**Executive Board**

Chris Welter & 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 9th, 2024**

1. **Call to Order and Introductions**

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm

Welcome and thank you for coming!

Minutes approved: Michelle,Rob

1. **Executive Board Report**
   1. Co-President Report – Chris Welter / Michelle Lanza – Fall sports done, winter has kicked off strong – golf outing went well – spirit wear sales went well – starting preparations for Boosterpalooza – still looking for a chair for it, let us know if interested – Also, still need a re-uknight chair. Reach out to your team members and see if there is interest. Reminder of scholarships we will do again this spring for seniors at the breakfast. More info will come out on this soon.
   2. Treasurer Report – Rob Robinson – Currently at $71.5 k in bank – spirit wear at craft fair and electives night went well – will restock and sell next at athletic fair – still have the $175 outstanding for bowling team for last year – donated $1k for gift cards for families in need – currently tracking for $40-50k and the $5k in scholarships
   3. Social Media Report – Jennifer Hong –continues to post various updates and tag teams in them when doing so – encourages all to ‘like’ posts – send posts you would like her to repost (example a dine and share for a specific sport) – Paula updated on twitter as well and is working to get things out
   4. Membership – currently at 200 members which is less than the 220 we had last year – will push to winter teams to send out to parents – Scott has sent out mass email encouraging joining – could coaches send a specific one to families on joining boosters?
   5. Spirit Wear Report – Jamie Machel – (Chris for Jamie) – sold out at elective night of all gear – slow moving start but then 30 minutes in to sale were steady and busy for last 2 hours – currently restocking and reordering items – Let us know if you have any ideas for new gear we could offer and we will look into – always looking for more options
2. **PHS Athletic Department and Administration Report** – Scott McDermott – Thank you for the gift cards for the families in need. We see the impact this can have and greatly appreciate it. Boosters is extremely generous and doing great things. Teachers were invited to give to the gift card fund as well. Coming up for athletics we have the MSL bowling meet at Arlington Lanes where we will crown the conference champ, also a host for the regional girls basketball – always great to host events like this and have our teams on their home spots – last year had the boys regional - Big news in that MSL is going through a reorganization of the 12 schools – looking at ways to make it fairer – beginning next year we will see the changes – will work to pair more successful teams with other like teams – will be different per sport – no more east and west – will have different names – the division will be linked to specific team success – this is looking to make more competitive for those that need it but also a more positive experience over all so teams aren’t up against higher skilled teams always in other areas – may pose difficulties including further to travel – there will be divisional scheduling – we are looking to give this a try so that we can give all teams the greatest competitive schedule and play quality opponents – there will be a 2 yr trial of this way and then will re-evaluate – Football will not be part of this new method as they are the the only team that uses seeding in state so that needs to be figured out before something can be done with football – Currently all athletic director positions are being moved to 12 months – so they are now posted again – Scott does not plan to leave just needs to go through the process – recently added two new head coaches Mike Bosco for Girls FF and Tom Riesing for boys lacrosse – a few other vacancies will be interviewing for when posted
3. **Standing Committee Updates**
   1. Golf Outing – Brendan Friar – none
   2. Re-U-Knight Service Project – still in need of a rep– would like to get this program back up and running – could work with a buddy – only responsible for 3 collections a year
   3. Boosterpalooza- – still in need of a chair – 4/5 is tentative date – looking to secure the venue – let us know if you can help
4. **Athletic Team Updates**

**Cheer** – JV comp this past weekend where they placed 4th – Next weekend looking forward to JV and Varsity being at Stevenson Comp

**Dance Team –** have had two comps so far and looking to boost their points each comp

**CC Girls –** were 5th at Terre Haute – prepping now for indoor season

**CC Boys –** non team event at Terre Haute took 19/39, Alabama 9/19 – lots of PR’s off now for season

**Girls Swim and Dive –** We had a very successful season sending 4 swimmers to state. We have lots of returning athletes 33 total (3/4 State qualifiers are returning). Looking to build off the success of this season and into next season.

**Boys Basketball –** current record is 2-1-4

**Boys Track and Field –** We currently offering Open Gym athletic development to all students. These training will continue through January 17th. For students that are interested, they can join our Remind Group by sending a text to 81010 with the following message @wspd24   
  
The Boys Track & Field season will officially begin on January 21st. For any interested student-athlete to participate, a parent must sign them up through our Athletic Administrative Office and have a valid physical on file to participate in practice. Information will be sent to all registered student-athletes and parents by Thursday, January 16th with additional information about the upcoming season. Any questions, please reach out to me directly at [jeff.collier@d214.org](mailto:jeff.collier@d214.org).

**Girls Gymnastics –** all three levels won the 1st meet last weekend – 2 new all around varsity athletes added to roster – all are doing amazing – this Thursday is the first home meet against Hersey – then another invite at Hersey on the weekend and then off till January

**Girls Softball –** out of season – trip to Florida planned in March

**Girls Basketball –** officially won first 3 games, went 2-2 @ York invite – losing against two top tier teams

**Wrestling** – 0-1 in MSL – Big Mudge invite this weekend – 14 teams there with lots coming to watch – it is a full day invite – currently at 87 wrestlers from 9th – 12th grades, 11 are girls –improving every meet

**Girls Bowling –** just started – need a few more players to fill out a JV 2 roster – have had two meets and one invite so far – it is a very positive invite with lots of spectators – invitationals each weekend now through the end of January

**Boys Swim and Dive –** The Boys Swim & Dive season officially began on November 25. After 2 days of tryouts, 57 athletes were welcomed to the program! We have a new assistant coach, Ryan McLaughlin, a PHS alum, who will be helping out as the assistant coach, Cassidy Kuhlmann, goes on maternity leave next month.

We've already competed in 2 dual meets last week. Our home and season opener was against Hoffman Estates last Friday. Both levels (frosh/soph and varisty) were victorious. On Saturday, our boys headed to Maine South for a non-conference meet. Both teams are quite large so 3 levels (JV1, JV2, and Varsity) swam. Varsity lost by just 5 points, the closest match-up they've had vs. Maine South in a number of years. The boys are back in the pool this Friday at Elk Grove and again on Saturday for the Rolling Meadows Jamboree Invite, also at Elk Grove.

We will be hosting a fundraiser this Thursday at Buona Beef (see attached flyer).

1. **Old Business**
2. **New Business –**
3. **Adjourn Meeting –** 7:19 pm