

**Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM Zoom
Hudson PTO Minutes: General Meeting**



Zoom Meeting ID: 431 047 9454 Password: APR22 (case sensitive)

1. Call to order 6:33 pm

- a. Introductions
- b. Attendance: Erin Rathjen-Decker, Kay Horner, Niki Winchester, Marisa Yoder, Lisa Hilpert, Chris Jackson, Allison Aardsma, Ashley Roedemeier, Rebecca Dohrman, Indra Russell, Leah Rush, Angela Haas, Amelia Klueter, Rebecca Yust, Mandy Kirschner

2. Minutes

- a. Reviewed Minutes from March
- b. Motion to approve: 1st Niki Winchester, 2nd Chris Jackson, approved with no abstentions

3. Financial Report

- a. Income: \$403.82
- b. Expenses: \$1800.28
- c. Beginning balance \$14610.82; Ending balance \$13214.36
- d. Motion to approve \$1800.28 in bills: 1st Kay Horner, 2nd Niki Winchester, approved with no abstentions

4. Principal's Report, Lisa Hilpert

- a. Several students were participating in the Special Olympics at Hixson and carried torches. Every grade made tunnels that the participants traversed to celebrate.
- b. The Amazing MAP Race was held for the first time since 2019. The event is to prepare for MAP testing in format and content without making a big deal of testing. Students from grades 3-5 were divided into teams named for countries. They moved around to different stations to answer questions and received a bronze, silver or gold medal based on their answers. ROCKS behavior was also assessed. The overall winning teams received medals made of cookies.

5. Committee Reports

a. Standing Committees

- i. Welcome Committee/Hudson Cares, Niki Winchester
 - 1. Hudson Happy Hour has been rescheduled to Sunday, April 24 at 3 pm at Royal Oak Park with a Sunday Fun Day theme
- ii. Box Tops Committee, Meagan Wade
 - 1. No report this month
- iii. Equity Committee, Jade Vindette, Carrie Page
 - 1. No report this month
- iv. Beautification Committee, Leah Rush, Jen Marquardt
 - 1. There will be an event to rake the mulch from the fall and other projects.
 - 2. There will be a picnic clean up the week after the spring picnic.
- v. Staff Appreciation Committee, Ashley Roedemeier
 - 1. Rebecca Yust reported that they were planning for the week of May 3. There may be requests for items to stock the lounge.

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- vi. Playground Committee, Allison Aardsma, Emily Baize
 - 1. They have raised \$20,560.65 in total funds so far.
 - 2. The committee met with DG2 architects and talked about goals including being interactive and accessible. Creative solutions will be needed to hit all the goals within budget. Options include cleaning up some of the existing structure and adding on to it.
 - 3. On April 20 first draft plans and a survey to the community will be unveiled. The survey will be open for 2 weeks. On May 18 the architects will present to the committee and the parks department.
 - 4. Golf scramble May 7 at 3 pm. Sign up on Square.

b. Event Committees

- i. Dine Outs, Indra Russell, Carol Woodruff, Angela Haas
 - 1. March Pi-Rico Kirkwood raised \$171.15, April 26 Chicken Out
 - 2. Considering a weekend morning dine out during the summer
- ii. Book Fair, Abby Schafers
 - 1. Scholastic book fair will be changed to online for May or deferred until next year.
- iii. Adult Fundraiser
 - 1. Deferred until next year. Seeking chairs to plan and run this event. Indra is gauging interest from room parents. Julie is checking with St. Elizabeth's about securing a winter date.
- iv. Fall Fundraiser
 - 1. Tentative date is 10/14. Lisa will check the calendar. Looking for chairs for this event.
- v. Cinco de Parko, Dave Powers, Leah Rush
 - 1. Hacienda has decided to officially celebrate 5/5. Prolonged discussion about feasibility. Decision was made to use the commercial parking lot and Hudson parking lot starting at 11 am at \$20/spot. A suggestion was made to use Venmo as a cash free option.
- vi. Spring Picnic, Angela Haas
 - 1. May 13. More volunteers needed to help with running the event. There will be popcorn, cotton candy, games, bouncy house, and Chick Fil A. Decisions about pricing for the event are being made.

6. New Business

- a. PTO Executive Board Nominations, Kay Horner
 - i. The nominating committee consists of Kay Horner, Rebecca Dohrman, and Niki Winchester.
 - ii. Nominations for all positions will be accepted through April 28. Please nominate yourself or anyone who would be a good candidate.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Fundraising

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- i. Flocking, Rebecca Yust
 - 1. Tentative spring timing for next year is February through early April.
 - ii. Spring walkathon, Rebecca Dohrman
 - 1. April 13. Walkathon will be held inside due to the inclement weather forecast for tomorrow.
 - 2. Raised \$7500 so far.
 - 3. Penciled in date for walkathon next year on April 12.
- 8. Public comments (General thoughts, questions, concerns)**
- a. Suggestions for PTO meetings next year to have the link in the Friday email that would require only 1 click to join.
 - b. Discussed zoom versus in person versus hybrid format for PTO meetings next year. The majority voiced support to continue meetings on zoom.

Adjourn 7:38 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 PM Zoom

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