**Executive Board**

Dan Sommers & Michelle Lanza

*Co-Presidents*

Amy Neumann – *Secretary*

Rob Robinson – *Treasurer*

Chris Welter – *Membership*

Jennifer Hong – *Social Media*

Jamie Machel – *Spirit Wear*

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**Monthly Meeting Minutes – December 11th, 2023**

1. **Call to Order and Introductions**

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm

Welcome and thank you for coming!

Approve minutes from last meeting – Dan Sommers, Brendan Friar second

1. **Executive Board Report**
   1. Co-President Report – Dan Sommers / Michelle Lanza – Continuing to work on Booster Scholarships with committee. Boosterpalooza Early Bird Ticket Sales are on. This week one VIP seat was already purchased.
   2. Treasurer Report – Rob Robinson – approx. $95 k in the bank. Two commitments left from last year (the audio systems for both softball and baseball fields - $22K) So far looking good and trending to be able to spend $50k in fund requests again. This includes saving money for the scholarships. Last year we purchased gift cards for families in need around this time of year. Scott will talk to Kara to get us information if this is needed again this year.
   3. Membership / Boostership Report – Chris Welter – 4 new memberships since the last time we met. With the beginning of new winter sports and families – please share the positives of joining Boosters. Suggestion to send out email to freshman parents on importance of joining. Was brought up that the registration process will not allow Booster sign up again as students register. A discussion was had on how this will look for our Boostership Levels as this has been a successful way of doing it. Scott will look into how the system could handle our tiered levels and get back to us.
   4. Social Media Report – Jennifer Hong – Still increasing followers – will be putting out the save the date for Boosterpalooza soon. Will also be advertising for the spirit wear sale that is being sold on Saturday the 16th. Scott will also send out Boosterpalooza info on Prospect email.
   5. Spirit Wear Report – Jamie Machel – Incoming freshman night brough in $5k in spirit wear sales and sold completely out. Still doing the December 16th Basketball game as able to restock quickly now. Scott congratulated the team on finding the right mix of what sells and is priced right.
2. **PHS Athletic Department and Administration Report** – Scott McDermott – Winter Sports have had a great start with the girls bball championship in tourney tomorrow and the boys bball team the St. Viator champs in first tourney. Congratulations to all on successful start to season – Dance, Cheer, Swim and Dive, Bowling – etc. Five athletes are doing college signings this week. Congratulations to them. Prospect is hosting the MSL gymnastics and the MSL bowling as well as the boys Regional basketball. Scott reminded the importance of sportsmanship and showing who Prospect is at all events. This second semester really going to lean into and push this with both parents and students. The basketball scorers table looks great with graphics from prospect students and encouraging more to create own. Two new coaches joined the Prospect Teams – new girls Volleybally coach (Myles). and new head coach for Track and Field (Collier)
3. **Standing Committee Updates**
   1. Golf Outing – Brendan Friar – this will be last year coordinating – Looking to hold in October next year – volunteer to take over (Eric ? and his wife will volunteer to take over)
   2. Re-U-Knight Service Project – Ann Cantieri – October Collections was great. 20+ items collected and 20 more or so dropped at her house – loaded into document for coaces to see and share with athletes if needed. Ann is looking to bring them to prospect and put in storage. Will find a spring date to collect again.
   3. Boosterpalooza – Amy sent out the basket collection email with details. Team reps, please share this with your team families and begin the process of collecting donations for your teams basket. Early bird tickets went on sale in mid-December. We will also offer the RockStar VIP tickets again. Tickets will be $35 for Early Bird and then $45. Boosterpalooza will be on March 9th at the Home Bar again. Will be sending an email blast with info out soon
4. **Athletic Team Updates**

**Cheer –** Both teams did well at last competition. Varsity placing 8th/12th. JV 9th out of 21 teams. Lots of good competition at these invites. Next weekend is the RM comp.

**Boys Swim and Dive –** started right before Thanksgiving – currently 2-0 in Dual Meets. Hoping to repeat as MSL Champs. 50 total swimmers! Lopez is currently the coach that has been with Prospect the longest. Congrats to him. Last weekend at the Wild Stallion Jamboree took 4th out of 11 teams. This Friday they are against Meadows

**Gymnastics –** Started the season strong – Won the 1st meet at all 3 levels – Next meet is this Thursday with several ill athletes- This team seems to be the strongest Prospect has had in the last couple of years and is an early favorite in MSL East

**Girls Bowling –** have had 4 matches – took the series with Hersey and battling with them for MSL – Last Tuesday a stellar match for Ruzsczak with a 289 game. This weekend they are at Schaumburg for an invite. Came in 2nd recently at the Palatine invite. Encourage everyone to come watch as it is fun to watch!

**Competitive Dance–** Great start with first and third at first two comps. Next one coming up. Celebrated Senior Night at basketball game

**Wrestling –** Have 14 female wrestlers currently. Great to have another competitive venue for a winter sport for girls. At the Mudge Tournament finished 3rd with 12 placers. A home meet this Friday against Wheeling.

**Boys Basketball –** Won their first tourney. Lost one of their best players but battling to be currently 5-3. Coach Rathe has reached out with a request to help with player sponsorship for one male and 3 female players

**Boys Golf –** out of season with big shoes to fill next year, but they are ready for it!

**Girls Cross Country –** won regional and spent 4 days in Oregon – Top 22 in Nationals. Two athletes are signing intent on Wednesday

1. **Old Business-**

**Booster Scholarship –** This is still a work in progress and we will continue to update at next meeting

1. **New Business –**

Boosters sponsored 5 kids for toy drive for December with the Mt. Prospect Fire Department. Other teams also joined in wrapping and buying gifts. 14 programs in total supported this great initiative with a significant amount of toys donated. Important reminder that while it is great for a team to do well performing that character and sportsmanship should come first

1. **Adjourn Meeting –** 7:14 pm