

**Friends of Pulaski
Board of Directors Meeting
October 24, 2012**

The Board meeting is called to order by the President at 7:38pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Scott Suckow
Mr. Ross Crampton
Mr. Steve Dillinger
Ms. Sarah Harris
Ms. Julie Horowitz-Jackson
Ms. Marjory Oliva
Ms. Toni Popova

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mr. Brandon Antoniewicz
Mr. James Sowka
Ms. Sarah Simanski

ATTENDEES

Ellen McNamara
Yvette Barbosa
Max Kuznetsov
Michelle Sherman
Marco Modujano
Molly Catalano
Lindsey Barnes
Ben Stein
Julie Benson
Anne Dwyer
Maria Sanchez
Marian Rodriguez
Sandy DeChant
Ashley Hamilton
Jeff Hamilton
Kay Barthel
Bob Fox
Kristine Richardson

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2012 Board Meeting by Julie Horowitz-Jackson and seconded by Crampton. The motion passed unanimously.

Citing other commitments, Julie Horowitz-Jackson and Sarah Simanski resigned from their Board positions of Community Outreach and Communications, respectively.

CHAIR REPORTS

- **PRESIDENT**

Administration meeting updates. LSC meeting, Brenna Ivey's departure. IASB (International Association of School Boards) visit on Nov. 19th, letters to teachers and parents were discussed.

- **TREASURER**

Treasurer's report covered by Mr. Scott Suckow due to Mr. James Sowka's absence. The financials were reviewed noting the big reclassification from uncategorized expenses thanks to the efforts of Mr. Steve Dillinger and Ms. Sarah Harris. It was noted that PNC cannot accommodate dual signature checks as requested at the prior meeting so the prior motion was amended to remove the requirement for two signatures with no objections.

To approve the filing of FOP's Statement of Change of Registered Agent, a motion was made by Ms. Marjory Oliva and seconded by Mr. Ross Crampton to approve James Sowka as the registered agent of the entity. Being no objections, the motion passed. The Board thanks James Sowka for his service.

Each Board Member also individually made the following negative affirmations required for the Illinois Attorney General Filing:

Have you ever been enjoined or prohibited by any court or other governmental agency from soliciting contributions, or is such action pending?

Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a misdemeanor involving misapplication or misuse of money of another, or any felony?

- **FUNDRAISING**

It was noted that we now have 100% board participation, THANKS! A goal of \$50K raised by the end of the academic year was discussed. The intention to build web content to include a message from FOP President, parent testimonials, thermometer with visual of \$50k goal progress and honor roll of contributors was discussed. The plan to develop a formal thank you/stewardship process was discussed with the majority of communications being sent via e-mail. An appeal letter is scheduled to go home by end of year.

- Suggestions from attendees:
 - Involve all 900 students in the process; e.g. \$1 goal from each kid
 - Student art auctions, recipe book for sale, educational classes
- Scott Suckow & Ellen McNamara will meet to discuss what Student Council needs money for e.g. sports equipment so that it may be voted on at the next board meeting.
- Fun Run – looking for volunteer to step up and chair this process

- **VOLUNTEERS**

An update was provided on outreach activities, current volunteer opportunities (drop off, recess, grade parents, classroom, book fair, teacher treats) noting very week has been filled for volunteers to provide teacher treats – THANKS! Volunteerspot.org is being used to sign up for these opportunities. The Book Fair on November 13th being coordinated by Ashley Hamilton.

It was noted that Brenna Ivey is leaving the school and Ms. Sarah Harris and Norma Mendez have been hired to take over Brenna's responsibilities.

It was noted that the group submitted a Google Grant application asking \$3k for new projectors with the help of Mr. Scott Suckow, Mr. Brandon Antoniewicz, Lindsey Barnes and Michelle O'Halloran.

- **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

Toni Popova was nominated for the open position and was approved unanimously.

- **COMMUNICATIONS**

The organization is looking for a candidate. Any interested individuals should contact Mr. Scott Suckow at scott@friendsofpulaski.org.

- **FACILITIES**

It was noted that the playground equipment repairs back to square one due to administrative and personnel issues in CPS.

Lowes Grant – Sandy DeChant presented proposal for outdoor classroom. Discussion held around fact that Lowes granted money based on a front door project. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Announcements:

- Garden/grounds club, Next session (final for 2012) on Saturday 10/27, 1:00-3:00pm
- Gave short list to administration (trash cans, lights, stairs, etc.)

- **TECHNOLOGY – no update**

LSC UPDATE – Principal search continues to move in positive direction

OPEN MEETING FOR QUESTIONS AND OTHER TOPICS - none

It was noted that the next meeting will be on November 14, 2012 in the school library.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 9:20pm.