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Attendees: Monique Gutierrez, Amra Chamberlain, Nicole Johnson, Sherry Walters, Sara Knapke, Jackie Curioso, Marie Musial, Megan Cassiere, Holly Nicolaou, Emily Zanitsch, Allison Wilker, Gena Hall, Shannon Klaene, Bonnie Wilding, Alece Piper, Rachel Devoto, Tami Smith, Chelsea Linnemann, Tatum Watkins, Lori Frommeyer, Brandy Fritsch, Jenny Bunnell, Shannon Weis, Krislyn Mamie. Attendees on Zoom: Katie Gibbons, Christina Kappes, Stacy McMillen, Nicole Shanahan, Chris Wilding

1. Call to Order Jenny Bunnell 6:37
2. Attendance-
3. Introductions for all present
4. Approval of last general meeting minutes
 - a. Emily Zanitch-Prentice motions to approve
 - b. Rachel Devoto- motion 2
 - c. All approve
5. Jenny explains how PTA works; the executive committee, election cycles- 2-year terms. In the spring some EC members need to move out of their current positions. Also explains who the Board members are, and then everyone else is a member of the general body.

She also explains that we are here to support students, school, and school community- help with events, volunteers.
6. Reports and updates
 - a. Mr. Feldmann updates- gives overview of Hinsdale community. Touches on the construction challenges. 18-month project, it will be completed Dec. 2026 4 phases being worked on continuously. Renovating pods as part of the project. Technology is a component of the project. November 1st 4th and 5th pods should be ready November 1st so they can enjoy the school before middle school. New art and media centers are being built as well. Just completed MAP testing that helps gauge teaching- provides a data point as to where students are. He encouraged direct communication- open door policy with Mr. Feldmann
 - b. Bonnie Wilding- VP membership as of 5:00 135 members- there is an incentive; drawing for Winner is Kaitlyn Rouse is the winner \$25 gift card. Another incentive coming up for classes with most members the prize is a class popsicle party. 150 is the goal for membership.
 - i. Staff appreciation update- Shannon Klaene is the chairperson. They oversee the spring staff appreciation week, usually lunches for the week. Opening Day stadium lunch- Shannon asks for committee members to join in Staff Appreciation

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- c. Allison Wilker- invites people to sign up for fund raising committee. Fundraising: We help cover curriculum needs. Largest is Monster Dash. We do fun run in house to keep all proceeds. It kicks off Mid-October.
- i. -Restaurants nights, or shopping events. Bethany Fox arranges
 - ii. -Chipotle Night is next Wednesday 9/18th? Double check date
 - iii. -Kroger rewards
 - iv. -Boxtops for Education
 - v. -Some new events planned for this year
 - vi. -Family Night- Amra Chamberlain needs Volunteers, hot dog, ice cream booth, 13 Carnival games. Friday 9/26th at Hinsdale. Some free activities- games a \$1 apiece. Will give volunteer hours to students who need them
 - vii. -Spirit Wear- shirts will be sent home next week- will do another bulk order and also have Cincy shirts available.
- d. Holly Nicolaou- programs and events: Smaller number of events because of space limitation with the school construction but we will still have many.
- i. Popcorn Fridays- once every two months and explains what Popcorn Fridays are- need volunteers. Oct. 3rd is the first popcorn Friday.
 - ii. Holly will need a replacement after this school year and is happy to have someone shadow her role this year if anyone is interested
- e. Rachel DeVoto- Volunteers
- i. Goes over background check form and keeps an up to date list with expirations for background checks. Background checks are a requirement of the district and \$10 covers the cost of running a background check. They need to be renewed every 3 years
 - ii. We use Signup Genius to sign up
 - iii. Classroom and Pod parents are needed for this school year- if interested email Rachel
- f. Emily Zanitsch- Communications; explains that all messaging is primarily through Facebook or weekly emails (that come to all PTA members) and at the end of Mr. Feldmann's hot topics. In addition, there are Facebook pages for each grade level and they are private. Brief discussion of Givebacks site as shopping platform.
- i. -Brandy Fritsch & Tatum Watkins are the Teacher reps and explained PTA closet is sharing space with teacher items during the construction; they talked about DOJO and first round of Map testing- getting new math program- start up funds
- g. Gena Hall- Secretary; no updates
- h. Monique Gutierrez- Treasurer

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i. Budget presentation- brief discussion of summer spending and brief overview of the budget: Large curriculum ask this year and building a reserve for the future.

Reserve fund- contingency fund- need to budget to zero- and a multi-year plan for curriculum plan. Monique explains what we have; what we have spent so far, and what we anticipate spending by end of the year. Monique is looking for a committee to double-check the budget at end of the fiscal year. All numbers can be found in the budget report presented at the meeting.

ii. Monique explains that the EC puts the budget together- then the board approves- then it's now in front of general membership

iii. motion to accept the Shannon Klaene motions to approve- Emily Prentice 2nd motion- all approved

iv. motion to approve the Treasurer's report- Rachel Devoto, Chelsea Linnemann is the second motion- all approved

i. New Business:

i. Oct. 16th because of fall break is the next meeting date then Nov. 13th and Dec. 11th

ii. Oct. 1st Dixie Homecoming Parade and Kindness Festival:
Invitation to walk as a Hinsdale community- arrive to Forrest lawn cemetery at 5:30

iii. Last Tuesday of September- KY kids day

iv. Standing Rules and Bylaws- that guide our PTA those are on the website and accessible to everyone.

Motion to adjourn-Monique Gutierrez

Sara Knapke 2nd motion