

## **Bateman Booster Monthly Meeting - Minutes**

### **Wednesday, March 1 2023 - 6:00pm - Auditorium**

#### **Welcome! Formal Mission, Achievements**

- Bateman Boosters is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting our community school. We are parents, neighbors and community friends committed to enhancing the learning experience for all Bateman students through fundraising. All are welcome.
- Since 2016, Bateman Boosters have had the pleasure of raising more than \$125,000. Thanks to our community and our incredible sponsors we have been able to support the fine arts program, replace the auditorium curtains (from the 50's!), install an electronic message board, purchase new classroom libraries, provide a gymnasium barrier, and install modern water fountains with bottle filling stations, and purchase promethean boards for each classroom.
- With your generous support we hope to reach our highest annual fundraising goal ever in 2022-23, \$65,000.
- As always, the use of these funds is coordinated with our school administration and staff with an aim at projects that benefit all students in every grade level. Our goal for this year impacts the entire Bateman community as we raise funds for Stage 2 of the Auditorium upgrades, including upgrades to the Audio/Visual setup and the seating.

#### Executive Board

1. Kjirstin Glessner-President, BOOOsterfest Chair
2. Jennifer Woosley - Vice President, Social Media & Marketing, Pledge Drive Chair
3. Monica Zilz - Secretary, BOOOsterfest Co-Chair, Website
4. Kyla Wenger - Treasurer, Outdoor Enrichment Chair, Grant Writing Chair

#### Board Members at Large

1. Molly Maier - *TBD*
2. Sugandhi Chugani - Digital Sign
3. Elise Jaffe - Sponsorships & Business Directory Co-Chair
4. Julia Wylie-Bryant - Community Care Chair, Auction Co-Chair
5. Jess Hess-Follander - Teacher & Staff Appreciation / Back to School Chair
6. Cassandra Kittler - Dine to Donate Chair
7. Meagan Grant - Spring Fling Event Chair
8. Sarah Hammer - Volunteer Coordination /Community Building + Outreach Chair
9. Sara Herman - Teacher & Staff Appreciation, Volunteer coordinator, and Spring Fling event co-chair.
10. Vanessa Padecky- Shop To Donate Chair, Spring Fling Auction Co-Chair
11. Meg Dempsey - Business Directory & Sponsorships Co-Chair

Current chair or co-chair needs:

- Community directory chair

**WELCOME!!**

Board members: Please check slack for the Event Financials document (shared Wed Jan 11)

- Please keep things up to date as you can (Dine and Shop to Donate especially)
- This will be used as a 'at-a-glance' so you can keep more detailed reports elsewhere if you need

## Treasurer's Report

**Current Balance: \$41,268.72      Prior Balance: \$38,376.49**

**Change Last Meeting: \$2,892.23**

- Income: \$
  - Wintrust Sponsorship: \$500.00
  - Pretzel Necklaces: \$280
  - Boon Supply Fall 2021 Funds: \$475.96
  - Amazon Smile: \$120.71
  - Superbowl Squares: \$700 (total less payout)
  - McDonalds: \$200.00
  - Eris: \$175.29
  - Paypal: \$312.40
  - Square: \$72.35
  - Stripe: \$77.29
  - Pledge Drive: \$TBD (included in paypal/square/stripe above)
- Expenses:
  - Certified Mailing For Tax Docs: \$18.96
  - Donorbox Fee: \$2.81
- Total Pledge Drive Contributions: Update @ Next Mtg.
- Short Year 990 Mailed 2/21/23
- In the process of creating year over year comparison and spreadsheet of ALL 2022-2023 income
- Burning Bush deposit dropped off 2/24/22 (\$3,140)
- Ongoing: An official complaint has been filed with IL Attorney General against Brown Paper Tickets which owes us \$4,540 from the canceled Spring Fling 2020, we rec'd notice 11/28/22 that BPT is legally required to pay out funds before the end of 2023

## Spring Fling 2023

Auction Chair: Vanessa Peddecky

Auction Co-Chair: Julia Bryant

Event Chair: Meagan Grant

Event Co-chairs: Sara Herman & Ashley Gilday

## Burning Bush

- Friday May 12, 2023 7pm-11pm (open bar)
- Food/catering in process(suggestions for vendors, sponsors welcome)
- Ticket prices pending (\$70-\$90 range)
- Goal is to launch ticket sales week of 3/27 (report card pickup time) but may push to post-Spring Break
- **Sponsorships/Ad sales**-Elise/Meg
- Auction item solicitation! Personal connections, businesses, family, etc.  
Great work so far! Just under the goal of \$20,000 in auction donations!! Still seeking more items - including lower priced gift cards to restaurants/ shopping.
  - [Donation letter/receipt](#)
  - [Spring Fling 2023 Auction Items](#)
- Meagan/Jen W. to coordinate copy, updated graph
- Parent Parties/Grade Band donations - up to 9 grade band baskets!

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- If filling in the auction sheet please check that you are not duplicating.
- will add Jen's email info to the Google doc for food vendors.
- Ad Sales and Sponsors - Elise will begin to reach out. Is going to reach out to businesses that are part of the North River Commission. What are the need for Sponsors?
- Megan - We should think about what we want from Food donations before we start asking for donations. Elise suggest that we find 2-3 different foods and create stations. Elise may be able to take control of soliciting food donations. Will work off of the list that Jen provided in email 3/1.
- Tables - There will be tables.
- Meg / Elise - can we reach out to sponsors/potential sponsors who may donate \$ in lieu of providing food so that we can go out and purchase food from vendors and possibly they would then be willing to give more.
- Elise will ask Jaimie A if we will donate the photo booth.

### **Teacher & Staff Appreciation - May 1-5, 2023**

Chair: Jess

Co-Chair: Sara Herman

Committee: ? Meg Dempsey, Mary McConville and Jen W will help

Looking forward to potentially getting more sponsors and volunteers to make 2023 even better!

- Sponsors
  - Breakfast - donuts/coffee/savories - Wintrust Financial (\$500)
  - Lunch - FormLinea Design Build sponsoring (I have logo)
  - Monday - Donuts/coffee/savories
  - Tuesday - admin? sweets/treats?
  - Wednesday - Lunch
  - Thursday - Gift cards for the entire staff (staff count is 118) & BFC slushies
  - Friday - lunch provided by BAC/PAC
  - Room Parents
    - Thank you template to send out so kids can fill out and bring in one day
    - Clean/stock staff lounges
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    - Blast for Teacher Appreciation 4/10. Jess will put together copy for the Blast

### **Volunteer Coordination /Community Building + Outreach**

Chair: Sarah Hammer

Co-Chair: Sara Herman

- Thinking about dates for a spring Bateman playground meet up - Mr Fernandez said Friday June 2nd would be a good date. Can probably do free push ups or Popsicle
  - Is there a Spring Craft Sale or another Bateman event to piggyback on??
- Offering to support/assist with volunteers at:
  - Teacher Appreciation Week
  - Spring Fling
  - Monica will make sure that Sara and Sarah have access to the Booster Sign Up Genius
- Other needs?

## **Dine to Donate**

Chair: Cassandra

Goal: Monthly Dine to Donate

### **Running Total:**

- Which restaurants/shops were the most successful?
  - Miko's, Easy Street, Angelo's
  - Boon Supply
- Any local businesses we missed last year that we should include this year?
  - Alebrije- called several times no response
- Wednesday, August 10: Portillo's \$291
- Easy Street, 8/30 \$353
- Miko's Thursday 9/15 2pm - 9pm 100% \$425
- Something Sweet Donuts 9/23 \$135
- Angelo's 10/5-10/6 20% \$1615 -
- Sonic - \$45.77 Zach said it was a bit disappointing. Not enough turnout. Maybe we can offer to do a Spring night. Usually better when it is day off
- Mima's 11/8 and 11/9 \$152
- Eris Brewery 11/30 total sales \$1,168.59 (15% \$175.29)
- Angelo's gift card program 12/11-12/17 20% back (waiting on total)
- Skip the month of December
- NEW - On Kedzie & Wilson McDonalds 1/11 5pm-7pm- picking up check before meeting
- Hearth & Crust maybe 1/25 or 1/26 - Not confirmed. Eileen has not returned my messages, will try again spring/summer.
- Lou Malnati's 2/22 Old Irving 4-10pm and Lincoln Square 11am -11pm (20%) \$304.90
- LeaderBar 3/2 (15%)
- Chipotle 3/15 4-8pm Addison location
- Spring Fling???
- Khepri Cafe- would like to do 2 or 3 events this coming year, they requested a Monday over a long weekend.
- Add a running total on the agenda

## **Shop to Donate**

Chair: Vanessa

- Boon Supply - Raised \$501.42! They are sending an eCheck to the Friends of Bateman gmail address.
- Kendra Scott - Raised \$91.01. Said they would send a check - has that been received yet? (As of 12/20/22, KS said we'd receive check in up to 6 weeks.)
- Clark Street Sports - April 29th & 30th, including online sales. [www.clarkstreetsports.com](http://www.clarkstreetsports.com)  
Enter the code "BATEMAN" when checking out.
- Happy Valley Soup Company - Tabling to next year.
- The Book Cellar - Tabling to next year.
- Ongoing campaign Mabel's Labels - Link it with the Lost and Found (currently at \$23 raised; need at least \$50 to receive check) - Share the code with friends

## **Outdoor Enrichment**

Chair: Kyla

- **Playground: Who wants to review/edit the letter? It's drafted, I need 2-3 volunteers who would be willing to review and edit the letter, I'll take that input/feedback and create a final doc for distribution**
- **When letter is finalized maybe we can share it with Room Parents so that they can share it with grade bands. Website. Booster emails**
  - Parent Campaign for Playground Replacement:
    - Sylvia Garcia (Director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)) - (217)782.7500 (Springfield), (312) 814-7179 (Chicago) - <https://dceo.illinois.gov/contactus.html>
    - Cristina Pacione-Zayas (IL Senator, 20th District) - (217) 782-8191 (Springfield), (773) 278-2020 (District) - [senatorpacionezayas@gmail.com](mailto:senatorpacionezayas@gmail.com)
    - Rossana Rodriguez (33rd Ward Alderperson) - [rossana@33rdward.org](mailto:rossana@33rdward.org)
    - Pedro Martinez (CPS CEO) - [pmartinez3@cps.edu](mailto:pmartinez3@cps.edu)
    - Ivan Hansen (CPS Chief of Facilities) - [ihansen2@cps.edu](mailto:ihansen2@cps.edu)
    - Jamel Chambers (CPS Manager of Intergovernmental Affairs) - [jdchambers3@cps.edu](mailto:jdchambers3@cps.edu)
    - Chuck Swirsky (CPS Senior Advisor, Chief Executive Office) - [cbswirsky@cps.edu](mailto:cbswirsky@cps.edu)
    - Jaime Andrade's Office (IL 40th District State Rep) - [info@staterep70.com](mailto:info@staterep70.com)
- Gardens/Outdoor Classrooms:
  - Seeds acquired for Spring Planting
  - Garden team meeting **Friday March 3rd**
  - Possible partnership with Fertile - **They want to sponsor with a school. Meg will also reach out to them for Business Directory**

### **Grant Writing**

Chair: Kyla

Co-Chair: Open

- Nothing new at this time

### **Back to School Pledge Drive 2022-2023**

Chair: Jennifer

- Goal is \$3,500 for new audio equipment in the Auditorium; Thank you to all who have donated we're half way there; Any amount helps, please give!
- Not a lot of movement. Not surprising given the amount of things going on that the community is supporting. We can amp up efforts soon when/if things slow down
- Share Pledge with family friends not in community
- We can do it - PLEASE DONATE AND SPREAD THE WORD!
  - ~~Back to School Events~~
  - Social Campaign - In Progress
  - ~~Buzz Blast~~
  - ~~Bateman Buzz~~

### **Sponsorships**

Chair: Elise

Co-Chair: Meg

- Posts have all been going out!

- Leigh Marcus Profile to go out later this week or sometime next week
- Elise to talk to Krissy about creating an infographic showing what we've raised and what it has gone to purchase. Or something quick to do after each event. - Still TBD
- Wintrust signed on to do teach appreciation week coffee and Bartelbys will be doing dessert at spring fling again. Elise/Meg to reach out to new potential folks to underwrite other food at spring fling and one more teach appreciation week sponsor.
- Wintrust signed up to do a Teacher Appreciation donation.

## Community Business Directory

Chair: Meg

Co-Chair: Elise

- Here's the new URL with form for businesses being added:  
<https://www.friendsofbateman.org/communitydirectory>
- Promotion plan underway:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mTVVpPkv5WKUu9wDceQwylaCkxbulELGRbiP4jKYBfE/edit?usp=sharing>
- Please send any leads for directory listings to Meg
- Make a big push for this at the end of the year. Asked Mr F if we can ask teachers if they have a side business that they want to promote.

## Community Care

Chair: Julia

- Families in Need
  - \$1,155 raised (in gift cards) to date
- Family Tree Donations:
  - \$940 vouchers provided to date. More will be going out soon. In the meantime Ms. Rivera knows to send families there even without vouchers and it can be checked against Bateman's credit.
  - Next Donation date: Saturday, March 4th
  - Just received more Vouchers. Will give to counselors.

## Digital Sign on Richmond

Sugandhi

- Keep them coming! 8 messages displayed since September (birthdays and anniversaries)

## Social Updates

Chair: Jennifer

- Calendar Copy: [Social Media Calendar & Copy 2022-2023](#)
- What's coming up? Please send copy, details, images to [jennifergrunstad@gmail.com](mailto:jennifergrunstad@gmail.com)
  - Spring Fling
  - Leader Bar
  - Chipotle
  - Sponsor Shout Outs
  - Pledge Drive (ongoing)
  - Mabel's Labels (ongoing)

## Website

Chair: Monica

- Updating as needed with events

## Old Business

- **Super Bowl Squares - winners were paid and Boosters made \$2500**

## New Business

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## Comments & Announcements

- Administration
  - Parents' Night Out is this Friday! Thank you for signing up!! Have 40 students
  - Daughter Date Night 3/17
  - No School 3/17 for Students
  - PreK Application opens 4/11
  - Kindergarten Enrollment Opening Mid-March
  - Report Card Pick Up on March 29th (more details to follow) - meetings to be virtual or in-person. your choice
  - Quarter 3 Showcase on March 31st at 8:45am
  - LCS meetings are now back to In-Person
  - LSC student rep - 5th and up - Needed. They don't vote, but they can provide feedback to council from student perspective.
  - Staffing Updates. Eight Maternity leaves beginning in April 2022. Interviewing right now. Maybe add to T.A.W. updating mother's rooms.
  - Received requests from other schools/districts about the Dual Language. Want to see what Bateman does well.
  - Network walked through school. Make sure classrooms/school has the things needed for students. Grade level standards are being taught. Strong Co-teaching. Limited use of technology instead of using for all sources. Are the classrooms set up for conversations btwn students. Admin will be looking into what they can do help set that up..
  - Chicago Literacy Group workshop. They will be coming to host in the school.
  - Will be sending a CIWP Survey (school specific) - the school's plan that they have to put forward and present to the city and network.
  - Library volunteers. Need more. Has worked well so far. If interested. Mtg March 13th in Library.
  - Mr Warden received a STEM grant. and \$10k additional amount
  - Looking into updating math curriculum. Currently use Go Math.
  - Promotion Policy. - CPS will distribute bench mark grades at report card pick up.
  - Late Arrivals. Getting worse. Can PreK drop off change so that they are not blocking drop off for all other students.
  - Forge Summer Camp - June - 3 weeks
  - 3-8 will take ELA test online. All required.
  - Core Value Champions. Movie in auditorium for this quarter. Keychains for kids
  - Spirit Wear sales coming soon. On sale at report card pick up.

- Elise asked if we could get the Bateman umbrellas at spirit wear.
- Sponsors
  - Big Teeth film festival. Red Line VR back room June 15th,

- Parent Organizations  
PAC/BAC

PAC - Will be talking about IEPs. Interesting topics every week

BAC - testing window

#### Father's Club:

- **Sports Day with kids** will be on 2/4, at 10am - 12pm in the Bateman gym
  - Suggested donation will be \$5 per family, all proceeds will go to Project Benches (below)
  - Bring kids, water bottles, gym shoes; floor hockey, basketball, rock wall climbing, dodgeball, parachute... plus, dads' pickup basketball may ensue
- **Next BFC meeting will be on 2/9**, either at the Kedzie Inn or Leader Bar. Location TBD.
- **Bateman Project Benches:** We are looking to raise ~\$700 to purchase enough wood (cedar, maybe composite?) to build benches around the trees in the Bateman playground.
  - Donation link is [here](#)
  - One Saturday in April or May, dads will come out and build the benches with the purchased lumber; will be led by experts
- **Other fun-raising events** discussed were Beer / Wine tasting, charity golf outing, BFC T-shirts, Bateman Beer, NCAA Pool
  - We're welcoming ideas at this stage and willing people to lead the planning / running of the events!

#### Upcoming Meetings

THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ 6pm in Bateman Auditorium

- March 1st
- April 12th (1 week late because of Spring Break)
- May 3rd

**Thank you for joining! Your questions, feedback and ideas are always welcome! Here's how to find us:**

- [FriendsofBateman.org](http://FriendsofBateman.org)
- [FriendsofBateman@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsofBateman@gmail.com)
- @BatemanBoosters
- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)