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General Membership Meeting
October 17, 2017
Library, 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Barb Waldmiller. A quorum was established.

PRESENT: Barb Waldmiller, Sharon Stemme, Christine Smith, Dave Jagels, Neil Angelotti, Shaunta James, Jennifer Hughes, Genevieve Jean Francois, Donlin Jean Francois, Kate Trussell, Stephanie Zempolich, Stephen Zempolich, Jenny Rudo, Estavia Rowe, Tamara Crouse, Sonya Anyanwu, Jake Uden, and Lisa Pekicht.

MINUTES: The minutes of the September 2017 General Membership Meeting were presented. Sonya motioned to accept the minutes and Tamara seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

TREASURERS REPORT: Neil reviewed Treasurer's report-we spent \$2,317 of the \$2,500 encumbrance. He reviewed balances of accounts-\$15,223 is ANGP account and \$16,007 in PTSA account. Neil presented the budget, we are showing a loss but have carried over more than we need to. He asked for a motion to approve the 2018-2019 budget. Christine Smith made a motion to approve the budget and Shaunta James seconded the motion. Budget approved.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: 27 new members since last month. Total is 506 parents/students, 20 staff and 2 community members. No Fuss total is \$4,037. Checks were turned into treasurer and will be deposited soon.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Homecoming parade was great. Christina Nelson, 2nd Vice President, resigned. The position does not need to be filled based on the bylaws. The PTSA provided donuts for the academic letter ceremony. Some of the board attended a reception with Dr. Brabrand, the new superintendent. Dr. Brabrand had great things to say about CHVS and Mr. Jagels. The next meeting will be on Monday, November 20 and will be about the SAT, ACT, PSAT, SAT II: Juggling the Alphabet soup of Standardized Test Prep-without choking!

ANGP: Donna Rogers could not attend but the next meeting is 10/18 at 7 pm in Mod 4.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: September was a busy and hard month. Report cards are not being sent home, more information will be sent out soon. Events have been busy with Homecoming, PSAT, and Westfield game. School already making plans for SOL's. They will do a condensed testing schedule to allow more time for remediation.

SPEAKER: Barb introduced the speakers for the night, Officer Sabrina Ruck of the Sully District Station and Detective Ray McCoy of the Criminal Investigation Bureau.

- Detective McCoy has worked for 22 years in major crimes and now child exploitation and sex trafficking. There is an Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) division that works child exploitation and pornography cases. It includes solicitation of minors, sexting, and human trafficking. There are 5 detectives in the unit and they are each handling about 70 cases at a time. In 1998 there was only 1 detective, this is a huge growing problem!
- Tips for safety:
 - Talk with your child about internet safety
 - Make your kids make you a friend on any site they are on
 - Don't respond to unsolicited contacts
 - Don't share any confidential information
 - Make sure settings are private
 - Know all logins and passwords
- Popular Sites:
 - Facebook-set privacy settings to most restrictive, don't ever include license plates, addresses, or geo-tagged photos
 - Instagram
 - Twitter-don't follow random people, Twitter strips metadata but you can be geo-located from your tweets, do not post or tweet any contact information
 - Skype-increasing popular for exploiting children and trading child pornography. Don't webcam with anyone you don't know. Microsoft can find pictures based on standard pictures that can then be posted online. Can use/send information just like you can with Snap Chat and Instant Messaging.
 - Webcam Sites-There are many and there is no need to be on any of them, there is no reason to chat on these sites, random webcam sites advertise as a place to meet people
- Think before you post-whatever you post will stay there forever and can be recovered even if you think it is deleted.
- Companies will pull up your social media accounts and see what you have posted and can put your picture in google imaged and track you that way as well
- Smart Phone Apps-There are lots of bad apps-stay away from Kik-this is a preferred platform for exploiting children and trading pornography
- Build a base early with your kids, set limits
- Sexting is the one of the newest internet sensations-kids think it is harmless but it can destroy their future-they can be criminally prosecuted. Girls end up sending more of themselves but don't like it when boys send pictures.
- Harsh Reality is that monsters do exist, don't lie to your children
- Pay attention to your children and warning signs-isolation, constantly online, secretive of their devices, changes in behavior (beyond that of a "normal" teenager) and get them help if they need it
- Suggestions for your children:
 - Know all logins and passwords
 - Set ground rules
 - Do not allow devices in bedroom after bedtime
 - Charge all devices in a common area

- Install monitoring software/filtering programs-usually a cost to set up and sometimes can be restrictive but works with most browsers and usually easy to activate/set-up
- Have conversations about potential dangers and what to do if they receive a message that is explicit
- Understand the lingo-use google, urban dictionary, acronym list, Wikipedia (although not always accurate)
- Discuss consequences of taking/forwarding sexual messages and pictures
- Be careful of gaming websites
- Statistics:
 - 750,000 predators online any given day
 - 77% of victims are 14 and younger
 - 20% of teens admit to being victims of sexual exploitation
 - 2,000% increase in number of child pornography images since 1996
 - Number of young victims is skyrocketing
- Resources:
 - ICAC Task Force
 - Federal Task Force
 - National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children
 - US Attorney's Office
 - VA Attorney General Office
 - State and Local Law Enforcement

In closing: Technology can help in combination with good parenting skills and communication with your children. No one item is a total solution to protecting our children.

Barb thanked everyone for coming and thanked Officer Ruck and Detective McCoy for speaking.

Adjournment 8:44 pm.

The minutes were approved on November 20, 2017. The motion was made by Kate Trussell and seconded by Jenny Rudo. Sharon Stemme, Recording Secretary