

Bateman Booster Monthly Meeting Agenda & Minutes
Wednesday, Nov 1, 2023 - 6:00pm - Library at Bateman
Meetings: The first Wednesday of Every Month @ 6pm (location varies)
Upcoming Meetings: 12/6, 1/10

Attendees: K. Glessner, C. Kittler, K. Wengar, J. Hess-Follander, K. Graham, J. Feldt, K. Fortney, V. Padecky, M. Dempsey, M. McConville, A. Ramos, D. Honigman, M. Grant, J. Bryant, K. Kloepper.

Ways to be involved with Bateman Boosters:

Join the board, Join a committee, Volunteer at events, Post social events to your grade band page, Share events with your friends and neighbors, contribute financially, or share your own skills and talents!

Welcome, President Opening Statement & CPS Volunteer Sign-up Reminder

Meeting Priorities:

Unfilled-Chair Positions
BOOOsterfest Recap
Winter Gear Drive Update
Spring Fling Planning

Treasurer's Report (as of 11/1/23)

Current Bank Balance: \$75,912.66

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Pending Expenses<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 2022-2023 Auditorium Audio/Visual Cost Still Due: \$23,437.50○ Walk-a-Thon Payout: \$28,411.72● Expenses since last meeting:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ BOOOsterfest Expenses: -\$503.72● To discuss/do:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ File Taxes○ Check with IRS about | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Pending Income:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Leader Bar MnM○ Unpaid Sponsorships○ Sonic DtD○ Rockwell's Promotion○ Pizza Y Pan Pa Ya BOOOsterfest \$● Grant Application Updates:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ We can apply for Walmart Grants○ Theatre Applications Still Pending |
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BOOOsterfest update:

Chair: Kjirstin Glessner

INCREDIBLE BOOOsterfest! Thanks for volunteering!

30% attendance increase from last year with over 1,300 people

20% increase in Net raised (but doesn't include Pizza Y Pan's donation yet) at \$8,019.42

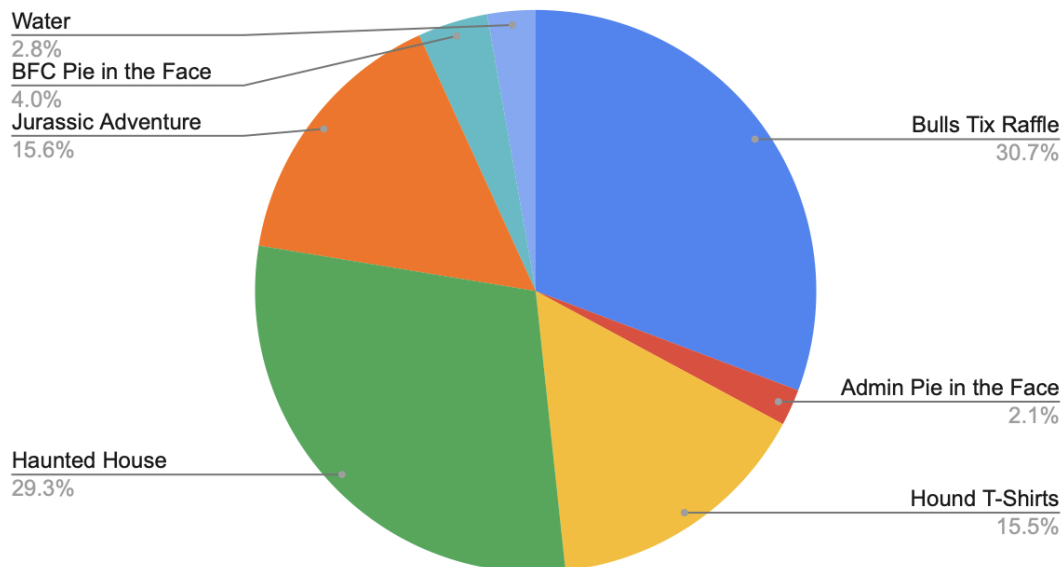
****Reminder that BOOOsterfest is supposed to be a monetarily accessible all-school community building event. Raising money is a bonus in this case****

Top notes from the debrief last Wednesday:

1. BOOOsterfest chair needs a co-chair
2. Haunted House needs a separate volunteer coordinator on site (if 8th grade students are involved it ideally would be an 8th grade teacher)

3. We need more lights in the Haunted House and Jurassic Adventure, and more signs for how many tickets things cost
4. Trunk or Treat was a great addition! But we need an entrance and exit next year, with instructions to only go through once, or charge 1 ticket per child to help with the flow. Try to get candy donations early in the season.
5. Send out Signup Genius earlier, and set up a signup genius to help with flyering
6. Prepare tickets in increments of 5 ahead of time
7. Put Pie in the face drawing next to the pie in the face, and keep the raffle separate - [need better signage to draw attention](#)
 - a. Admin - maybe tied to the Walkathon?
8. Use a different Vendor for the bouncy house - [City uses Jumping Jack Program? Would Andrade entertain using them?](#)
9. Get a 4th food vendor (hot dogs was recommended, something easy for kids)
10. Create an agreement with the food vendors ahead of time regarding the amount they give back
11. [Professional photographer for the photo backdrop?](#)

Total Ticket Income



Winter Gear Drive and Giveaway, 10/10-10/26 - [EXTENDED through 11/3](#)

Chair: Kelly Graham

Organization Dates: (discuss) - [Next Tuesday \(11/7 - am and pm?\)](#)

Giveaway Dates:

- [Early freecycle Thursday 11/9](#)
- [Everyday freecycle Monday & Tuesday 11/13-11/14](#)

Sponsorships

Chair: Meg

Co-Chair: Mary

- Solicitation is ongoing (Please send prospect ideas to Meg and Mary!)
- \$11,400 in sponsor support pledged (\$2650 in kind); invoicing/follow-up in progress
- Sponsor logo almost finalized
- Social media promotion to launch next week

Spring Fling Check-In, Artifact Events, Fri, April 26

Event Chair: Vanessa Padecky

Event Vice-Chair: [Katie Fortney](#)

Event Committee:

Auction Chair: Jess Feldt and Kirsten Cobb

****We will need to start contacting businesses that can/will donate alcohol/beer/wine to the event. Any contacts will be helpful for this!****

- Working on an alcohol donation letter
- Rebecca Bean asking a fellow K parent who is a distributor
- Kelly Graham has a neighbor who is a distributor
- Katie Fortney has a list of alcohol providers
- Auction items - start gathering ideas of new items. If anyone is interested, I can send a doc with last year's items.
- [Need to figure out online auction vendor.](#)

Dine/Shop/Play to Donate

Chair: Cassandra

Goal: Monthly Dine to Donate / Quarterly Shop to Donate/Seasonal Play to Donate

Dine

- Smoque BBQ- 7/12- 7/13 \$189.14 (but gave \$1000, applying \$250 to DtD and \$750 to sponsorship)
- Angelo's 8/31 & 9/7 \$1608.94
- Easy Street 9/13 \$518.33
- Sonic 10/9 - ALL DAY - \$?
- [Mima's Taste of Cuba: 11/12-11/14 from 7am-8pm](#)
- [Portillos - 11/30 from 5-8pm](#)

Shop

- Clark Street Sports - \$340.76 total. They're sending a check.
- 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*
- [Boon Supply - 11/22-12/15](#)
- [Angelo's GC's -](#)

Play

- Working with First Ascent for late fall or early spring date
- Climzone Fundraiser 2/2

Community Business Directory

Chair: Meg

Co-Chair:

- Updates to website in the next few weeks
- Promotion plan to launch with Bateman Buzz
- Send suggestions to Meg

Social Updates

Chair: Julia

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KPr7IlkHd5vyIPVcuV52kuiljOA2VyKFhJvWDb1EIO0/edit>

Website

Chair: Meagan

- Thought to add a Boosterfest page (with ticket prices for next year) and photos from the last Boosterfest

Outdoor Enrichment

Chair: Kyla Wenger


Committee: Kristin Brock

- **PLAYGROUND** - Worried about the sinking turf? Concerned about the age and reliability of the playground equipment? Disturbed by the fact that the play structure isn't accessible? **KEEP MAKING NOISE! EMAIL YOUR THOUGHTS TO:**
Pedro Martinez (CPS CEO) - pmartinez3@cps.edu
Ivan Hansen (CPS Chief of Facilities) - ihansen2@cps.edu
Jamel Chambers (CPS Manager of Intergovernmental Affairs) - jdchambers3@cps.edu
Chuck Swirsky (CPS Senior Advisor, Chief Executive Office) - cbswirsky@cps.edu
Rossana Rodriguez (33rd Ward Alderperson) - rossana@33rdward.org
Cristina Pacione-Zayas (IL Senator, 20th District) - senatorpacionezayas@gmail.com
Vincentia Egonmwan (Deputy Chief of Staff to the BOE) - vegonmwan@cps.edu

School Communication/Blasts

Secretary: Jess

Description of Booster communications can be found in Booster Drive - Booster Communications - Buzz / Blast / Emails Here is the link:

 Definition - BUZZ, BLASTS, EMAILS

Current chair needs: (does not need to be a board member)

- Volunteer Coordinator
- 2 unfilled Board Member at Large Positions

Boosters Dates for the year:

- Dine to Donate at Mima's:
- Boosters Monthly Mtg. 12/6/23
- Climb Zone Fundraiser Friday 2/2/24
- Super Bowl Squares 2/22/24
 - Start Date 1/22/24
 - End Date 2/11/24
- Lottery Tree
 - Starts 3/1/24
 - Ends 3/17/24
- OE - Community Earth Day Work Day Campus Care 4/21/24 11-1
- OE - School Earth Day Celebration 4/22/24
- **Spring Fling 4/26/24—at Artifact Events**
- Teacher Appreciation 5/6/24-5/10/24

Old Business

- Brown Paper Tickets sent us our first installment, 2 days after the article by Block Club

Comments & Announcements

- Administration:
 - Photo proofs coming (actual photos)
 - LSC this morning
- Sponsors:
- BAC/PAC:
 - Next meeting 11/3 at 8:30am in the library - Common Core presentation by Ms. Villalobos
- BFC:
 - Next meeting 11/9 at 7:30pm at Leader Bar (The Bears are playing, so the plan is to meet and take care of business quickly, then watch the Un-BEAR-ables)
 - Bingo Night on 11/14 (7-9pm) at Templestowe. \$5 per Bingo card (cash only). Come early so that you secure a spot!
 - Looking ahead to December, Cradles to Crayon volunteering event with kids (12:30-2pm) on 12/2. Headcount capped at 30. Signup information here:
 - www.cradlestocrayons.org/chicago/pre-register
 - Registration code: a0RQg0000004AAT
 - Donations are encouraged. A list of items accepted items is listed on this link:
https://cradlestocrayons.app.box.com/s/h3skl1ggp9jxo8han5rff1tyjulxlogb?fbclid=IwAR1oDQLI8FGNojbjeAn2A_AuloPvw-qxb4-840ZSaQNIhofrYXQZaDz-CTI
 - 2/24 - Bowling event at TimberLanes from 2-5:30pm
- Library Committee: The Bateman Library Committee has been working hard to get hundreds of new books in English and Spanish on the shelves and in kids' hands! We always need more volunteer help. Email Lydia lydia.milman.schmidt@gmail.com

WHO ARE BATEMAN BOOSTERS

- 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 has raised more than \$190,000. We have supported the fine arts program, replaced the auditorium curtains (from the 50's!), installed an electronic message board, purchased new classroom libraries, provided a gymnasium barrier, installed modern water fountains with bottle filling stations, purchased promethean boards for each classroom, and paid for updates to the auditorium.
- With your generous support we hope to reach our highest annual fundraising goal ever in 2023-2024, \$67,000.
- 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 Blaze Plays: supporting movement and creativity for all students at Bateman.

2023-2024 Executive Board:

- Kjirstin Glessner-President, BOOOsterfest Chair
- Cassandra Kittler–Vice President, Dine and Shop to Donate Chair
- Jessica Hess-Follander- Secretary, Teacher Appreciation Chair, Back to School chair
- Kyla Wenger - Treasurer, Outdoor Enrichment Chair, Grant Writer

2023-2024 Board Members at Large

1. Molly Maier -
2. Julia Wylie-Bryant - Social Chair, Auction Co-Chair
3. Meagan Grant - Website chair
4. Sara Herman - Community Outreach,
5. Vanessa Padecky- Spring Fling Event Chair
6. Meg Dempsey - Business Directory & Sponsorships Chair
7. Andia Grice–Haunted House
8. Kelly Graham–Winter Gear Drive
9. Jess Feldt–Auction Chair
10. [Katie Fortney - Spring Fling Vice-Chair](#)
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Thank you for joining! Your questions, feedback and ideas are always welcome! Here's how to find us:

- FriendsofBateman.org
- FriendsofBateman@gmail.com
- @BatemanBoosters
- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)

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