**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 – January 8, 2024**

1. **Call to Order and Introductions**

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

Welcome and thank you for coming!

Approve minutes from last meeting – Dan Sommers, Laura Ryerson second

1. **Executive Board Report**
   1. Co-President Report – Dan Sommers / Michelle Lanza – Granted $340 to girls basketball and $550 to boys basketball for athletes in need.
   2. Treasurer Report – Rob Robinson – approx. $95 k still in the bank. With two commitments left from last year still (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 $5k for the scholarships.
   3. Membership / Boostership Report – Dan Sommers for Chris Welter – 2 new members since last meeting (a navy and a Columbia)- There was a request from someone to narrow the gap from the $50 to $150 membership and offer a $100 level. This will be evaluated as it gets closer to spring.
   4. Social Media Report – Jennifer Hong (Laura Ryerson–Twitter) – Just remember to follow Instagram, Facebook and Twitter
   5. Spirit Wear Report – Jamie Machel – Last sale of the year will be on February 20th at Freshman Activities and Athletic Night – sold out at last freshman event so looking forward to a good sale
2. **PHS Athletic Department and Administration Report** – Scott McDermott –Teachers are back in the building today from break and students come back tomorrow. This place never stops, lots of great things happened over break as well. Teams continued to compete and practices never stopped. Thank you to the coaches for sacrificing some of their breaks for these student athletes. Coming up Gymnastics will host the MSL on January 20th. MSL Bowling hosted by Prospect at Arlington Lanes on January 27. Highly encourage people to come watch bowling as the energy is incredible. This past weekend they hosted an invitational with 32 teams. Dance MSL is this Wednesday and Sectionals will be on the 20th with hopes for a state bid. Boys basketball will be hosting regionals February 21-23. Spring season is just 5 weeks away with indoor track starting next week. Lots of good opportunities to see sports in action in the next few weeks. Yesterday Cheer was at BG and it was incredible to watch. Big thank you to the families for all the support.
3. **Standing Committee Updates**
   1. Re-U-Knight Service Project – Ann Cantieri – Will work on a spring date – hopefully during a spring sports event – will keep posted – Looking to drop off at Booster meetings as well. Will post that on social media.
   2. Boosterpalooza – Early bird sales end 1/26 with tickets going up from $35 to $45. Both VIP’s sold. Need to continue to promote and get the word out for this fun event. Please be sure to begin collections for your teams basket and get the word out to your parents to buy tickets.
4. **Athletic Team Updates**

**Cheer –** Co-ed Varsity had two comps this past weekend with an injury on Saturday but they bounced back and had a great comp at BG on Sunday, placing 6th. The JV Team is placing in the middle of the pack consistently. Upcoming comps include MSL on 17th, 21st Huntley, and then the 27th is sectionals with State the next weekend if they get a bid. Exciting day at BG Comp yesterday with 0 technical deductions and members of the University of Iowa Team watching.

**Boys Swim and Dive –** Currently 4-0 in duals and came in 2nd place at Maine South Invite. They are home against Palatine this Friday and are currently in 1st in MSL with only 3 meets left. Hopefully will hold on to the title and do a “3-peat!”

**Girls Gymnastics –** Won their meet against this past weekend. They continue to be an impressive team. Next meet is this Wednesday. Focused on conference on January 20th. Looking at several fundraisers for the team currently.

**Girls Bowling –** Lockport invite before the holiday where they came in 2nd in their division. 2 girls in the division placed. 1333 series for Ruzsczak. Hosted an invite last weekend with 32 teams with Ruzsczak placing 9th and the team overall placing 10th. Hosting conference on January 27th. This is an all day event.

**Competitive Dance–** MSL is this Wednesday at Fremd. Rolling Meadows competition this Saturday afternoon. Sectionals will be held at Lake Park on January 20th. Top 6 at each sectional advance to state for a total of 30 teams competing. Top 12 advance to day 2.

**Wrestling –** The team is 5-0 in conference. 3rd place in the Mudge Tournament in November. Multiple placers at the Dekalb tournaments. Heading to Cheesehead Varsity Tournament this weekend. Cheesehead Tournament Update: Varsity Competed in Appleton this past weekend. 38 highly ranked teams featuring 234 state ranked wrestlers across different weight categories. Placers: Penovich, 4th at 190, Munn 11th at 165, Difalco 14th, Matuszak 16th, Westfallen 17th and Umali 22nd across different weight categories. Let's Go Knights!!

**Boys Basketball –** Team is doing well 5-12 with big conference games against Hersey and Fremd this week.

**Girls Soccer –** try outs will be held the end of February with open gyms starting soon

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1. **Old Business-**

**Booster Scholarship –** This is still a work in progress . However, in the interest of doing it well, for this year it will be done by random draw of names for senior varsity athletes at the Awards Breakfast in May.

1. **New Business –**

Happy New Year! Let’s have a strong finish in 2024.

1. **Adjourn Meeting –** 7:06 pm