**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 – March 10, 2025**

1. **Call to Order and Introductions**

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm

Welcome and thank you for coming!

Minutes approved: Rob Robinson, Michelle Lanza

1. **Executive Board Report**
   1. Co-President Report – Chris Welter / Michelle Lanza – Thank you to Glenn Paddock (treasurer for next year) and Holly Balk (secretary for next year) for accepting these roles. We are still looking for a rep for Re-UKnight. Boosterpalooza will be put together by the board and we will re-evaluate for next year.
   2. Treasurer Report – Rob Robinson – $74k currently, before Boosterpalooza. Still looking to do around $50 k in Fund requests and $5k in scholarships for this year.
   3. Social Media Report – Jennifer Hong –No report
   4. Spirit Wear Report – Jamie Machel – Last sale was activities night and sold $3980. Just placed an order so will be ready for next sale in the fall – which will be either scrimmage night or open house (whichever is first) – Some great new gear has been ordered as well! – Question on how to get the U shirt – that is sold by a separate group and need to get direct from that group
2. **PHS Athletic Department and Administration Report** – Scott McDermott – Winter sports are officially done. Today was last try out day with boys volleyball. Expected to have around 750-800 athletes this spring among all the sports. Had a great winter season with teams advancing to state and sectionals, records broken and even a very prestigious all state athlete. Proud of how Prospect stood out. Summer camp info is posted. There were some district changes that made hosting youth camps more difficult. Thus this year there will be no soccer youth camp. Worked to do all we can but it is no longer possible to have multiple camps under same person. There will also be a price increase for the first time in several years. Using the same cost model in every building in D214. Approximately 2100 athletes come thru camps. Activities/Athletic Night email was sent to freshman parents on high school athletics including expectations of what is expected and encourage multi-sport athletes. Interviews and hires for the open coaches positions are coming up in the first week of April. Teaching openings went out internally today and then will go out externally and can apply to that as well. Looking to get solid leadership into the open coaching roles. This is a huge task that we take seriously. Do not have to be faculty to be coaching staff but do have to become certified if not staff. There are some out of building coaches as well. Leading a program as a head coach can be difficult that way but can be done with a solid core of assistants. The fund request deadline was this past Friday for coaches and will present to the board in the next few days for review. May 1 is the senior athletic breakfast. Believe starts at 7 am and ends by 7:15 am. The key chains are ordered. Senior Scholarship winners will be pulled at the breakfast and must be present to win. An email will be sent out with all of the info in the next few weeks. Boosters sponsors all of the senior athletic breakfast.
3. **Standing Committee Updates**
   1. Golf Outing –– 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- – Board handling this year– Coming up next month – Thank you for organizing the baskets – try to keep values around $250-300 and divide items as needed if higher value – easier for people to bid on when within that range – only 32 tickets sold thus far which is about 30% of the attendance from last year – really need to promote with only 3 ½ weeks to go until the event – Acoustaholics band will be playing again - @Home bar from 6-10 on 4/5
4. **Athletic Team Updates**

**Cheer** – off season – try outs coming up – open gyms as well

**Dance Team –** off season – try outs in April

**CC/Track and Field Girls –** Veronica Znejda – All State and signed last week committing to William and Mary and will compete there, Others are signed as well – have had several invites already and should be a good season for the team

**Boys Tennis –** Try outs just ended tonight

**Boys Track and Field –** What a great week it was for the Blue Circle Brotherhood! We ended up 2nd overall as a team at the MSL East Freshman Invite at Buffalo Grove on Thursday night and came back the following evening and took 2nd again at the Stan Reddel Invitational at York Community High School. There were a ton of outstanding performances on both evenings. At the Freshman meet every discipline contributed to the team score with 16 1st through 3rd finishes and a ton of PRs. The Varsity also had a very strong showing as a team with 10 Gold, Silver or Bronze finishers. The Knights also racked up 18 Personal Records / Season Best (Relays) with one of those being Nathan Cichy sliding into the IL#2 ranking in the 55m HH with a blazing time of 7.72. This time also makes Nate our school Indoor Record Holder in that event, besting Dave Kendziera's (USA Olympian) time of 7.77 set in 2013. Throughout this indoor season this year's team has been challenging the records all over the place with 17 athletes/relays making the Top 10 Indoor Best Times/Marks at Prospect High School. Keep up the good work boys...but don't be satisfied, we are far from reaching all of our goal

**Girls Gymnastics –** freshman qualified for state (Taryn Sorenson) in all 4 events, she competes at the highest level of difficulty and we are looking for a strong 4 years from her, team has room to grow and excited for potential

**Baseball –** Teams were posted last week and are heading to Tampa next week for spring break

**Boys Basketball –**. 2nd in conference (tied with Hersey), made first round of play offs but lost in a last minute buzzer beater after coming back from a deficit of 15 – had a great season and looking forward to a strong team next year

**Boys Lacrosse-** Teams were picked last week – excited for the season

**Girls Basketball -** For basketball the team lost in the sectional final, its highest finish since the late 80s. The team beat Hersey in the sectional semifinals, the third time they’ve beaten them this year. Four players were named to the all conference team, and Alli Linke was the MSL East player of the year. Coach Weber was coach of the year for MSL East. The team graduated seven seniors and is returning seven players for next season.

**Wrestling** – had a great season with 2 wrestlers at state – Viola took 2nd place with a 39-2 record and will wrestle in college

**Softball –** the teams selected last Friday – games on the 17th and 19th and then head to Florida

**Boys Swim and Dive** - Overall Record: 6-2

* Tied for 1st Place at Maine South Hawk Relays
* 2nd at first annual Prospect "Clash of Champions" Invite
* 1st Place at MSL Invite
* 3rd Place at Frosh/Soph Conference
* 2nd Place at MSL Conference Championship
* 3rd Place at Sectionals

**Record Breakers (will get name on record board in the PHS Natatorium)**

* Adam Banas: *6 Dives (319.90) & 11 Dives (515.40)*
* Auggie Lapys: *100 Fly (49.56) & 100 Back (51.40)*
* Alex Verdet: *100 Breast (57.07)*
* Auggie Lapys, Alex Verdet, Max Dembowski, James Moreth: *200 Medley Relay (1:35.40)*
* Auggie Lapys, Marko Bjelan, John Kowalczyk, James Moreth: *400 Freestyle Relay**(3:13.90) - took down record that was in place since 1981!*

**6 State Qualifiers:**

1. Adam Banas (Diving)
2. Philip Tonev (Diving)
3. Max Dembowski (200 Medley Relay)\*
4. Auggie Lapys (200 Medley Relay, 100 Fly, 100 Back)\*
5. James Moreth (200 Medley Relay)\*
6. Alex Verdet (200 Medley Relay, 200 IM, 100 Breast)\*

**\*State Medalists:**

* 200 Medley Relay (16th Place); only the 4th PHS relay in school history to medal; first relay to medal since 1998 when Coach Lopez's 200 free relay took 10th
* Auggie Lapys: 100 Fly (12th Place)

**Girls Badminton -** For Badminton over 70 girls came out for tryouts, and about half of them had to be cut to form three teams. Badminton has a new coach this year, Michelle Tantillo.

1. **Old Business –**–
2. **New Business –**
3. **Adjourn Meeting –** 7:16 pm