

**Friends of Pulaski  
Board of Directors Meeting  
December 18, 2013, 2013**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President at 7:46 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Scott Suckow  
Mr. Brandon Antoniewicz  
Ms. Debbie Gibbons  
Ms. Toni Popova  
Ms. Laura Stein  
Mr. Ross Crampton  
Mr. Bob Fox

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Mr. James Sowka

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2013 Board Meeting by Bob Fox and seconded by Brandon Antoniewicz. The motion passed unanimously.

**CHAIR REPORTS**

- **PRESIDENT**

**LSC Update:**

Fuel UP was a great event – light bulbs for the auditorium and other improvements were done. LSC/Community rep may be needed. John King may be interested

**Columbia College sustainability grant –**

All parent programming is going away. But will still need about 100k to maintain the program. Attracting larger donors and some tuition may be able to save the program but still an open topic.

- **TREASURER**

One payment for the trash cans has been sent to FOP but not reflected yet on the P&L since it has not been received.

Need to get more recurring donations.

FOP has picked up donors from the cocktail receptions which is good. Possibly create a list all donors names and place on the website.

Potentially have an annual ask to the reoccurring donors.

Discussed the idea to have a testimonial from Mr Shram & Mr Batin (how FOP funds helps their programs) to include in the news letter.

Personal invitation for the reoccurring donors for the Holiday party, etc. will be nice.

- **FUNDRAISING**

**Small Cocktail Receptions:** Brandon had a reception. About 20 people. Added a couple donations from that and people added themselves to the mailing list

- **COMMUNICATIONS**

Anne Dwyer -parent volunteer for the newsletter; newsletter will include school and FOP info. This will reach current families enrolled in the school.

- **TECHNOLOGY**

Younger grades need regular computers (i.e. computers with full keyboards – 3-4 desktops per classroom in the modular building should be enough. 11 classrooms x4 =44 desktops; the touchscreens desktops may be a good option – about \$1000/per one

Additional Chromebooks still in boxes – 3<sup>rd</sup> storage cart is still needed; will likely be donated. 40k needed for computer lab; school has \$20k and some additional money may be available in the spring.

- **VOLUNTEERS**

- **5 volunteers needed for each Family night**
- **Big issue has been the background check – everyone DOES need it**
- **Some items can be done without clearance (see slides)**

- **BUSINESS OUTREACH**

**Shop for Good event** – did not have an update on amounts from this event yet

**Cooking for a cause** - opportunity for fundraising event with Red Door restaurant on Damen. Spring calendar is not open yet so we will need to reach out them a bit later in the year.

**Madison and Rayne** – Potential for a dine out fundraising option. From offered options, FOP prefers the \$20 per order (with an order minimum of \$50). Chef prepared meal and delivered to people.

**Degerberg Academy fundraising** – Family fitness night is in March and maybe that will be a better time to have this fundraising event. Needs LSC approval.

**Mike O Comedy show** – no other schools committed so had to cancel the Feb one. There will be an April or May ones but might not be good option because of Red Door and Fun Run events

- **FACILITIES**

Trash/Recycling Receptacles - Still have one left to be sold for advertising  
Gym wall pads – done  
Looking for the appropriate project for another Lowe’s grants – Board discussed ideas like robust storage for gym equipment; more trash cans and others.  
Gym equipment items can be purchased from Five Below.

## **OPEN MEETING FOR QUESTIONS AND OTHER TOPICS**

- Suggested FOP Holiday party – suggested date Thursday, Jan 16;
- The school is reinforcing positive behavior; so looking for donations/awards;

Next Meeting will be on January 15, 2013 in the Pulaski library.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 9:12 PM.