA UBO Sponsor:** **Bob Bozzuto** (Athletic Director)

**Chairpersons Present:** **Karin Monteparte** (Membership/CMS), **Kristen Heckert** (IMS Scholar Athlete/Baseball/ IMS), **Mina Durosko** (MMS Scholar Athlete/MMS)

**Representative Present:** **Katherine Graham** (Band), **Kathy Egnaczyk** (Boys Basketball), **Dawn Fischer** (Girls Basketball), **Janeen Atkins** (Cheerleading), **Dana Treser/ Sam Ditka** (Football), **Mark Wrigley** (Girls Golf), **Rebecca Haywood** (Gymnastics) **Matt Lawrence** (In-line Hockey), **Glen Powell** (Boys Lacrosse), **Patti McClure** (Girls Lacrosse), **Trish Cloonan** (Rowing), **Paula Sansosti** (Boys Soccer), **Lori Heim** (Girls Soccer), **Jacki Herring** (Slow Pitch Softball), **Jennifer Grahor** (Swimming/Diving), **Tracey Schenk/Alt-Ravi Moturi** (Boys Tennis), **Sabiha Hussain** (Girls Tennis), **Kerry Beck** (Boys Volleyball/Slow Pitch Softball), **Lisa Pilotta** (Girls Volleyball), **Georgina McClellan** (Water Polo)

**Welcome Introduction:** Georgiana Thomas welcomed all those in attendance to the first UBO meeting of 2017-2018 year. Georgiana asked all member to state their name and group and/or chair position.

**Vote 2017-2018 Officers:** Need to officially vote members to the board. Georgiana Thomas (President) Melanie Rutan (Vice President), Heather Earle (Treasurer), Bonnie Genter (Secretary), and Jill Guthrie (Past President). Motion to approve by Kerry Beck, and seconded by Jacki Herring. The motion was passed.

**May 22, 2017 Minutes:** No recommended changes proposed to minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Patti McClure, and seconded by Karin Monteparte. The May minutes were approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Heather Earle reviewed the treasurer's report. Current balance of 5991.48. Treasurer's report will be on file if anyone wants to review.

**Review of membership folders:** All members were given a folder with general UBO information. Georgiana reviewed the information:

- **UBO Purpose:**
  - Provide a means for better communication among the sports, booster, school and community
  - Promote school spirit and pride in North Allegheny community
  - Promote and encourage student and community support for all North Allegheny events, activities and sports
  - **We consider ourselves a "we" group, not a "me" group**

### **UBO Representative Responsibilities:**

Georgiana went over rep's responsibilities and checklist. Georgiana emphasized that the main responsibility was to share the information with their groups.

### **UBO Rep Reports**

UBO Reps are asked to give a presentation at one of the UBO Meetings. Each group will be asked to speak for approximately 2-3 minutes. If you are not able to attend, please send a rep to give your report. Please give a hard copy of the report to the secretary

### **UBO Programs:**

**Scholar Athlete** Overview of scholar athlete program provided.

- There are 3 individual and 2 team awards.
- These awards are in combination with AD office and UBO.
- Georgiana Thomas is the coordinator of the Scholar athlete program
  - Current Scholar Athlete Chairs:
    - CMS - Danice Brkovich,
    - IMS Kristen Heckert,
    - MMS Mina Durosko.
    - NASH- OPEN
- Please provide Georgiana with your sport banquet date ASAP.
- Once the awards are completed, they will be distributed to the UBO representative. The Reps are responsible to distribute the items based on the summary sheet. Georgiana reviewed how to read sheet.
- T-shirt size is based off Family ID and students receive only one t-shirt per school year.
- All based on a 9 week reporting. Fall sport- first 9 weeks report period, winter sport- second 9 weeks, and spring 3rd 9 weeks.
- Georgiana emphasized that they try to get awards for banquet, but they need to wait until report cards are issued and finalized.

## **OPEN Chair position for High School Scholar Athlete.**

- Position includes:
  - Make a summary sheet, with student name and award.
  - Print certificates, order t-shirts
  - Distribute awards and summary sheet UBO representative.

**Scholarships** 2 offered by UBO. Applications available on UBO website.

- 2 Georgiana Thomas (1,000) each
- 1 Don Vandergrift (700)
- Qualification and applications are found on UBO website. Deadline April 16, 2018.

**OPEN Position for Scholarship Chair.** Description of position provided to group. Please let Georgiana know if interested.

Bonnie Genter shared thank you notes sent for past UBO winners Andrew Turzai and Ethan Maenza.

**Kennywood-** Main UBO fundraiser. Date June 21, 2018. In-school ticket sales May 30, 2018. Details to follow. Everyone is asked to help with this fundraiser. You will have the opportunity to sign up for a committee at a future meeting. Does not need to be UBO Rep, can get someone from your group to fulfill commitment.

**Balloon Arch Rental:** Contact AD office to reserve. \$40 for first rent, \$20 second, \$10 for any additional rentals. Use for senior nights.

**Tiger Costume:** Costume available for rent \$15. We rental Bands old tiger costume and split the rental fee with them.

**NA Toys 4 Tots-** Started program 2 years ago. Very successful. This is for NA families who need assistance during holidays. We were able to provide gifts for all schools last year. Fundraisers at Monte Cellos. 25 percent profit all items sold during fundraising date. We give 100 percent earned to toys 4 tots program. Hoping to have other fundraising efforts this year.

**Fundraising Items for Sale-** Tiger Paw magnets (\$7), earrings (\$10) and stadium blanket (\$35). Portion of money made goes to Toys 4 Tots and a portion to budget. All items available for purchase at this meeting and at all of the home football games.

**Social Media-** Twitter and Facebook. Presented by Heather Earle. You can search for North Allegheny UBO on Facebook, then you request to join the group. Melanie Rutan will approve you as a member. You then can "post" on UBO Facebook page. When you share on your personal page, others will also see the information. Do not share personal information, political views or endorsements. Strictly for group information, activities and fundraising. The site will be strictly monitored. Also have NA UBO Twitter account. Melanie is in charge. She will "Tweet" out information from Facebook page. If you want something "tweeted" you can email her.

**Sport Standings:** A handout of Section, WPIAL, and PIAA standings was provided in folders. This is how the sport groups performed last year.

**New Business:**

**UBO Wall/Plaques:**

Bob Bozzuto presented a remodel plan for hallway outside of the ponce room. One wall will showcase the UBO's accomplishments. It will include the words UNIFIED BOOSTERS ORGANIZATION and under that title, there will be 3 subcategories: Community Pride, Scholarships, and School Spirit. The Scholarship section will have a plaque listing all of the scholarship winners, for the Georgiana Thomas and Don Vandergrift Scholarships. The other areas will have frames where the UBO can place photos of the activities from each subcategory. This will be used to share UBO activities, showcase our sense of pride and community. It will help to promote an understanding of the UBO.

**Roundtable:**

UBO Board would like to help increase spectator/fan attendance at games. We are asking Reps to bring ideas from your group as to how we can help increase attendance. Will have a roundtable discussion at next meeting.

Some idea discussed:

- In the past, UBO members would attend games/meet bus and cheer.
- Pocket sized game schedules and calendars available for free in AD office.
- Buddy type system, where 2 sports (during different seasons) possibly cheer on buddy team.

**Old Business:**

**Elementary Night-** Bob presented that elementary school football night will be October 20, 2017. It was a success last year, and requested again by elementary schools.

**Fundraising from membership-** Please send all your groups fundraising information to Georgiana Thomas (gthomas521@verizon.net) for approval. It will then be forwarded to the group. Can also put fundraisers on UBO website/Facebook and twitter.

**Ongoing Committees:**

**Membership:** Karin Monteparte, Chair passed around the roster and asked members to update information.

**Budget-** Georgiana reviewed the budget (attached). Motion made by Kerry Beck to approve, second by Janeen Atkins. 2017-2018 budget was approved.

### **Athletic Director Report:**

Bob Bozzuto thanked reps participating and reported:

- Great start to fall sports.
- The Baierl Center is being updated with new with paint, flooring and new furniture.
- Capital Improvements
  - MMS getting new 8ft fence at softball outfield
  - Softball/Baseball Concession and restroom at NASH. Working on proposal for October Board meeting. Costs for these improvements keep increasing
- Hope to have contract for beverages soon. It is with the legal department at this time.
- Video Streaming- trialing pay preview/video streaming at NA
- Hall of Fame October 5, 2017. Athletes, coaches, administration honored. Jim Turner to receive the Joseph Drazenovich award. Tickets 40.00

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Patti McClure and seconded by Karin Monteparte. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Bonnie Genter, UBO Secretary

The next meeting will be on November 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm