

**Friends of Pulaski
Board of Directors Meeting
May 21, 2014**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President at 7:44 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mr. Ross Crampton
Mr. Bob Fox

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2014 Board Meeting by Debbie Gibbons and seconded by James Sowka. 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. Enrollment projected to increase slightly.
 - New Student Coordinator position being considered.
- After School Options – Playhouse, YMCA, other options?
- Lowe’s Grant awarded for “Transform the Transformer”, \$4975!
- Technology plan coming together – getting more pointed questions on what FOP can purchase. School will buy some, FOP will buy some. Working out specifics of who will buy what.
- Network connection at the school will be taken up to 100 mb. About 10x faster than current.
- Saber Social – Couple’s May 29th, 7:30 PM at Lottie’s

• **TREASURER**

- Reviewed current financials. Over 19K cash in the bank as of end of April. 37 donations in April. Way ahead of last year! About double each month over last year.

- **FUNDRAISING**

- Small Cocktail Receptions: Blanca Benitez and Olville Ocasio are rescheduling.
- End of Year reception
- Looking for a champion to head fundraising for next year. Ross is stepping down.

- **VOLUNTEERS**

- Fun Run! Need lots of volunteers from 8:15-4. Waiting on schedule to come out so parents can sign up during kids' time slots. Signup Genius has been created and will also do in person sign ups on the playground.
- 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

- **BUSINESS OUTREACH**

- Recent
 - Vased Flower Mother's Day - \$482
 - The Boundary - \$574
- Upcoming
- Potential
 - **Saber Socials** – to continue each month.
- Special Events Committee – Met and picked events to hold next year. Back to School block party Sunday August 24th 12-3, Chili cookoff 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 was May 16th – successful. Got kids excited, gave out 60 shirts to audience.
- Event Date: June 3rd (rain date June 4th)
- Over \$6000 in Sponsor donations!
- Chicago Sign Systems donated banners. There are 4 on the fences around the school.

- Tshirts printed and for sale for \$5. Before school and after on the playgrounds and in front of Main building. Sold 100+ in the first 3 days. Kids very excited about them. Online sales are up and running now as well with a link on the Fun Run site.
- Over \$1800 in donations so far online. Will collect envelopes on Fridays from school.
- Mini Auction at Lottie's of In Kind donation items.

- **COMMUNICATIONS**

- City Mini Golf canceled

- **ELECTIONS**

- Scott Suckow made a motion to set the number of directors at 6 with the positions being: President, Treasurer, Secretary, Communications Chair, Volunteers Chair, and Fundraising Chair. In addition, he moved to establish an ad hoc School Development Committee and Business Outreach Committee. The committees will select a chair and report back at FOP meetings. The motion was seconded by James Sowka and was approved unanimously.
- Debbie Gibbons proposed the following slate of directors
 - President – Scott Suckow
 - Treasurer – James Sowka
 - Secretary – Laura Stein
 - Communications – Debbie Gibbons
 - Volunteers – Bob Fox
 - Fundraising – David Benson
- Being there were no other proposed slates, nominations were closed.
- Debbie Gibbons made a motion to nominate the above slate. Motion was seconded by Scott Suckow and was approved unanimously.

OPEN MEETING FOR QUESTIONS AND OTHER TOPICS

- Grant application ideas for Home Depot – due 8/15/14. Tabling discussion of ideas for now as none of the grant writing team is in attendance and Scott will discuss with Dr. Bedard.
- House numbers in the alley initiative - Joy reached out to Steve Jensen about teaming with the BCO to get this done but no further conversation have been had. Would need to find volunteers to do the numbers and figure out how to market. Maybe do in the fall and market/sell at the block party? Or maybe just sell the numbers and sell to have people apply themselves. Revisit in July.
- Next meeting June 18th, at Color Wheel? (need to ask DJ if an option)
- Future meeting dates: July 16th, August 20th,Scott looking at calendar to determine the rest of the dates.
- Need to choose popsicle playdates for the summer. Will send out a summer events calendar notice before the end of the school year with popsicle playdates, FOP mtgs, summer block party, etc.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 8:59 PM.