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**General Membership Meeting
September 20, 2016
Media Center, 7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Barb Waldmiller. A quorum was established.

PRESENT: Barb Waldmiller, Sharon Stemme, Christine Smith, Annette Koklauner, Melissa Coughlin, Karyn Cram, Dave Jagels, Stephanie Sursi, Farah Chohan, Sonya Anyanwn, Tiffany Aurora, Bosebabu Ravula, Rebecca Lutz, Mina Smith, Sakhui Zybuta, Maria Stewart, Debbie Kilpatrick, Jim McIlwee, Heather Misner, Jenny Doyle, Angela Higbee, Janey Doyle and Tyler Hagan.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: Barb introduced the board, Mr. Jagels and Officer Wrobel.

BUDGET: Budget will be presented and voted on next month.

ELECTION: Annette Koklauner was presented for 2nd VP. No nominations from the floor. Only 1 person so Annette is elected for 2nd VP. Sharon Stemme was presented for Secretary. No nominations from the floor. Only 1 person so Sharon is elected.

MINUTES: The minutes of the May2016 General Membership Meeting was approved after a change to spelling for Jim McIlwee and adopted by consensus. Annette motioned to accept the minutes and Christine seconded the motion.

TREASURERS REPORT: \$4,500 in income so far from membership and No Fuss. The largest expense to date is the postage for the mailer.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: At Back to School Fair and Back to School Night we had 151 parents, 74 students and 1 faculty member join for a total of about \$3,500. No Fuss Fundraiser has generated \$1,025 so far. There are still more memberships to process that have come in since Back to School events and we are a little bit ahead of last year at this point.

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP REPORT: Directory is looking for advertisers. Letters have been taken to businesses at the Colonnade. Many businesses said they already support other school events and cannot do directory as well. Letter will be going out to local dentists, doctors, sports medicine offices.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: We have 2 open positions. Hospitality Chair and Treasurer. Information on both are available at the sign in table. Please contact Barb if interested in either position. The

board will help you so don't be afraid to step up! Barb introduced Debbie Kilpatrick. She is a former CVHS parent and PTSA president who currently is on the FCCPTA board. Debbie thanked all for coming and said it was nice to see familiar faces and an investment in the community.

SPEAKER: Barb introduced Ginny Atwood. Founder of The Chris Atwood Foundation.

Ginny spoke about the foundation created in memory of her brother who died of a drug overdose in 2013. She gave her condolences to all who knew Alexia. The goal of the foundation is to educate families and communities about drug issues. They want to prevent, recognize and respond to the opioid public health emergency. The foundation is holding a community event and there are flyers available at the sign in table. The event will provide information, resources and pill deactivation pouches.

ANGP: Karyn spoke about the event. Ticket sales have started and we have sold 52 so far and 35 yard signs. The first meeting for the event will be on 10/12 at 7 pm in Mod 4. Price is \$30 now and will go up throughout the year.

PROGRAM:

Barb introduced the program for the evening-"Drinking, Driving and Dangers". It seemed timely with Homecoming coming up.

First speaker for the evening:

Tiffany Aurora from National Organization for Youth Safety:

- The organization started out as traffic safety program and has expanded
- Focus is on ages 13-21
- Work with parents, teachers, youth
- Study trends-car crashes are up between 4-20% in almost every state, increased alcohol related accidents, 1/3 of fatal car accidents involve teenage drunk drivers, teens with .08 BAC or above are 17 times more likely to get in an accident
- Hold youth focus groups acknowledging what we are doing is not working-what can we do-reasons given for why youth partake in risky behaviors-rebellious and curiosity
- Youth need space to be honest and boundaries-we need to do this as a community!
- Youth need to figure out what are good risks to take and determine downside
- Resources are available-flyer at the sign in table-they do a safety lab with controlled track and blurred goggles to make drivers realize what it is like to drive under the influence as well as other programs

Second Speaker:

Dave Jagels (Principal), Officer Wrobel (SRO), 3 students

- Mr. Jagels started and thanked both speakers
- He agreed that what we are doing is not working
- We have had very few night activities without incidents
- It is a school and community issue but the conversation and the example have to start at home
- We have good kids making poor choices and we need to figure out what we can do collectively
- "Curiosity" is leading to bad choices
- For upcoming football games there will be more police presence, including bike patrols in the parking lot as well as backpack checks and open containers thrown out-the school will be upfront with the students about this
- School not trying to entrap students but encourage fun and safety without alcohol or drugs

- If a student is caught the steps are to call the parent, they go to court and usually get probation and community service and if they are 18 or over it goes on their record, the student is also prohibited from after school activities for 30 days (this can include homecoming, prom, graduation, sports, etc)

Mr. Jagels introduced students to talk about what is happening:

- The “least likely” students are partying
- It is cool to “pregame”-not just football for any reason
- Alcohol and drugs are easy to get-marijuana is easiest to get, no id needed
- Students know the lenient parents-some parents are home and some are not
- Students know how to get fake ids or siblings/family friends to get alcohol or drugs
- Students are more scared of parents their record than the school if caught
- Consequences have been lessened in the county
- Some students drink or smoke to deal with stress, we need other alternatives

Some suggestions for support:

- Have someone (young) speak about experience-Mr. Jagels has someone in mind
- Find ways to reduce stress and coping mechanisms
- Project Aware is going to speak at November PTA meeting

Mr. Jagels thanked the students for being honest and speaking.

Barb thanked all the speakers for their valuable information and thanked all for coming. Next PTA meeting is October 20 and it is the State of the School with Mr. Jagels. November is Project AWARE and December is Pastries with the Principal.

Adjournment: 8:20

Minutes Approved: _____ Sharon Stemme, Recording Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Announcements:

- ~9/30-Homecoming parade at 4 and game at 7
- ~10/1-Homecoming Gala 8 pm – 11 pm
- ~10/5 Paying for College Night at 7 pm
- ~10/7 Student Holiday
- ~10/10 No School-Columbus Day
- ~10/12 ANGP meeting at 7 pm
- ~10/18 PTSA Meeting at 7 pm-State of the School