

# **VCHS Athletic Boosters**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**3/10/11**

### **-- Crab Feed Recap --**

**Attendees:** *David Cantrell, Lisa Ludden, Melanie Arace, Renee Rogers, Scott Babinat, John Roush and Tanya Owens*

**Scott Babinat** opened the meeting in prayer.

#### **John Roush ~ Boosters President**

The feedback about the Crab Feed has been so positive. Final figures are yet to come in. Thank you to everyone. It was a great group effort. John asked for a report from all the different chairs on what worked, what didn't and what should be done next year.

#### **Student Servers/Kitchen ~ John reported for Rick & Kelly Volpatti**

One student per table worked well. Next year make sure numbering of tables is set ahead of time. Student help was needed in the kitchen. Will need to make sure every athlete wears VCS sports jersey or VCS clothing. Have those students who can't make it call. Rick told John he is ready for next year.

#### **Decorations/Setup ~ Lisa Ludden**

Having the event on a Saturday worked great. We were able to begin setup on Friday. Book date now for next year. Needed more drinks. Be sure to account for the student helpers as well. There was an excess of pasta. Should have sold extra trays of pasta. Leftover crab was sold out immediately. Next year we should have more appetizers; those ran out quickly. Cleanup was not as smooth. Would be good to have a chairperson for cleanup to organize and make it efficient. With regards to the tickets: suggestion was made for half price for coaches and teachers. Setup went well with great volunteers. If we wanted to get to 360 seats, we could add another row of tables.

#### **Check-Out/Check-In/Registration ~ David Cantrell**

There were two checkouts: the silent auction and the close-out. The silent auction checkout went well. Tables for silent auction with different colored tablecloths worked well. Having runners worked well. Suggestion was made to have lower-priced items table close-out first. Logistically it would be best to have that table closest to the entrance. One problem with the silent auction was that the price increase increments weren't always followed. Created a gray area as to who was actually the highest bidder. For the check-out, Angela is invaluable to the process. We should have someone train with her in case she was not available for some reason. The flow of the check-out seemed to work okay. Suggestion made to move the check-out tables into the gym towards the end of the evening as guests exit. This way we could route them to pick up their certificate(s), etc. Next year, if someone gets a bidder number they need to give their credit card number. Make sure all items we will sell will be on the list in advance.

**Donations Committee ~ Renee Rogers, Renee Yates & Janna Chestnut**

Renee Rogers gave a report. It would be helpful for the chair of the committees to attend all Crab Feed related meetings. Too many programs were printed. All three of the donations committee members felt spiritual attacks. Suggestion was made that it be an adult-only event. Lisa suggested not providing child care next year since only two children signed up. During the live auction, it would be good to have spotters. The olive oil and crab sales should be added prior to the event. The microphone for the emcee was a bit too loud at the end of the closings. Timing wise, it would be best if the salad and bread was put on the tables as soon as the last silent auction table was closed. It would be great to get the donations in earlier. There were a total of 71 donation packages. We could have handled more. Need to make the rounds of the Heads & Tails games faster. Giving a gift certificate to Angela would be nice as well as to Summer Chiu for making all the signs. The wonderful video made by Dakota Scruggs should be posted on the website, shown at an upcoming rally and/or at the athletic recognitions. Next year we need to reserve the projector 30 days ahead. The totals will be announced. Pre-purchased ticket sales were 100 early bird tickets at \$40/each and 70 at \$45/each. John and Scott said they are getting bids on wrestling mats and score boards. Will need to create a marketing package for the score boards so they can bring money back in to the program in the future.

**Athletic Director ~ Scott Babinat**

It was a blessing to see everyone at work. It is amazing that we raised so much money. Everything ran so well and went so much better this year. Suggestion was given to have the 50/50 raffle next year. We can do so much more now with our program. It is inspiring.

**John Roush** will get a newsletter out so people know about the outcome of this event and the difference their donations made. Will give a recap.

**John Roush** closed the meeting in prayer.

*Respectfully submitted by Tanya Owens.*

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