

Friends of Pulaski Board of Directors Meeting May 17, 2023 Meeting Notes

[Monthly Board Meeting May 17, 2023](#)

IN ATTENDANCE

Board Members:

- ✓ - Luann Ray, President
- ✓ - Michelle Sherman, Communications Chair & Parent Resource Coordinator at Pulaski
- Sonia Copeskey, Events Chairman
- Jason Edelson, Fundraising Chair
- Lezlie Mackie, Volunteer Coordinator
- ✓ - Nicole Wood, Secretary
- Matt Niemczak, Projects & Procurement
- ✓ - Jennifer Riccolo, Liaison to LSC and CPS
- Jeremy Sutton, Treasurer

Guests:

- Mayra Garcia Guzman - 1st
- Kristan Crabtree-Irons - 1st
- Garry Alderman - 1st and 3rd
- Melinda Green - 5th and 1st
- Michelle Carlson - K and Pre-K
- Stephanie Hoit - 4th, 1st, K
- Leslie Gonzalez

Meeting called to order by Luann Ray at 9:06

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
 - a. Motion to approve March minutes passes, Luann, Jen Riccolo seconds the motion
2. Board votes for 2023-2024 term:
 - a. President: Change from Luann Ray to Co-Presidents Sonia Copeskey/Nicole Wood
 - b. Treasurer: Change from Jeremy Sutton to Co-Treasurers Jeremy Sutton/Luann Ray
 - c. Secretary: Change from Nicole Wood to Mayra Guzman
 - d. Events: Change from Sonia Copeskey to Michelle Carlson
 - e. Fundraising: Jason Edelson (no change) - (needs co-chair)
 - f. Procurement: Change from Matt Niemczak to Garry Alderman

- g. Volunteers: Change from Lezlie Mackie to TBD
 - h. Communications; Change from Michelle Sherman to TBD
 - i. Liaison Role: Jennifer Riccolo DeBower - This role is being discontinued
 - j. Email addresses for new board members
 - i. Send bio and pic to Luann for the website
3. Fundraising Update
- a. See presentation for updates
 - b. Grants
 - i. Nicole and Luann met with Faye Wells' sister to discuss options
 - ii. Luann will reach out to Anna Korbluh to discuss potential research opportunities
 - iii. Jen R will reach out to Sarah Burke
 - iv. Michelle Carlson will reach out to Jason to discuss fundraising
4. Playground Update
- a. Garry got the planters out a couple of weeks ago!!!
 - b. We will pull from money from this fund to put a higher fence on both ends of the small soccer field
 - c. We will get new illustrations and then put it out to the community to vote for best option
5. Projects Update
- a. Next steps for digital sign
 - i. Sonia will follow up with alderman's office
 - ii. Jen and Garry will connect to discuss bidding process with Tekeila
 - b. Soccer field fencing
 - i. See playground above
 - c. Update re curtains in auditorium/gym
 - i. Curtains are ordered - we're waiting for them to arrive
 - ii. Then will schedule install with buckeye based on the prior estimate
 - d. Lockers
 - i. Tekeila is going to submit for capital improvement
 - 1. We hope to either get the first floor or whole building
 - 2. We look forward to an update!
 - e. Mural
 - i. Luann is working with a high school student who has done mural work
 - ii. He submitted 3 renderings for the modular building
 - iii. Should be "Pulaski" and maybe incorporate our logo
6. Events
- a. Block Party will be 8/26 from 2-4:30
 - i. Get a group of volunteers to help from the get go
 - ii. Pre-sell tickets in person the first week of school
 - b. We've been asked to give money for:
 - i. International night - \$1000
 - ii. End of year party - \$TBD
 - iii. Spring Fling - \$500
 - c. Dine out at My Pie on 6/1
 - d. Michelle Carlson
 - i. Have a document for the first day of school so that new parents can understand how to get involved
 - e. New family open house on 5/30
 - f. Popsicle play dates
 - i. Need to schedule 3

- g. Saber Soiree
 - i. Melinda will be taking party planning
 - 1. Proposed date 2/24/24
 - ii. Committee chairs are returning except for art
- 7. Meetings moving forward
 - a. We need to discuss meeting schedule that works for everyone on the board

Meeting adjourned at 10:33

Next FOP Meeting will be Wednesday, June 21, 2023 location and time TBD

Follow up Items:

- 1. Nicole and Sonia
 - a. Summer meeting schedule
 - b. Schedule popsicle play dates
 - c. Contact alderman re: next steps on sign
- 2. Luann
 - a. Reach out to Anna Kornbluh re: research opportunities
 - b. Ask Racasi about 6 step-open garbage cans for hallways in main building
- 3. Jen R
 - a. Reach out to Sarah Burke re: grants
- 4. Garry
 - a. Connect with Tekeila
- 5. New board members
 - a. Bio and pics to Luann for website