

**Friends of Pulaski  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 15, 2014**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President at 7:37 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**NOTE THOSE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Mr. Brandon Antoniewicz  
Mr. Ross Crampton

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2013 Board Meeting by Debbie Gibbons and seconded by Bob Fox. The motion passed unanimously.

**CHAIR REPORTS**

- **PRESIDENT**
  - LSC update** – NCLB letter. Notice will be going away since the scoring was changed.
  - Upcoming LCS elections** – two year commitment. Paperwork needs to be submitted in by 2/26/14. Degerberg and Fun Run fundraising events were also approved.
  - Sex Ed will be taught. 130 min per year.
  - Technology needs of Pulaski.** Certain computers are not approved by CPS yet as a standard.
  - Athletic purchases** – spent \$1500-1800 but none has arrived yet.
  - Positive behavior awards** – school would like to promote
  - Cart for extra Chromebooks needed
  - FOP social at the Charleston
- **TREASURER**

FOP has reduced its operating expenses in 2013 (compared to 2012) and has also increased its fundraising efficiency. In 2013, about 87% from the money collected by FOP were funds available for giving back to the school.

- **FUNDRAISING**

Small cocktail receptions

Debbie Gibbons would like to postpone the reception that was planned to be hosted by the Gibbons for a later month (for medical reasons).

Need another fundraising officer besides Ross.

Donors would like to match donations in February up to \$3000 (donations must be made by 2/28) – advertise via backpacks and e-blast, at Family Night as well.

- **BUSINESS OUTREACH**

- No info about Shop For Good
- Madison and Rayne going well – about \$280 raised for the school so far
- Cooking for a Cause at Red Door – Red Door is holding off on this event until the spring.
- Degerberg academy – martial arts facility. \$69 for 6 weeks of 2x a week classes. 100% of the \$69 goes to the school. Will be accepting applications between March 5-21. March 13 is the family fitness night and that works well for promoting the Degerberg event.
- 606/Pulaski – educational programs with schools in the area. This is for the Bloomingdale Trail. Schools within ½ mile of the trail qualify for this.

Trail – first phase of completion – by end of 2014. The rest will be completed within two years.

- **COMMUNICATIONS**

Debbie Gibbons is meeting with Dr Bedard and Anne Dwyer (parent volunteer to run the newsletter) on Friday to discuss school newsletter. Goal is to combine school and FOP news in one. This will provide the opportunity to reach out to the school's and FOP's distribution lists.

- **VOLUNTEERS**

Family Literacy night coming up –volunteers needed

The required background check is making hard to attract new volunteers and, for the most part, only people that are already approved are easiest to engage.

- **FACILITIES**

### **3. OPEN MEETING FOR QUESTIONS AND OTHER TOPICS**

- **Lowes Grant** – grant for schools; Up to \$5000. Last time FOP obtained the grant, the funds were invested in building out the outdoor classroom. David Benson will be able to assist with the grant writing.
  
- **The FOP discussed some ideas for a new Lowes Grant** –
  1. Fence around the transformer – will need to have a service gate and steel frame fence; This seems to be the preferred choice. Gene and Ben will obtain cost estimates.
  2. Gates around the trees – need to be theft resistant
  3. Landscaping
  4. Front Doors – being that the first Lowes grant was for this but funds we spend on another project, FOP may decide to postpone this for a future grant
  5. Fitness stations
  6. Blacktop
  7. Fence art
  8. Bike racks – Gene asked if the City can install. May be mayor's office can also help with installation of bike racks
  9. Corner of Levitt and Dickens – concrete installation that may need replacement and are also safety hazard.
  10. Large banners for outside of school – may make school more visually attractive
  11. Water reclamation

A discussion was held. Scott Suckow makes a motion to approve fence around the transformers & tree gates (if possible)– Bob Fox seconded and passed unanimously.

Home Depot – also runs grant programs. Next one starts on Feb 1, 2014

- Anti bullying session at the school next week.
- Fun Run – has been approved by the LCS. Date needs to be discussed and approved. Initial Meeting on 1/23. FOP will use its own system for the Fun Run fundraising which will save some fund from fees for credit card transactions.

Fun Run teacher's contest may be something that the school is interested.

### **NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 19, 2014 IN THE PULASKI LIBRARY**

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 8:57 PM.