

# **Friends of Pulaski Board of Directors Meeting November 18, 2015**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President at 8:07 pm.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ms. Laura Stein  
Mr. Scott Suckow  
Ms. Sarah Harris  
Ms. Michelle Maher  
Mr. David Benson  
Mr. Bob Fox  
Ms. Debbie Gibbons  
Mr. James Sowka

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2015 Board Meeting by James Sowka and seconded by Scott Suckow. The motion passed unanimously.

## • **PRINCIPAL UPDATES**

- Still waiting on budget updates. However, Pulaski should receive increased funding from both CPS and State based on higher enrollment numbers.
- Ms. Natale and Mr. W gathered a cross section of teachers and met last Friday for a first round of discussions on teacher/school technology needs.
- They plan to meet two or three times and then involve FOP in the discussion. No purchasing will be done until Dr. Bedard knows if Pulaski will indeed receive funding.
- Dr. Bedard was in favor of small stipends for single subject teachers. However, it needs to be inclusive of all single subjects.
  - PE already getting dine out money
  - Library gets book fair money – not sure if this is same as Media Center?
  - If we do stipends, next year dine out money shouldn't be assigned to one specific subject. It should go in general fund to be divided equally.

## • **LSC UPDATES**

- LSC Elections will be held in the spring.
- Mr. W and Ms. Natale presented at the LSC meeting regarding the technology plan they are putting together.
- Pulaski received a 1+ rating again through the CPS ratings.
- A committee has been formed to study Pulaski's capacity and population growth and the need for a plan to address.

- **TREASURER**
  - Total income just over \$84k.
  - Fun Run total is just over \$33k, well over last year's total.
  
- **VOLUNTEERS**
  - Library assistance needed – shelving books
  - Teacher Treats Still has slots available later in the year
  - Lunch/Recess volunteers needed – contact Michelle Sherman if interested; michellemcclung@hotmail.com
  - Contact Bob Fox for these and future volunteer opportunities – bob@friendsofpulaski.org
  
- **COMMUNICATIONS**
  - Match Campaign
    - November 30th – Dec. 11th
    - \$4000 in matching funds have been secured
  - Website Enhancements
    - Minutes
    - Donor Stories (adding a couple of new ones)
    - Project Summaries
    - Stephanie Harte also working on a beta site for a revamp of the FOP website
  
- **FUNDRAISING**
  - Past
    - BucketFeet Bucktown Studio
      - Totals from the sales promotion are not available yet.
      - The Pulaski gallery night on 11/6 was a success. Event was a lot of fun and well attended.
  - Current
    - UrbanSitter partnership – US will donate \$20 to Friends of Pulaski when new families sign up and book an interview or sitter.
    - Chipotle Dine Out: Successful, the manager invited us to hold it quarterly, and gift cards are part of proceeds.
  - Future
    - Madison and Rayne? January? Push back to April?
  
- **OUTREACH**
  - Recent
    - Chili Cookoff
      - Thank you to our judges and entrants!
      - Congrats to first place winner Michelle and Scott Sherman
  - Upcoming – Gala 2016 – Saturday February 20, 2016 at Nick's Fishmarket
  
- **GALA 2016**
  - Committee: Leah Gray, Kate Barthel, Natalie Fox, Bridget Brosnan, Laura Stein

- Saturday February 20, 2016 at Nick's Fishmarket
  - Vote was taken by the board in between meetings. Scott Suckow abstained from the vote. Laura Stein abstained she brought the vote from the auction committee. Yea votes from Debbie Gibbons, Michelle Maher, Sarah Harris, David Benson, Bob Fox and James Sowka.
  - Likely 7:30-11 pm
  - Save the Date will be posted online soon and sent home in the school eblast as well as FOP eblast.
  - Finalizing ticket prices – likely \$65 if purchased before 12/31/15, \$75 if purchased January 1 or after.
  - Auction will be online a week before the event and we plan to use mobile bidding the night of the event.
  - Bidding Owl: Laura received feedback from a local school who had a less than great experience.
  - Bidding for Good: Still far more expensive than anything else.
  - Silent Auction Pro – current front runner
  - 32Auctions.net: price is right but no text notices, email only
  - Working on corporate sponsors and auction item donations.
- PROJECTS AND PROCUREMENT
    - Plan for technology spending
      - Compiling list of what Art and Music may need that can be purchased in lieu of the document camera the other teachers received.
      - Committee has met once and Mr. W and Ms. Natale are working on a technology plan.
    - PE Spending
      - Mr. Battin and Mr. Schram have been asked to put together a list of items they may need to use the dine out money that has accumulated.
- NEW BUSINESS
    - Trash Can Sponsorship
      - Art Santos State Farm took one
      - Easel Art took one
      - Michelle and Bob talking to Fresh Marketplace about another
- Open Meeting Topics
    - Next Meeting December 16th, Pulaski library.
    - The idea of an “International Night” was discussed as school based event.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 9:25 PM.