

**Friends of Pulaski  
Board of Directors Meeting  
May 20, 2015**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President at 7:36 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2015 Board Meeting by James Sowka and seconded by Debbie Gibbons. The motion passed unanimously.

**CHAIR REPORTS**

• **PRESIDENT**

- PreK Teacher Phyllis LaCour awarded Golden Apple Award
- PreK recognized as Gold Circle of Quality (ExceleRate Illinois)
- LSC
  - Principal Review process nearly complete
  - No CPS budget for next year as of now
- Facilities
  - Transformer Project construction approved
  - Holes drilled in cabinets for secure Chromebook storage/charging
- Other “Friends of” Galas. All very different. Will compare notes with other groups at Friends of Summit.
- Determining potential projects for current FOP funds. We won’t make any decisions or do any spending until the CPS budgets are released to see where the money is really needed.

• **TREASURER**

- Reviewed current financials. Changed the way In Kind donations are shown in reports. Doesn’t change the bottom line. Quiet month, need to work on expired credit cards for monthly donations.
- As of now the balance sheet total is just over \$40,000.

- **ELECTIONS**

- Proposed slate
  - President: Laura Stein
  - Co-Treasurer: Ianna Kachoris Ori and James Sowka
  - Secretary: Michelle Maher
  - Communications: Debbie Gibbons
  - Fundraising: David Benson
  - Volunteers: Bob Fox
  - Teacher Liaison: Sarah Harris
  - Projects and Procurement: Scott Suckow
- Scott Suckow officially nominated this slate. James Sowka made a motion to close elections. Debbie Gibbons seconded. In order to allow this number of board members we need to increase the number of directors to nine. Bob Fox made a motion to approve, Debbie Gibbons seconded. Scott Suckow made motion to approve this slate. Debbie Gibbons seconded. Approval was unanimous. New board members begin at the July meeting.

- **OUTREACH**

- Recent
  - Degerberg Martial Arts – 13 participants, ~\$900.
  - The Boundary - \$173
- Current
  - Alternative Health Group
- Upcoming
  - Noodles and Co., Thursday 5/21, 5-9 pm, 25% of sales when you mention Pulaski
  - Back to School Block Party August 29<sup>th</sup>, 12-3 PM. Looking for vendors, food trucks and projects. Possibly Home Depot kids' project. Dunk tank and mini-golf again.
  - Fun Run October 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Popsicle Playdates – Saturdays and Mondays in July and August.
  - Kindergarten Round Up, May 26<sup>th</sup> 4 PM.
  - Stop on the Bucktown Garden Walk – 7/11-12
- Potential
  - Future Dine Outs
    - Jack and Ginger's – Plan on this in June.

- **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Great press on Ms. LaCour. Golden Apple press release as well as DNAinfo article on her. Banner on the front fence of the school as well.

- **FUN RUN**

- Date: October 8<sup>th</sup>?
- Event approved by LSC
- Co-Chairs: Melissa Kieta and Lindsey Barnes
- Planning Sponsorships, T-shirts, etc. to have ready by the Block Party
- Traditional Run
- New Fun Run logo that we can use every year for shirts, documents, etc.
- Discussed having a separate Volunteer only shirt, not event specific.

- **VOLUNTEERS**

- Kiss and Go needs new recruits. We have 2 for each day, but would like 3. Some days do have 3 signups. Volunteers for K&G contact Bob Fox, [bob@friendsofpulaski.org](mailto:bob@friendsofpulaski.org) or Carla Vaca [cbvaca@cps.edu](mailto:cbvaca@cps.edu) and we'll send you the necessary forms.
- Library Assistance
- Need parents w/ younger kids to reach out to new parents to fill these volunteer activities. At start of year we really want to ask upper grade parents with Kinder parents to help work on the incoming parents "into the fold".
- Last week of June for Field Day. Will need lots of volunteers for that.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Summer meeting venue(s)
  - Still looking
- Block Party Budget: \$1000. Debbie Gibbons made a motion to approve up to \$1000 for the Block Party. Scott Suckow seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. (Bob Fox was absent)
- 2015-16 Meeting Dates
  - July 15, not at school
  - August 26, not at school
  - September 16
  - October 14 – this is a week early due to Columbus day and the LSC meeting moving to the following week
  - November 18
  - December 16
  - January 20
  - February 17
  - March 16
  - April 13 – this is a week early due to spring break the following week
  - May 18, Elections, Set Meeting Dates
  - June 15
- Would like to find a person dedicated to Grant Writing for Friends of Pulaski.

## **OPEN MEETING TOPICS**

- Next meeting June 17<sup>th</sup> in the Pulaski Library.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 8:42 PM.