

**Friends of Pulaski
Board of Directors Meeting
April 23, 2014**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President at 7:42 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Scott Suckow
Ms. Debbie Gibbons
Mr. James Sowka
Mr. Bob Fox
Ms. Laura Stein
Ms. Toni Popova

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mr. Ross Crampton

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2014 Board Meeting by James Sowka and seconded by Toni Popova. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR REPORTS

• **PRESIDENT**

- LSC Update
 - New board elected, changes in July
 - 2014-15 preliminary budget released. Slight increase, likely to cover teacher raises.
- Neighborhood enrollment, 4/26 9am-12pm
- Open Staff Communications position at Pulaski
- Copiers delivered
- Columbia College Sustainability Committee: Still looking for 90k, looking to go to a tuition based model.
- Saber Social – Mom’s April 24th 7:30pm at the Charleston

• **TREASURER**

- Reviewed current financials. Over 17K cash in the bank as of end of March. 25 donations in March, 19 recurring donations. Way ahead of last year!

- **FUNDRAISING**

- **Small Cocktail Receptions:** Keith and Debbie Gibbons are hosting on March 27th. Blanca Benitez and Olville Ocasio hosting May 8th at Vased Flowers.
- Looking for a champion to head fundraising for next year. Ross is stepping down.

- **VOLUNTEERS**

- Fingerprinting not to be required by CPS next year for people volunteering less than 5 hours per week in direct contact with children. Still will need background checks.
- Upcoming
 - Family Arts and Culture Night May 14th from 5:30-7pm
- Volunteers needed for in-school Activities
 - Traffic Management (Kiss and Go)
 - Lunch and Recess – Contact Norma Mendez
- Volunteers needed for in-school activities without background checks:
 - Library Assistance
 - Office Assistance
 - Wednesday Workdays
 - Library Assistance
 - **Teacher Treats – only one open date for the rest of the year**

- **BUSINESS OUTREACH**

- Recent
 - Potbelly \$201
 - Degerberg \$2139, 31 participants
- Upcoming
 - **Urban Sitter** is doing face painting at Arts and Culture Night.
 - **Boundary** –Tuesday night May 6th, 4-10 PM, 15% of all sales will go to Pulaski from anyone in restaurant.
 - **Purple Monkey Playroom** – April 24th, 9:30am-5:30pm, 30% of proceeds to FOP.
- Potential
 - **Vased Flowers** – They have offered to run a promo code for Mother's Day for online orders. All walk in orders will count as well towards Pulaski donation.
 - **Saber Socials** – to continue each month, couples night in May.
- Special Events Committee – Met and picked events to hold next year. Back to School block party Sunday August 24th, Chili cook-off in October, Father/Daughter and Mother/Son event in February and an Auction at the end of March 2015. Kate Barthel has met with Scott and Dr. Bedard and has approval to move forward.

- **FUN RUN**

- Planning Committee (Lindsey Barnes, Allison Zaner, Michelle Sherman, Laura Stein)
- Pep Rally Date: May 16th
- Event Date: June 3rd (rain date June 4th)
- Up to \$5175 in Sponsor donations!
- We have a student designed logo to use for banners and tshirts.
- Hoping to partner May's Thirsty Thursday event for couples with Lottie's and do sort of a Fun Run kickoff event for parents. Debbie has a contact at Lottie's that we will contact as the date gets closer to see if they will do something similar to the St. Mary's fundraiser they just did (\$40 ticket, \$20 to the school) and all proceeds would go right to the Fun Run. A fun way to get parents involved and excited about the event and raise some extra money for the Fun Run! I will work with Natalie Fox to iron it out. Possible use for Urban Sitter outreach as well.

- **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Preparing to launch a combined school/FOP newsletter with new Newsletter Volunteer, Carla Vaca.
- Jean Lisner (the606/The Trust for Public Land) presented to the Garden Club in March – extremely well received.
- City Mini Golf, August 24th-31st

- **TECHNOLOGY**

- eRate upgrade ongoing. School has 10 megabit connection, will go up to 50 mega bit over the summer.
- 4-5 computers in each classroom in the Annex building by the start of school next year. Money will come from the school and FOP fund raised.
- Adding possibly 2 access points per classroom over the summer as well.

OPEN MEETING FOR QUESTIONS AND OTHER TOPICS

- Open Positions, Elections will be in May. If interested contact Scott.
- Budgeting funds for events nights, garden club, etc. next year from FOP.
 - For family nights will talk to Dr. Bedard to see if there is a budget, and if not ask if Dr. Bedard would want to allocate some money towards that.
 - Possibly do 3 teacher grants of \$500 from FOP?
 - Go to LSC to approve what dine out money should be spent on next year.
- Social Events

Next Meeting will be May 21, 2014 in the Pulaski library (election at end).

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 9:04 PM.