

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

March Membership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 19th, 2025 - 7:00 PM

Murzyn Hall Senior Room

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:05 PM by Hector Leon

MISSION STATEMENT: *The Columbia Heights Boosters is an organization of dedicated community volunteers who offer their time and talents to support youth activities and athletics throughout Columbia Heights, fostering participation and providing the best experiences possible.*

2. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:

Melissa Rojas PTO president of CH Early Childhood Program

Sandra Garzon, School volunteer & translator

Mike Sorenson, CHHS Alumni, coaches, track, volleyball & football

Matt Birr, CHHS Alumni, Valley View Teacher & New CH Football Head Coach

3. CURRENT EVENTS / BOOSTERS CORNER:

Good end to winter sports seasons & Spring sports are off to a good start

Middle School Play just wrapped up "Annie Jr"

New MSHL sport starts this season at CHHS - Boys Volleyball

City rec league boys basketball team numbers have been good (mainly 2nd-4th grade)

4. CHARITABLE GAMBLING REPORT: Jared Severson on behalf of Wendy Willey

See the [February Gambling Report](#), which includes the February 2025 Gambling Report, Allowable Expense Report, and the Expense Requests for April 2025.

- Lawful Purpose donations from February were -\$25,976.00
- Total allowable expenses for February 2025 were -\$38410.50
- Net Profit was \$15,205.47
- New profit carryover was \$55,236.95
- New gambling fund balance is \$55,236.95

Alita Major moved, and Rick Eskola seconded to accept and approve the Gambling Report for February 2025. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Stephanie Alvarez moved, and Hector seconded to accept and approve the Expense Requests for April 2025. All Ayes. Motion carried

6. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT / FUNDING REQUESTS: Jared Severson

The [March Lawful Purpose Report](#) includes a Recap of Lawful Purpose Donations made in February 2025 and Requests made in March

Motion was made by Hector Leon 2nd by Keith Windschitl to accept the Lawful Purpose Request for Firehouse Gym improvements for \$1,000.00. All Ayes, Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trevor Major 2nd by Tony Davis to accept the Lawful Purpose Request made by the North Park School for Innovation PTO for End of Year BBQ supplies & food for \$1,500.00. All Ayes, Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rick Eskola 2nd by Trevor Major to accept the Lawful Purpose Request made by CHHS Athletics & Activities on behalf of CH Softball Team for a Duluth Trip (hotel + team meals) for \$1,000.00. All Ayes, Motion carried.

Motion was made by Hector Leon 2nd by Stephanie Alvarez to add \$2,500 to the Booster Scholarship fund. All Ayes, Motion carried. (Scholarship night is happening Thursday, May 8th)

Motion was made by Jake Henderson 2nd by Rick Eskola for Booster Support of CH Recreation Department, a budget item of \$3,500 this month. All Ayes, Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jake Henderson 2nd by Hector Leon to accept the Lawful Purpose Request for the MN Department of Revenue for February G1 Taxes due in March for \$25,568.00. All Ayes, Motion carried.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Alita Major

Hector Leon moved, and Tony Davis seconded to accept [minutes from February 2025](#) meeting into March 2025 minutes. All Ayes, Motion carried.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT: Trevor Major

End of month balance in the general account for February 2025 was \$28,685.46 when the account was balanced & reconciled to Northeast Bank's statement. Motion to accept and approve the Treasurer's report was made by Stephanie Alvarez 2nd by Jared Severson. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8. CARE & CONCERN REPORT: All

Gary Peterson passed away on March 9, 2025. He was a proud City Council member, then Mayor of Columbia Heights, founder of the Boosters, founder of the Columbia Heights Hockey Association, City Prayer Breakfast, a Lions Member, along with countless other organizations.

9. OLD BUSINESS / REMINDERS

- a. **Open Director Seat - see any Board member for details!**

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Booster Awards Dinner Update - Jared**

Survey went out to membership & golf email lists soliciting feedback on the event planning moving forward. 2025 event planning in process.

- a. **Fitness Court Sponsorship Opportunity - Will Rottler**

Sullivan Lake Park is the selected location, a grant was received from Blue Cross Blue Shield. Public Art is being created by CHHS alumni Alicia DeLaCruz

There are 8 fitness courts in MN currently.

Columbia Heights is breaking ground this spring! Grand Opening August/September!

Looking for donations/sponsorships of \$500. (deadline is EARLY APRIL)

Video link: <https://nationalfitnesscampaign.com/watch>

Motion was made by Trevor Major 2nd by Rick Tony David for the Boosters to become a sponsor of the Fitness Court at Sullivan Park, and donation of \$500. All Ayes, Motion carried.

- b. July 28th - Rotary golf tournament, do we want to have a team & rotary have a foursome at ours. Will Rottler invited a representative from the Boosters to come to a Rotary meeting to share info about our golf tournament. Rotary meets every Wednesday morning at 7:30 @ Central Mixx

c. Upcoming Events:

- i. **Hylander Boys Volleyball Inaugural Season Celebration**
Wednesday April 16th at 6:00pm
MSHL sport, first season. The CHHS teams are funded through a grant the Columbia Heights Police Department received. VFW also helped make this possible.
- ii. **Valley View Carnival**
Friday, April 25th, 5:00 - 7:00pm
- iii. **Valley View Fun Run**
Saturday, June 7th, 12:00pm
Boosters are sponsoring the event, our logo will be on the t-shirts
- iv. **CH Community Arts & Info Fair**
June 18th, 4:00 - 7:00pm at Huset Park West
- v. **CH Jamboree**
June 26-29th at Huset Park
Boosters will take part in the parade, Wagon will be at the Jamboree.
- vi. **PUBLIC NOTICE:** The APRIL BOOSTER MEETING is being moved to THURSDAY, APRIL 17th at 7:00pm in the Senior Room at Murzyn Hall.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:55 PM by Hector Leon

Respectfully submitted by:

Alita Major

Secretary, Columbia Heights Athletic Boosters