

**Friends of Pulaski
Board of Directors Meeting
January 23, 2013**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President at 7:40pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Scott Suckow
Mr. Brandon Antoniewicz
Ms. Debbie Gibbons
Ms. Sarah Harris
Ms. Toni Popova
Mr. James Sowka
Ms. Marjory Oliva
Mr. Ross Crampton

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mr. Steve Dillinger

ATTENDEES

Julie Horowitz-Jackson
Michelle Sherman
Sophie Morgan
Terry Barthel
Debora Paceltioni

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the December 19th, 2012 Board Meeting by Mr. Antoniewicz and seconded by Ms. Oliva. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR REPORTS

• **PRESIDENT**

Mr. Suckow noted that two Chromebooks have officially been given to the school. A funding request has been made through donorschoose.org for matching up to three (maximum allowed) additional Chromebooks. Intention is for FOP to buy thirty additional Chromebooks directly. It was noted that the new computers will be used for standardized assessments but also be checked out by teachers for other uses. Mr. Suckow noted no major updates from the last LSC meeting.

Mr. Suckow reported he had his first of ongoing monthly meetings with Dr. Arlana Bedard. The two discussed open communication and Dr. Bedard noted the teachers have expressed a positive attitude towards FOP. Dr. Bedard and Ms. Ellen Macnamara thought the Spa Soak idea was a win-win for fundraising and social gathering for teachers and parents. Dr. Bedard expressed a strong interest in reaching out to the community.

Ms. Harris discussed a plan to get the word out to neighborhood parents of Kindergarten students to pre-register by April for the 2013-14 school year. It was noted that half day, tuition based PreK registration for the upcoming school year is full and the school is continuing to accept applications for the wait list. It was noted that Ms. Gibbons will take this task on as Communications Chair.

- **TREASURER**

Mr. Sowka presented the current financials and noted donations continue to increase. A year-end thank you letter to donators is being drafted and will be sent electronically.

- **FUNDRAISING**

Mr. Crampton noted the ask letter was sent home last month with light response. The goal is to send out a second ask letter in the Spring. The Honor Roll has not been added to the website at this time but the intention is still to do this before end of school year.

Michelle Sherman reported on questions tabled from last meeting regarding using the Get Moving Crew to host a school Fun Run. The consensus from other school groups is that using the Get Moving Crew is more efficient than hosting without. Michelle would like approval for \$1,200 payable to Get Moving Crew for use of their infrastructure and materials.

Mr. Antoniewicz made a motion to approve \$1,200 payable to Get Moving Crew, contingent upon contract review by Mr. Suckow and Mr. Sowka. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gibbons. The motion passed unanimously.

- **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

Ms. Popova announced details for our first Homemade Pizza Company Fundraiser next week on January 30th and asked everyone to promote around school and community. The school will receive cash donations from all sales made that day, whether or not the customer is associated with the school.

Ms. Popova also presented a Spa Soak fundraising proposal. After group discussion, the final decision was to table it for now.

Mr. Suckow brought up the possibility of hosting movie nights to raise money for the upgraded AV system in the auditorium. Ms. Macnamara is currently working with a few other teachers to get a dollar figure for the new AV equipment needed and will report back to Mr. Suckow.

- **VOLUNTEERS – no update**

- **COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Gibbons needs more photos for the website of students at the school. Reminder made for everyone to continue community outreach with friends and neighbors to put out a positive buzz for Pulaski.

- **FACILITIES – no update**

- **TECHNOLOGY – no update**

OPEN MEETING FOR QUESTIONS AND OTHER TOPICS

Ms. Harris mentioned the NPN panel discussion in which she is participating tomorrow night.

It was noted that the next meeting will be on February 20th in the school library.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 9:15pm.