

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 6 PM
Hudson PTO General Meeting Hudson Library
Note: All events mentioned from 3/13 to at least 4/22
have been canceled



- 1. Call to order 6:06 pm**
 - a. **Attendance:** Stephanie Margolis, Erin Rathjen-Decker, Kay Horner, Lisa Hilpert, EJ Brace, Allison Aardsma, Niki Winchester, Mary Laberta, Julie Tubbs, Chantal Hoffsten, Amelia Klueter, Leah Rush, Dave Powers, Jacquelyn Rappold, Joy Raccano-Bond, Sean Oliveira
- 2. Minutes:**
 - a. Reviewed minutes from February
 - b. Motion to approve: 1st Erin Rathjen-Decker, 2nd EJ Brace, approved with no abstentions
- 3. Financial Report**
 - a. PTO Adult Fundraiser/Trivia Night, Niki Winchester, Julie Tubbs
 - i. Raised \$17,250 net profit this year
 - ii. Current co-chairs willing to chair next year. Tentative date for next year in February.
 - iii. District schools renegotiating with Bid Pal to continue use for events
 - b. Addition of line items, Erin Rathjen-Decker
 - i. Motion to change existing line item named Event Supplies to Event/Project Supplies (currently budgeted at \$150): 1st Erin Rathjen-Decker, 2nd Chantal Hoffsten, approved with no abstentions
 - ii. Motion to add Door Decoration line item for Teacher Appreciation of \$240 (\$20/door x 12 doors): 1st Chantal Hoffsten, 2nd Amelia Klueter, approved with no abstentions
 - iii. Motion to add line item for Performances for this year tabled
 - c. Beautification committee budget, Erin Rathjen-Decker, Leah Rush
 - i. Leah discussed expansion of the beautification project to include bulbs, outdoor stage. She has received quotes for mulch and lawn bags from hardware vendors. Ace Hardware will donate part of the mulch and the rest at cost. Additional suggestion made by a parent to investigate the cost of landscaping services.
 - ii. Motion to increase budget line item this year to \$250: 1st Kay Horner, 2nd EJ Brace, approved with no abstentions
- 4. Approval of Bills**
 - a. Motion to approve \$2227.01 in bills for February: 1st Kay Horner, 2nd Chantal Hoffsten, approved with no abstentions
 - b. Motion to approve \$453.53 in bills for March: 1st Kay Horner, 2nd Allison Aardsma, approved with no abstentions
- 5. Principal's Report, Lisa Hilpert**
- 6. Committee Reports**
 - a. **Standing Committees**
 - i. Welcome Committee/Hudson Cares, Niki Winchester
 1. Parents' Night Out, Friday 4/3 6 pm at Global Brew

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b. Event Committees

- i. Spring Picnic, Amelia Klueter
 1. Unable to use bounce house due to liability issues
 2. Need ideas for alternative activities. Please email Amelia with ideas.
- ii. Dine outs, Indra Russell, Carol Woodruff, Angela Haas
 1. Next dine out El Indio, Thursday 3/26 all day

7. New Business

8. Unfinished Business

- a. Student grants:
 - i. 1 student grant for \$100 to pay for songwriter to teach 2 songwriting classes for the 4th and 5th grade songwriting unit
 - ii. Motion to approve: 1st Allison Aardsma, 2nd Amelia Klueter, approved with no abstentions

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

10. Playground Committee Update, Chantal Hoffsten, Amelia Klueter

- a. Chantal and Amelia discussed the rationale for the playground project including replacing the worn playground structure and building an inclusive playground. Hudson has traditionally been inclusive to students but our playground does not reflect that inclusivity. In fall 2018, a memorandum of understanding was entered into with Unlimited Play because of their expertise in playground development and in grant collaboration/fundraising. The committee is applying for a municipal park grant with Rock Hill as a cosponsor and Webster Groves School District as the other cosponsor. The grant covers approximately \$300,000 and the Hudson Playground Committee is responsible for fundraising at least 5% of the total playground cost. The current budget for the playground design is \$318,719.13. The playground design has been modified from the original options to be more cost-conscious. The surfacing chosen will be interlocking rubber tile since the tiles pop out for replacement purposes and this is less expensive than poured surfacing. The playground equipment vendor is Little Tikes. Inclusive playground features include a roller slide, disk swing, flush-mounted merry go round, imaginative play features on the first level of the main play structure, and ramp access to the playground. Future steps needed for the playground to move forward include approval by both Rock Hill and the Webster Groves School District, fundraising of the matching funds, and successful application for the municipal grant.
- b. The next step is Rock Hill Parks and Recreation Meeting Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 pm. Please come to show your support for the playground project!
- c. Next playground committee meeting is 3/26 at 7 pm. Location TBA. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please email Jen Gruenenfelder if you would like to join the committee.

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- d. Tentative dates are 4/13 at 7 pm Webster Groves School District Board meeting and 4/27 at 7 pm Rock Hill Board of Aldermen.

Adjourned 8:00 pm

Next meeting: To be determined (Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30 PM cancelled)