

**Friends of Pulaski
Board of Directors Meeting
July 15, 2015**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President at 7:35 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Ms. Ianna Kachoris Ori

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2015 Board Meeting by Bob Fox and seconded by Scott Suckow. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR REPORTS

➤ **PRESIDENT**

➤ LSC

- Vanessa Sowka appointed as new Parent Representative
- Colleen Harvey appointed as new Community Representative
- Dr. Bedard received budget. She hopes with some shuffling she will not need to eliminate any staff. Funding cuts in some areas with gains in others.
- All TAT (maternity leave) slots have now been filled for the fall.

➤ Facilities

- E-rate upgrade mostly complete. The final bit will be finished right before school starts.
- Front steps of school will be fixed before the first day.
- Air Conditioning units have been delivered and will be installed by mid-August.
- Floors in modular building will not be fixed

➤ Other "Friends of" Galas - Board will discuss at another time.

➤ **TREASURER**

- Reviewed current financials. Total income \$42,416.79 and total expenses \$13,754.79.
- As of now the balance sheet total has just about \$42,000 in cash.

➤ **OUTREACH**

➤ Recent

- Stop on the Bucktown Garden Walk – 7/11-12

➤ Upcoming

- Back to School Block Party August 29th 12-3pm
 - Chair: Michelle Sherman
 - Updates
 - Received permit from Alderman's office
 - Easel Art will be there again with a craft table
 - Home Depot donated 60 kid projects
 - Contract and check have been sent to Clowning Around for mini-golf and dunk tank
 - Language Stars will have a table with games and balloons
 - GBD will be selling desserts
 - J at School will have a table
 - Purple Monkey Playroom will have a table with tattoos
 - Waiting to hear from The Laboratory and Bucktown Music
 - Still working on food: Art of Chicken still waiting on permit and Bridget is playing phone tag with Dimos.
 - Bridget will get posters soon and have posted early August.
 - Flyers will go to neighbors on McLean days before about the event and parking
- Fun Run October 8th
 - Co-Chairs: Melissa Kieta and Lindsey Barnes
 - Updates
 - Committee meeting on 7/29
 - Sponsorship team headed by Michelle Sherman has raised \$5900 to date! Waiting on one more \$100 check.
 - Need approval for t-shirt purchase. Shirts need to be ordered from Propaganda last week of July and will include sponsor logos. Generic volunteer shirts will also be included in the order. **A motion to approve investing up to \$1,800 for T-shirts was made by David Benson and seconded by James Sowka. We will make money on T-shirt sales.**
- Jack and Ginger's (back to school dine out?) -- Board discussed pros and cons of holding first day of school

➤ Potential

- Future Dine Outs
- Kid's Table, 10% of camps

➤ **COMMUNICATIONS**

- 2015/16 Bucktown Community Organization support for FOP
 - Aid with FOP communication (FOP to continue cross-promoting BCO when appropriate, e.g. Garden Walk, Education Forum, Movie Nights)

- Financial aid \$1k for Fun Run, \$1k for matching campaign (need to advise Adam when our match will be). DOUBLED from previous year!
- Volunteers for our events
- BCO Education Forum (likely at Drummond in October)
- Given all the support from the BCO, please consider supporting the BCO through an inexpensive family membership - \$20/year
<http://www.bucktown.org/get-involved/membership/>
- NPN School Fair: Do we want to participate again this year? October 19 from 10-2, \$150. Last year the fee was waived. Consensus was this may not be worth our time and to focus on the BCO Education Forum.
- Popsicle Playdate – Fantastic turnout on Monday!
- Summer Wicker Park Festival – partner with Burr? Discussed interest in possibly doing this next summer.

➤ **TRANSFORM THE TRANSFORMER+**

- David Benson is the project lead
- Final approval received from CPS Facilities, ComEd, and Pulaski
- Scheduling the project for before the block party.
- Volunteer signup created for two 3 hour shifts, 9-12 and 12-3.
 - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aa4a928a4f58-transform>
 - 8 people per shift
 - Signup asks volunteers to bring hammers, levels, drills and tape measures
 - Signup also asks volunteers to bring miter saws, drills, shovels and wheelbarrows
- Need a power source for the tools

➤ **VOLUNTEERS**

- Block Party Sign Up needs lots of Volunteers still
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aa4a928a4f58-back>
- Kiss and Go – Another great year– Need more recruits bring us up to 3 a day. Have 2 for each day, would like 3. Hopefully will get some new ones at Popsicle Playdates. Volunteers for K&G contact Bob Fox bob@friendsofpulaski.org

➤ **NEW BUSINESS**

- Garden Club funding request – approve \$500 annual stipend. The motion was made by Scott Suckow and was seconded by Debbie Gibbons to approve the \$500 stipend to be used for beautification supplies. It must be signed off by the board again in 2016 and each year after.
- Garden Club – mulch needed. Christy Webber? The Care of Trees?
- Trash Can Sponsorship -- The Board discussed offering sponsorship for \$250
- Change in board resolution to remove the requirement for two signatures for expenditures of \$1500 or more. Motion made by Scott Suckow and seconded by James Sowka. Board approved unanimously.
- Motion made by Scott Suckow to state that if there is every a position held by two people (ex. Co-treasurer), their decision must be unanimous or be sent to the board. Motion seconded by James Sowka. Board approved unanimously.

2015-2016 MEETING DATES

- July 15, Red June
- August 26, Red June
- September 16
- October 14, a week early due to Columbus day and LSC meeting moving to the following week
- November 18
- December 16
- January 20
- March 16
- April 13 – a week early due to spring break the following week
- May 18 – Elections, Set meeting dates
- June 15

OPEN MEETING TOPICS

- Next meeting August 26th. Red June, 7:30 PM.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 8:58 PM.