

**Friends of Pulaski
Board of Directors Meeting
February 18, 2015**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President at 7:41 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mr. David Benson

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2015 Board Meeting by Debbie Gibbons and seconded by Scott Suckow. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR REPORTS

• **PRESIDENT**

- Skipping PARCC being seriously reconsidered by CPS.
 - The loss of funding may be too much to pass up so schools are getting ready to take at a moment's notice.
 - Grades 3-5 written, Grades 6-8 online.
- NWEA middle of the year results strong
- Upcoming principal review process – LSC preparing for Dr. Bedard's review.
- 3rd/4th grade technology upgrades
 - Slight snag – Chromebook power adaptor doesn't fit into the power strips we bought. We've purchased new power strips but the dividers don't fit into the file cabinets in the main building. Kevin drilling holes in cabinets so that the cord can wind through and the cabinet can be locked.
- Athletic Uniforms – Brandon is involved and engaged in getting the process moving.

• **TREASURER**

- Reviewed current financials. Just under \$1200 for the month of January.
- Gala ticket sales \$3771 in January. Financials will show breakdowns of specific categories for events like Gala this year.

- **OUTREACH**

- Recent
 - Madison and Rayne \$680
 - Potbelly \$360
 - Vased Flowers (Valentine's Day) \$150
- Current
 - Pulaski's Party with a Purpose
- Upcoming
 - Degerberg Martial Arts – Around Family Fitness Night (4/30)
- Potential
 - Alternative Health Group
 - Suggesting May instead of March. We feel we can't move quickly enough on publicizing it for March. April has spring break.
 - Motion made by Bob Fox to hold this fundraiser. Debbie Gibbons seconded. Motion approved.
 - Future Dine Outs
 - Possibly schedule Boundary again

- **COMMUNICATIONS**

- No updates

- **GALA**

- February 21, 2015
- Only a few spots short of sold out
- Silent Auction
 - 17 teacher experiences
 - 9 classroom art projects
 - 75 bid packages
- Middle School Raffle
 - Going well. Mr. W had sold almost 200 tickets at last check. Haven't checked in with other teachers this week.
- Comp Tickets
 - Dr. Bedard had 12 tickets to offer to teachers that have helped out in some way. We have a good turnout of teachers so far.
- Review Catering Contract/Hurricanes
 - Hurricane cup is larger than was estimated. We either need to pay more or come up with an alternative to limit what was estimated.
 - Everyone agrees no drink tickets.
 - Have a floor of 3 infusion jars from the original contract. Can go up to a max of 8 or 9, but will not pay for jars not used. We will only pay for what we use above the 3.

- Inviting other “Friends of” members to Gala?
 - Pros: Constructive feedback, good to see how others do things.
 - Cons: Cost of hosting people for free, first year doing this we may not want others there in case of problems.
 - Maybe next year offer to volunteer swap at events. We work their events, they work ours for things like checkout, etc.

- **FUN RUN**

- Date: May 27th/28th
- Event approved by LSC
- **Potential move to a fall date**
 - Captures new energy at the start of the year
 - Kicks off the school year with fundraising
 - Have to consider weather in the fall too. If we drop the dunk tank then weather as not as much of a concern.
 - Scott will talk to Dr. Bedard
- Co-Chairs: Melissa Kieta and Lindsey Barnes
- Planning Sponsorships, T-shirts, etc.
- Dr. Bedard approved it being a run around the school instead of an obstacle course!

- **VOLUNTEERS**

- Pulaski Party with a Purpose
 - Night of Event volunteer shifts all filled but one.
- Kiss and Go needs new recruits. We have 2 for each day, but would like 3. Some days do have 3 signups.
- Library Assistance
- Cafeteria Breakfast Assistance
- Teacher Treats – just 2 more slots to fill
- Need parents w/ younger kids to reach out to new parents to fill these volunteer activities. Will also rely on them for bigger upcoming pushes like the Gala and Fun Run.

OPEN MEETING FOR QUESTIONS AND OTHER TOPICS

- Next meeting March 18th in the Pulaski Library.

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