

**Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 6:30 PM Zoom
Hudson PTO Minutes: General Meeting**



1. Call to order 6:33 pm

- a. Introductions
- b. Attendance: Erin Rathjen-Decker, Kay Horner, Lisa Hilpert, EJ Brace, Julie Tubbs, Niki Winchester, Indra Russell, Rebecca Oberle, Mandy Kirschner, Michael Shipley, Abby Shafers, Marisa Yoder, Chris Jackson

2. Minutes

- a. Reviewed Minutes from October
- b. Motion to approve: 1st Julie Tubbs, 2nd Rebecca Oberle, approved with no abstentions

3. Financial Report

- a. Income: PayPal \$244.53, TJ's pizza \$914.80, El Indio \$400, Cyrano's \$800
- b. Bills: \$119 Amazon Prime, \$51.81 Square card reader
- c. Motion to approve \$170.81 in bills: 1st Kay Horner, 2nd Erin Rathjen-Decker, approved with no abstentions
- d. Ending balance: \$14632.16

4. Principal's Report, Lisa Hilpert

- a. Thank you to the PTO for dinner for conferences.
- b. At the WGSD board meeting, Mr. Reichold and Mrs. Marks highlighted the designs for the blacktop by Gifted Fine Arts at Hudson.
- c. Mrs. Recke highlighted a project on creativity where 4th graders prepared a lesson plan for the kindergarteners based on the book "The Dot". Peers debriefed and gave feedback before and after the presentation. This project emphasized life skills that the students will carry with them.
- d. We are heading into a busy season with the holidays.
- e. The district will voluntarily ask for vaccination status. COVID vaccination will impact quarantine requirements.

5. Committee Reports

a. Standing Committees

- i. Welcome Committee/Hudson Cares, Niki Winchester
 - 1. No report this month
- ii. Box Tops Committee, Meagan Wade
 - 1. No report this month
- iii. Equity Committee, Jade Vindette, Carrie Page
 - 1. 2nd meeting for Equity in Action is upcoming.
- iv. Beautification Committee, Leah Rush , Jen Marquardt
 - 1. Michael Shipley updated the attendees. The stage awning was recently cleaned. Plants were cut and mulched during the cleanup last month. Michael and his family cleaned up the Hawks Nest. Leah will keep the mums in her basement. Thank you to Rick's Ace Hardware and the families who participated.
 - 2. Budget for committee is \$300 this year. The committee would like to place snowflake decorations around the marquee and will check with Lisa. They are planning to purchase and plant bulbs

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around the marquee. The company that installed basketball hoops at Hixson (Aalco) will look at our current hoops on the blacktop and give ideas about cost for repair/replacement.

Michael has called the Webster Arts Commission to see if they can help fix the ceramics in the Hawks Nest.

- v. Staff Appreciation Committee, Ashley Roedemeier
 - 1. Indra sent information regarding teachers' and staff's favorite things/preferences to room parents for distribution to individual classes.
- vi. Playground Committee, Allison Aardsma, Emily Baize
 - 1. Mandy Kirschner provided the update. The committee raised over \$4000 from October and the fund has \$9690.62 total. This should be enough for the planning grant. To apply for the playground grant in August 2022, \$7669 in additional funds is needed. Tonight there is a Warson Woods meeting to decide if they will join Rock Hill for the planning grant.
 - 2. The tunnel slide on the current playground is closed. WGSD will replace the slide but will not add anything new.
 - 3. Fundraising for the committee continues. Please bring in athletic shoes to school or Rock Hill. We will earn \$1500 if we collect 700 pairs. Hudson magnets are available on the website through Christmas. The committee is placing fliers in Rock Hill and Warson Woods for Giving Tuesday. Other ideas are a dine out, golf event, pop up fundraiser and soliciting donations from businesses.

b. Event Committees

- i. Dine Outs, Indra Russell, Carol Woodruff, Angela Haas
 - 1. November was canceled and will be rescheduled.
 - 2. Parkmoor December 14, Mike Duffy's Kirkwood in January, Chicken Out in February
- ii. Book Fair, Abby Schafers
 - 1. 12/9-16 Scholastic in school for student only shopping. Digital wallet option available where parents can designate funds online with a spending cap. This fair will have more books and less accessory items to encourage students to purchase books. Marisa will investigate options for equity in purchasing.
- iii. Adult Fundraiser
 - 1. Chairs are still needed to organize the trivia night or another event. Ideas were discussed for ways to locate a chair. Michael volunteered to talk with an event planner for ideas. We will consider other types of events besides trivia (Prom Night, Bingo Night) or scaling down to trivia with a raffle, wine pull, etc.

6. New Business

7. Unfinished Business

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a. Teacher grants

i. All teacher grants submitted were approved

1. Maryam Saffaf: Student Mailbox System \$172.99
2. Des Reichold: Hudson Photo Mural, PTO funded a portion of \$749 and Mrs. Hilpert will use her funding for the remainder of Mr. Reichold's grant
3. Melissa Murphy: TV Screen for the Reading Classroom \$195.99
4. Denise Foley: Multicultural Book Series Sets \$200.84
5. Tom Havrilka: Garden Tiller \$199
6. Kimberly Robinson: Functional Classroom Storage and Accessibility \$202.95

8. Public comments (General thoughts, questions, concerns)

Adjourn 8:35 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 12 at 6:30 PM Zoom

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