

Gondolier Booster Club
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Draft – June 18, 2024

In-Person Meeting – Jaffe Family Residence

Welcome

The meeting was held at the Jaffe Family residence in Mar Vista with 16 attendees. The meeting information was posted in advance on the Venice High School calendar and included in the FOG newsletter. President Kevin Behrendt called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Board members present: Kevin Behrendt, Jim Barrie, Jasmine Jaffe, David Lee and Brandy Oeser.

Mr. Lee is leaving his position at Venice High; the group thanked him for everything he has done for the school and community. There were many new people in attendance, so Kevin Behrendt gave an overview of the Gondolier Booster Club and its history and role at Venice High. The 30th Annual Gondo Golf Classic was a success, bringing in approximately \$30,000. The Booster club provides \$1000 per year for each team, and purchases items the school needs, for example the LED score table for volleyball and basketball, and the grass field lining machine.

Approval of Past Minutes

The meeting minutes for May 21, 2024, were reviewed. David Lee motioned to approve the minutes and Jim Barrie seconded the motion. The Motion was Approved by unanimous vote.

School Report

HT was in attendance and gave the school report. Venice High was recognized by the district for excellent attendance. The home visits and attendance celebration events helped improve our attendance data. We also improved our school experience survey numbers. The end of the year celebrations and teacher appreciation events went very well. Thank you to the booster club for providing pizza for the end of year party for teachers/staff. We have 2308 students; 42% are identified as gifted. Next year there will be 508 seniors. We may need to find another graduation venue (4 tickets per graduate is not sustainable on campus). We are hiring several teachers. The garden is an acre of land, and the discussions continue on the use of the space. The most recent proposal was rejected by Melvoin and HT. Mr. Lee reminded the group that the community needs to be a part of the discussion.

Old Business

A plug is needed for the ice machine (this has been lingering for 2 years). Perhaps it can go in the space where the ticket booth is located (since we don't need it)?

We need someone to coordinate the flea markets.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Jim Barrie provided to the board and other interested parties prior to the meeting on 6/17/24, a financial report covering the period from 5/20/24 to 6/17/24. In addition, a full listing of Booster Club transactions over that period, and the most recent bank statement (May) and accounting reconciliation report were also provided. There was a .10 ¢ error on the previous statement.

Reminder that teams/clubs can use the Booster Club PayPal to collect donations (other programs such as Snap Raise take 20%). Any fundraiser that takes place during school hours (on campus) must give 50% to ASB.

The district pays for team uniforms every three years. The district also pays for the coaches (there is a payment schedule decided by the district, each sport is different, and coaches can't be paid more). If the coach is a teacher; they receive a stipend. The rates are on the LAUSD site. Other coaches are paid by the hour (3 ½ hours/day max).

Please use the Booster Club form to request reimbursement (available on the website).

David Lee motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Brandy Oeser seconded. The Motion was Approved by unanimous vote.

New Business

There is a request to get an American flag for the gym. We also need to standardize our banners (we have 38 Champion banners).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Thank you to the Jaffe family for hosting the meeting and providing dinner!