

9/28/2023 Booster Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome from Booster President Erik Best. BEFORE meeting began, Mr. Alan Arnold got up and spoke about a volunteer opportunity for the Booster/Cadets at the 2023 Juggabot Journey Robotics Competition at McCullough Jr. High **November 4th**
 - a. If you plan on doing any volunteering at the school or on trips with the cadets you will NEED to fill out a CISD volunteer form. Click on the following link: <https://apps.conroeisd.net/volunteer/> Once you are approved, you will receive an email from CISD. PLEASE SEND YOUR APPROVAL email to twcpjrotc@gmail.com. We need to keep track of who has been approved to travel & volunteer.
2. Started with Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Taxes from last year have been filed
 - b. Available balance \$10,212.50
 - c. Homecoming Concessions brought in \$1,274.86 TOTAL after square fees were paid, and after deducting the \$493 dollars spent in buying concessions items.
 - d. Vertical Raise Fundraiser shows online (so far): \$25,050 raised of the \$25,000 GOAL! **GREAT JOB!** After Senior pictures: Peter Rickard will be shaving his head due to meeting the goal.
3. Instructors Report
 - a. SNI reimbursement: last year we overpaid so SNI is reimbursing us \$3,314. We need to decide whether or not to apply to next year (this year if we go to Daytona) OR have them just write us a check
 - b. Reminder that we are to pay the \$300 entry fee and the remainder of the Daytona fee to be paid is in March
4. Housekeeping items:
 - a. Eric Best needs to be reimbursed for his Sam's expense: Homecoming Concession items
 - i. VOTED: AYE - unanimously
 - b. Website: www.twcpjrotc.com
 - c. Email: twcpjrotc@gmail.com
 - d. Veterans Day Celebration: 11/11/23 - cadets are helping with festivities on that day.
5. UH COLLEGE VISIT
 - a. Elizabeth Rickard is organizing a visit to The University of Houston this Friday (Student HOLIDAY) October 6 at 10am.
 - i. 10am - meet at school
 - ii. Bring \$20 for lunch OR bring a lunch (we'll bring a cooler to keep items cold)
 - iii. Tour will begin at 11:30am
 - iv. DEADLINE to let Elizabeth know is THIS WEDNESDAY, October 4th by end of day

- v. We will caravan, so if there are parents who would like to help by driving let us know, or if we only have a few interested then just one car (Elizabeth's)
- vi. She'll send an email to instructors to send out to everyone who might be interested - **Freshmen-Seniors invited**

6. FUNDRAISING ITEMS!

- a. Eric was looking at an NRA grant but it does not apply to us due to the rifles we use
- b. Sponsorship Packets available - Eric has copies if you would like to send any to sponsors. They are also available online! www.twcpjrotc.com under Sponsorship tab

7. SPIRIT NIGHTS

- a. Willie's: received out total about 4 days after the event. Our organization brought in \$845.14 of which we received \$126.77. Check will be mailed within 30 days.
 - i. Advertised on Woodlands Online, all over Facebook, Instagram, Montgomery Eastex Marine Corps League.
 - ii. Need to share with Teachers, but up signs around the school, maybe flyers at practice fields on 242.
- b. OTHER SPIRIT NIGHT LOCATIONS
 - i. **ACTION ITEM: Casey Muccio volunteered to take over for October's spirit night.** Will be approaching Crust so that it can be done at multiple locations: Harpers Preserve, Research/Kuykendahl, Panther Creek
 - ii. Raising Canes/Buffalo Wild Wings, Sawyer Park, Kirby's Icehouse
 - iii. Jersey Mike's on Thursday? - Sandy has a connection
 - iv. If you'd like to do November's Spirit Night - please contact Elizabeth
- c. Krogers Rewards: **sign up online through our website.** Easy money every time you shop at Kroger. They give a portion of the sale back to TWCP JROTC. You can find info under Parent Information. Scroll down until you see the Kroger logo. <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards> look up **TWCP JROTC Booster Club** or Organization #JE100

8. ROBOTICS CONCESSION STAND NEEDS

- a. DATE: November 4th from 8am-4pm
- b. NEED: 8-10 volunteers
- c. We'll use Sign-up Genius to fill Volunteer slots and items starting October 20th so please put it on your calendar!!!
- d. CP Chick-fil-A if we'd like to provide this for lunch options: Sandy mentions Pam Shelton from that location as our contact
- e. Another lunch item would be from Crust if we want to do Pizzas - Sandy mentioned Mr. Rodriguez as our contact
- f. Kroger on 1488 for breakfast bakery items: we can ask for Kroger gift cards that way we can purchase the same items (1/2 price donuts!)
- g. If you would like to help take lead on this fundraising event, please contact Elizabeth Rickard: elizabethorickard@gmail.com

9. Shred Day with Mr. Miller
 - a. Best day available to do this would be the same day as the Robotics event, so if you can't do one, please sign up for the other.
 - b. DATE: **November 4th** Time: **TBA** normally in the AM
 - c. CRITERIA
 - i. There will be some heavy lifting involved
 - ii. Unload cars, dump out items, lifting & walking
 - iii. We will design flyers, send out to print and put on neighborhood pages, churches, businesses, nextdoor, mailboxes, etc
10. ADVERTISEMENTS for BANNERS on baseball/track fields
 - a. 4x8 or 5x10 for the WHOLE YEAR!
 - b. **ACTION ITEMS:** Sandy will check with the football coach, Casey with the baseball and REPORT back to twcpjrotc@gmail.com
 - c. **ACTION ITEMS:** We need to set prices ASAP and vote on the BAND APP
11. WINTERFEST
 - a. DATE: **December 2, 2023 (Saturday)**
 - b. 75% same vendors
 - c. We can raise \$8K in 4 hours!
 - d. Use Teacher/Student Parking lot. They're already numbered so when vendors purchase their parking spot, they're already set!
 - e. Each spot \$75-\$100
 - f. Sign-up online and pay online
 - g. We can do food trucks or sell food
 - h. Vendors bring their own tents
 - i. Free Santa pictures and we charge \$1 for each car upon entrance
 - j. **ACTION ITEM:** Instructors need to **RESERVE THE DATE & Parking lot**
12. BONNIE'S DANCE COMPETITION (?) - the company rents out the auditorium at CP
 - a. DATE: **December 17-18 (Saturday & Sunday)**
 - b. We can sell Chick-Fil-A, Raising Canes, etc
 - c. Do Concession Stand to bypass needing to get a permit
 - d. Magnolia Christmas Parade was discussed but we are jam packed with events! Maybe next year?
13. CONCESSIONS AT WOODFOREST?
 - a. We would need 10-14 people on both sides
 - b. For now they have it covered due to Knights of Columbus stepping up
14. CHILI COOK-OFF
 - a. Kimberly DeJournette has expressed interest in doing this and is looking for 2-3 people to be on this committee
 - b. DATE: **Possibly January 27th**
 - c. Need a location with bathrooms
 - d. We'd like to do a BBQ (charge per plate) & Exhibition for parents, family, neighbors, EVERYBODY - especially for those who won't be able to travel to see them at Regionals

15. BINGO NIGHT - Maybe in March? Definitely check with your churches and see if they have any available dates for us to secure.
16. CAR WASH - End of the year event: we will discuss as the year comes to a close
17. THE CLASSY CORK
 - a. Parent's night out
 - b. One room, need auction items, max of 40 people all money from the AUCTION would go back to the program
18. MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY
 - a. DATE: **FRIDAY, November 10th** (at the school) we will provide cupcakes for 150 people (cadets/teachers)
 - b. **ACTION ITEM: Sandy will contact the 1488 bakery for the cupcakes**
19. REGARDING DUES/\$ from parents
 - a. An email was sent out to all parents in the program with minimal response regarding what they would feel comfortable paying in regards to dues.
 - b. \$1,800 fair share pay - to pay in increments of \$300. If we're going to accept payments, how do we hold them accountable?
 - c. There needs to be anonymity
 - d. What happens if the cadets move away? Is there a refund?
 - e. This was only an inquiry. This was not set in stone. We were just trying to see where everyone stands
 - f. Cheetoh (Brianna) gave her testimony
20. Discusses CLC & MONEY that was recently raised through the Vertical Raise Fundraiser
 - a. We raised \$25,050 for the program
 - b. This money is to be used at the Boosters discretion for CLC or whatever is needed for the program

ATTENDANCE:

Sgt. Major Combs (Instructor)
 Lt. Col. Nicole Mauery
 Erik Best (President)
 Travis Packer (Vice President)
 Tina Baird (Treasurer)
 Renee Packer
 Elizabeth Rickard (Secretary)
 Autumn Seifried
 Casey Muccio
 Frank Muccio
 Dusty Best
 Jen Puplie

Monica Seaton
 Mr. Seating (hubby)
 Alan Arnold
 Alan Torres-Beltran
 Brandy
 Kimberly DeJournette
 Mike DeJournette
 Martina Blindman
 Sandy Bolton
 Keri Myers
 Staci Allen

NEXT MEETING: October 26th