

## **Bateman Booster Monthly Meeting - Minutes Wednesday, December 7, 2022 - 6:00pm**

### **Bateman 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
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 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
- Outdoor Enrichments co-chair
- Spring Fling Auction Chair

**WELCOME!!**

## **Treasurer's Report**

**Current Balance: \$35,098.76**

**Profit Since Last Meeting: \$2,250.71**

- Income: \$
  - Lotto Tree: \$1,340 (total income \$1,800 (\$460 not yet deposited))
  - **Shout out to Sinead!**
  - Boosterfest: Somethin' Sweet: \$135.71  
Tamales Express: \$150.00  
Ticket Sales (paid out after last mtg.): \$325.16
  - Amazon Smile: \$106.90
  - Dine to Donate - Sonic: \$45.77
  - Pledge Drive: \$180.00
- Expenses:
  - Fees: \$32.83
- **Pending Expenses:**
  - Boosterfest: Father's Club (need checks)  
Haunted House - amt TBD - **need to figure out expense reimbursement to Adriana**
- Total Pledge Drive Contributions 8/26/22 - 12/5/22: \$1881.52 (no change since last mtg.)  
Amount Still Needed: \$1,618.48. We've passed the ½ way mark! **Just over \$1900 now**
- 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 the year (we'll believe it when we see it)

## **Boosterfest**

Chair: Kjirstin Glessner

Co-Chair: Monica Zilz

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

Chair: Sarah Hammer

Co-Chair: Sara Herman

- Bateman Playdates:
  - 11/5: 10:30-12 Completed
  - **Had over 25 people even with the bad weather.**
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- Winter Gear Drive - In Progress -
  - Updates / Status
  - Extra Gear
  - **Lots of gear collected. Will organize tomorrow and Friday. Will probably have too much. Thank you to everyone that**
  - **Still need volunteers on Tuesday evening 4:45 - 6:15.**
  - **Admin/teachers will bring students to the shop during school to shop for things that they need.**
  - **Kjirstin, Jess and Meg can help.**

## **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; Jen to schedule with Monica

## Dine to Donate

Chair: Cassandra

Co-Chair: Vanessa (Shop)

Goal: Monthly Dine to Donate / Quarterly Shop to Donate

- 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
- NEW - On Kedzie & Wilson McDonalds 1/11 5pm-7pm
- Hearth & Crust maybe 1/25 or 1/26 - Not confirmed as of yet. Eileen has not returned my messages
- Skip the month of December
- Angelo's gift card program 12/11-12/17 20% back
- LeaderBar has new management from very recently. Alex said that the new owner reached out to the school. Probably because of Father's Club. They are super excited to be a part of our community. Have turned us down before for Dine to Donates. Will share owners info with Cassandra
- Spring Fling???

## Shop to Donate

Chair: Vanessa

- Boon Supply - Month of November (40% comes back to us). \$475 raised as of 12/5/22 (Last year we also raised \$475 - I'd like to push this past \$500!) - Meg said shipment came the very next day. They may have been selling out of things. Limited items
- Kendra Scott - Sat, Dec 11th, 5-7pm - Saturday 10th, 20% will go back. Online shop code is: GIVEBACK-DEIBH the whole weekend - Sat & Sun 12/10-12/11.
- Happy Valley Soup Company - Feb date? 13 different dried soup mixes; online ordering only; 50% profit back to Bateman. Random find. Soups cost about \$9.
- The Book Cellar - April, exact date TBD
- Ongoing campaign Mabel's Labels - Link it with the Lost and Found (currently at \$23 raised; need at least \$50 to receive check)

- Clark Street Sports - possibly before Opening Day

## Sponsorships

Chair: Elise

Co-Chair: Meg

- Meg and Elise to review social calendar and schedule profile interviews
- Medill to have a shout out this week for the Dec. 11th event
- Main thing now is to just keep up with the calendar
- Need to start scheduling their profile interviews. Will have 4 interviews. Will Leigh Marcus and UPS Store want a new write up?
- Maybe do a Dine/Shop to Donate Shout Outs.
- Cassandra - Look at the Friends of Thorp emails for ideas of how to share info with community.
- How do you let community know where the funds donated are going? Do we share with our community.
- Maybe we ask Krissy if we can do an infographic showing what we've raised and what it has gone to purchase.
- Maybe share info with a Thank you to the community.
- Maybe we can share the info after the events. Hey this is how much was raised for a dine to donate. Can include in emails that Monica sends out.
- Cassandra will share each dine to donate results.

## Community Business Directory

Chair: Meg

Co-Chair: Elise

- Elise/Meg/Monica met to get all the updates done. Here's the new URL:  
<https://www.friendsofbateman.org/communitydirectory>
- Now we can start promoting it more!
- Form to fill out to be added:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7w151bOFEHoulhA-F5rc2jhcHS4rVEVemj7jMzIE74wCM2g/viewform?c=0&flr=0&gxids=7628&vc=0&w=1>
- Started a Prospect list. Will want to send a Blast to get more involved.
- Sarah Hammer knows a family that is family owned business
- Elise and Meg will write up a Community Directory info for Monica to include in The Buzz this friday.

## Community Care

Chair: Julia

- Families in Need
  - \$1,155 raised (in gift cards) to date
- Family Tree Donations:
  - \$940 vouchers provided to date
  - No new date
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## Digital Sign on Richmond

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

## Outdoor Enrichment

Chair: Kyla

### Playground:

- Parent Campaign for Playground Replacement Email Addresses (PLEASE SHARE):
  - 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)
- The slide on the playground is no longer in use. There is a whole in it. Kyla has emailed everyone at CPS about it. Encourage everyone to email CPS, alderman, etc.
- If you see anything that is broken, take picture and send to Kyla
- Kyla will put together a template of talking points that people can share and send to the list above

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### Gardens/Outdoor Classrooms:

- Nothing at this time
- No date yet to close up. Weather has been good. Classes are using it still.

## Grant Writing


Chair: Kyla

Co-Chair: Open

- 18 Grants Available for Theatre Equipment & How to Apply  
<https://illuminated-integration.com/blog/grants-for-theater-equipment/>

## 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)
- NEED BOOOsterfest Copy/Images
  - ☒ ~~Sponsor Shout Outs; Scheduled & In Progress~~
  - ☒ ~~Senic; Scheduled; Upcoming~~
  - ☒ Playground Playdate
  - ☒ Scratch Off Lottery Raffle
  - ☒ Mima's
  - ☒ ERIS Dine to Donate
  - ☐ BOON Extended
  - ☐ Winter Gear Drive
  - ☐ Angelo's Wine Bar Gift Card Shop to Donate
  - ☐ Kendra Scott Shop to Donate

- ☐ McD's Dine to Donate - January
- ☐ Back to School Pledge Drive (ongoing)
- ☐ Mabel's Labels (ongoing)
- ☐ Join Us Monthly Meetings
- ☒ BOOsterfest Call for Haunted House Items
- ☒ Miko's
- ☒ Donation Drop
- ☒ Mix-N-Mingle
- ☒ Angelo's
- ☒ Somethin' Sweet
- ☒ Easy Street
- ☒ Call for Sponsors
- ☒ Genevieve Shop 4 Schools
- Lots happening. Jen is doing her best to not get lost in all the clutter of the events going on. Doing one to two posts a day.
- If you have updates send to Jen and she will schedule the social post.

### Spring Fling 2023

Auction Chair: Vanessa Peddecky

Auction Co-Chair: Julia Bryant

Event Chair: Meagan Grant

Event Co-chairs: Sara Herman & Ashley Gilday

### Event

- Tentative Date Friday May 12th
- Father's Club has Pancakes and cartoons on the 13th. Mother's Day
- Burning Bush feasibility TBD. Waiting to hear back if buy out is possible or new event space is the only option. Fee for event space likely cost-prohibitive
- \$4,500 more expense for the space. The contact said he wants to work with us. Will go back and ask their lowest amount.
- Is Trigger an option?
- Eris - Sara reached out. Waiting to hear back.
- Revolution Tap Room -
- Vanessa - Pearspace. To check for event spaces.
- Check Cultural Centers
- Check with Easy Street
- Other venue ideas: Revolution Brewery, Easy Street, Leader Bar, Jimmy's Pizza, Mrs. Murphy & Son's Irish Bistro, Chief O'Neils, Dank Haus, Trigger, ???
- Jen said that it is possible to have the event at a space that does not have alcohol. It's a bigger lift, Elise agrees. Can have almost all beverages donated.
- Meg will start a google sheet with costs, possible event space.
- Mike Esposito - new contact at LeaderBar [mike@leaderbar.com](mailto:mike@leaderbar.com)

### Auction

- New chairs to connect with Molly/Sughandi about Bidding Owl logistics
- Call for donations out to community ~12 weeks in advance (mid February)
- Solicitation can start as soon as event date finalized
- Auction items - Classroom art.
- Auction items - start compiling list for new auction items. Reach out to other parents for ideas/ contacts

Auction/event chairs to schedule meeting after Winter Break-Meagan can coordinate

### Website

Chair: Monica

- Updating as needed with events

**Superbowl Squares/Scratchoffs** - \$1800. Winner of scratch off won \$120

Sinead will be in Ireland and will figure out how to sell squares for superbowl. VAnessa will help Sinead collect money

### 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!

- Start brainstorming new ideas for 2023
- Any sponsors want to commit to a lunch or something else?
- This is a week before spring fling

### Old Business

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### New Business

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### Comments & Announcements

- Administration
  - Evening of Winter Music - Dec 20th
  - Save the Date - Wed Dec 21st Parent Performance for K-3 - during the day
  - Snow Flake shout-outs for students performing
  - Spirit Week beginning Dec 19th for all grade levels
  - Book Fair sold \$14k, 50% goes back to school
  - Will check if BAC/PAC are going to have Holiday shop again this year
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- Sponsors
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- Parent Organizations  
PAC/BAC

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

BAC - testing window

Fathers Club - want to engage more younger families

### Upcoming Meetings

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

- January 11th (second Wednesday due to winter break)

- February 1st
- March

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

- FriendsOfBateman.org
- [FriendsOfBateman@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfBateman@gmail.com)
- @BatemanBoosters

**Attendees:**

Kjirstin Glessner  
Monica Zilz  
Alex Fernandez  
Sinead Gallagher  
Meg Dempsey  
Jess Hess-Follander  
Cassandra Kittler  
Vanessa Padecky  
Kyla Wenger  
Megan Grant  
Sara Herman  
Elise Jaffe  
Mary McConville  
Julia Bryant