**Bateman Booster Monthly Meeting - Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 9, 2023 - 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, 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
* Outdoor Enrichments co-chair

WELCOME!!

**Treasurer’s Report**

**Current Balance: $36,084.06**

**Profit Since Last Meeting: $985.30**

* Income: $
  + Angelo’s Dine-to-Donate: $1,615.00
  + Raffle Tickets: $460.00
  + Mima’s Dine-to-Donate: $152.00
  + Pledge Drive: $
* Expenses:
  + Tax Preparation: $800.00
  + Haunted House Reimbursement: $200.00
  + Pie-in-the-Face Reimbursement: $104.15
  + Website Fees: $274.68
  + Fees: $32.83
* Pending Expenses:
* 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)
* Fee charged from Square Space $20 - Monica will look on website

**Volunteer Coordination /Community Building + Outreach**

Chair: Sarah Hammer

Co-Chair: Sara Herman

* No updates

**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 - $45.77Zach 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
* 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%)
* LeaderBar 3/2 (15%)
* Chipotle 3/15 4-8pm Addison location
* Spring Fling???

**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?
* 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.
* Clark Street Sports - We need to pick a weekend in March or April.
* 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)

**Sponsorships**

Chair: Elise

Co-Chair: Meg

* Meg and Elise to review the social calendar in the next week and plan out the rest of the year.
* We will do a Dine to Donate shout out later in the year as well
* We have reached out to Gold and Gold+ to start scheduling interviews for profiles.
* 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.
* Meg will reach out to relevant sponsors about Teacher Appreciation Week donations and brainstorm potential new sponsors

**Community Business Directory**

Chair: Meg

Co-Chair: Elise

* Here’s the new URL: <https://www.friendsofbateman.org/communitydirectory>
* 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>
* Promotion plan will be deployed ASAP: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mTVVpPkv5WKUu9wDceQwylaCkxbulELGRbiP4jKYBfE/edit?usp=sharing>
* Please send any leads for directory listings to Meg

**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

**Digital Sign on Richmond**

Sugandhi

* 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
  + 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 hole 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 lsit above
* **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](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1afFYD01rfTT1Zrgrl56hSqjn2v9C8x3RqF8SNycwvLc/edit?usp=sharing)
* 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~~
  + ~~Sonic; 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~~

**Spring Fling 2023**

Auction Chair: Vanessa Pedecky

Auction Co-Chair: Julia Bryant

Event Chair: Meagan Grant

Event Co-chairs: Sara Herman & Ashley Gilday?

Event/Auction

* Friday May 12, 2023
* Venue TBD ([venue research](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TztCD5zrMhaaqeRxet1nZGkmH5TMV6xuhu7jG33XT-4/edit?usp=sharing))
* Rough planning [timeline](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bkoGQt0ZvHNATt8xpHrKTlLPzja3HoyDFutsMS58cFI/edit?usp=sharing)
* Committee to meet in the next week or so
* Start thinking about auction item solicitation! Personal connections, businesses, family, etc.
* Meagan starting to work on all copy for communications
* Questions: What were sponsors promised RE: Spring Fling (i.e. water bottles, bags, etc.)
* Anyone interested in coordinating [Parent Parties](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YlbWlo_vqgO1zrTayUMZSmlN8_Cd--RIfWk7PfYkJKM/edit?usp=sharing)
* Teacher/staff engagement

**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**

**New Business**

**Comments & Announcements**

* Administration
  + Quarter 2 Core Values Champions Assembly this Friday
  + FORGE Application went live for Spring Session (closes 1/17 at 5pm)
  + Aldermanic Candidate Forum to be held 2/1 in Auditorium
* Sponsors
* 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