

Friends of Pulaski
Board of Directors Meeting
April 19, 2023
Meeting Notes

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
- Leslie Gonzalez - 7th and 8th
- Principal Racasi
- Melissa - K

Meeting called to order by Luann Ray at 9:08

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
 - a. Motion to approve March minutes passes, Luann, Michelle seconds the motion
2. LSC meeting last night
 - a. Much of the meeting was about custodial issues
 - b. Jen will look into the next Board of Ed meeting and bring this to their attention
 - c. Racasi requested 6 large step-open garbage cans for the hallways in the main building
 - d. Toss the existing garbage cans and get 4 black outdoor trash cans (1 for kinder playground, 2 for middle playground, 1 for the front of the school)
 - i. Consider 3 extra garbage cans for the corners of the turf?
3. Board changes
 - a. Garry will be joining the board
 - b. Jason would like to stay on the board with fundraising but would like a co-chair
 - c. Sonia will stay on with events and will seek support from others
 - d. Lezlie will be stepping down from her board position

- e. Matt is stepping down
 - f. Michelle will be stepping down
 - g. Jen R will stay on
 - h. Luann will be stepping down as president but will continue to support FOP
4. Fundraising Update
- a. Launched the sponsorship campaign
 - b. Jason, Jessie, and Jeremy are working on this program
 - c. Grants
 - i. Jen R will connect with Sarah Burke to look for grants and help with grant writing
 - ii. Luann will follow up with Faye's regarding her sister's availability to help with grants
5. Projects Update
- a. Lots of progress since the last meeting!
 - b. Planters will be tossed on 4/22
 - i. We will get a dumpster so we can throw them away
 - c. Soccer net on middle playground is proving to be trickier than expected. Garry continues to look for affordable options
 - i. Kristan Crabtree-Irons said she is willing to help
 - d. We are ready to move forward with the new curtains in the auditorium and main gym
 - i. Also want to redo the auditorium and gym floor
 - ii. Garry, Nicole, and Mr W will meet with an AV company to update equipment
 - e. In order to move forward with the digital sign we will need to meet with the alderman for a zoning variance and, likely, get neighbors to sign off
 - i. Sonia will help with this process
 - f. Lockers
 - i. We're thinking we may buy the lockers then go through the CPS process for install
 - g. Mural on the modular building
 - i. Luann is working with a high school student
 - ii. Need to connect with Swinford because she is also working with someone on a similar project
6. Block Party
- a. Proposed date 8/26 - 2-4:30
 - b. Will wait to hear from Mrs. Racasi
7. Playground Update
- a. Stephanie Hoit had a great meeting with Principal Racasi and Mr. Blackman
 - b. We're feeling more optimistic about this moving forward!
8. Other categories of expenditures
- a. We're working with \$470k
 - i. \$200k to playground - brings our total down to \$270k
 - ii. Sign - around \$50k - brings our total down to \$220k
 - iii. Keep \$100k in the bank for budgetary shortfalls - which brings us down to about \$120K to spend
9. Events
- a. Bucktown Garden Walk
 - i. Sonia made a motion for \$500 for a table at the event. Luann seconded
 - b. Spring Fling
 - i. Sonia made a motion for \$500 for food/refreshments - Luann seconded

- ii. We will be sending out a volunteer sign-up list

Meeting adjourned at 10:42

Next FOP Meeting will be Wednesday, May 17, 2023 9a in the auditorium