Cary High Speech and Debate Booster Club

Minutes from August 13, 2015 Meeting

Members present: Patrick Jessee, Chairperson; Karen Schreiner, Secretary; Rana Stuelke, Treasurer; John Jabusch, Celeste Little, Jason Peterson, Members-at-Large

Mr. Jessee opened the meeting with a welcome and appreciation for involvement in the booster club. He encouraged constructive candor at meetings. Everyone will encourage feedback from the youth on the Speech and Debate Team.

Mr. Peterson suggested creating a Booster Club page and publishing the link on the Cary High School webpage. All agreed.

Discussion then followed about the constitution and by-laws.

Mr. Jabusch moved that Article X.E of the Speech and Debate Team Constitution and By-Laws be amended to give the head coach the discretion to prohibit attendance of tournaments with cause. Ms. Stuelke seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Jabusch moved that Article VI.H.3.b of the Booster Club Constitution and By-Laws be amended to give the Speech and Debate Team head coach the discretion to determine which post-season tournaments will be attended, to give the board the discretion how monies will be disbursed and to fully fund the head coach’s fees for such tournaments. Ms. Stuelke seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

There was unanimous affirmation that:

1. The Booster Club will only fund independent entries for NSDA, CFL and TOC tournaments.
2. The purpose of the Booster Club board is always to serve the good of the Speech and Debate Team.

Mr. Jabusch moved that both the Booster Club and the Speech and Debate Team Constitutions/By-Laws be adopted with discussed amendments. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Legal and financial issues were then discussed.

Mr. Jessee informed the board that PNC Bank offers a free checking account and other perks for non-profits.

Karen Boardman, attorney, will charge $500 for the set-up of the Booster Club as a non-profit, including establishing a tax ID and filing with the state. An additional fee may be necessary for the federal filing.

Another fee due immediately is $149 for NSDA membership and resource package.

Mr. Jessee offered to cover these expenses up front. Ms. Stuelke moved that the Booster Club reimburse these expenses. Ms. Schreiner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The next meeting will be September 17, 2015 at 7:00pm. Agenda items will include dues and Booster Club donations, planning for the Cary High School debate tournament and launch of the Booster Club.

On September 3rd, Mr. Jessee requested via email that the board authorize and verify that he and Mrs. Stuelke could open an account at PNC bank. All board members emailed their authorization and verification by September 4th.