

FRIENDS OF
PULASKI

The logo for Friends of Pulaski features the word "PULASKI" in a large, dark green, serif font. The letter "i" in "PULASKI" is replaced by a stylized graphic. This graphic consists of three vertical bars of varying heights, each topped with a yellow circle, representing people. These figures are set within a circular frame that has a dark green outer border and a yellow inner border. A dark green dot is positioned above the central figure.

December 20, 2023

Agenda

- Welcome
- Board member and guest introductions
- Approval of November minutes
- Financials
- Voting
- Saber Soiree
- Projects
- Events
- Fundraising
- Public comments/concerns

Current Board Members:

- Garry Alderman, Projects and Procurement
- Michelle Carlson, Events (Interim Fundraising Chair*)
- Sonia Copeskey, Co-president
- Mayra Garcia Guzman, Secretary
- Luann Ray, Treasurer
- Nicole Wood, Co-president

Seeking Treasurer and Events Chairs!

Financial Overview

November 2023 (Chase account)

Incoming Funds: \$23,947 (Individual donations, residual Saber Sprint, Sponsorships)

Outgoing Funds: \$14,792.11

Staff Morale: \$542.25

Marketing/Enrollment Efforts: \$8 (Facebook ad)

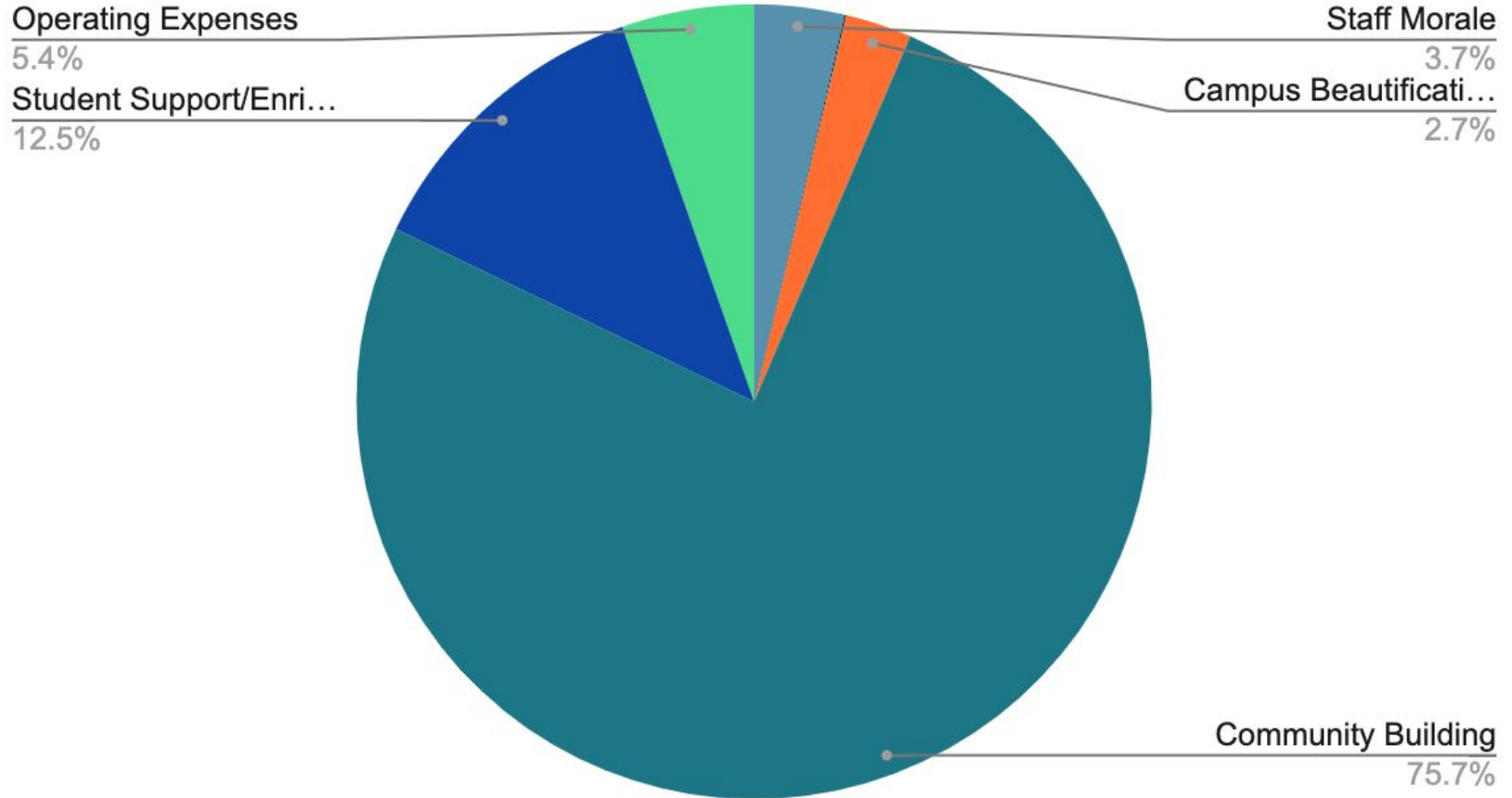
Campus Beautification and Improvements: \$400 (Buckeye for rope install)

Community Building: \$11,202.54 (Saber Soiree Event Space, Mariachi band, Door 24 event, Boohoo Yahoo breakfast)

Student Support/Enrichment: \$1,843.24 (Library books)

Operating Expenses: \$796.08 (MailChimp, Neon, Benevity, Bookkeeper)

Expenditures from Chase Account November 2023



Funds/Expenditure Overview

Funds in Chase Account (end of November): **\$421,887.36**

Earmarked funds:

*These funds reflect the Chase account only (checking and savings) It does not reflect funds at PNC (will close out soon) or any donations on Neon that haven't batched yet.

Let's vote!

- Saber Soiree wrap dinner
 - About \$2k
- One Cause instead of Neon for peer to peer fundraising
 - Currently paying \$1476 p/year for Neon
 - One Cause would be \$1995 for the year but with a much cleaner user experience
- Gym floor/auditorium floor sanding, staining, and repainting logo/sport lines
 - Cost:
 - Timeline:
- Strip and spot clean all bathroom stalls
 - Cost:
 - Timeline:
- Wishlist completion
 - Probably around \$6k (as of 12/18 to clear all would be \$7858)
 - We will leave lists open through 1/7 in order to not interfere with Soiree messaging

Saber Soirée Update - 2.24.24

- 202 tickets sold to date; tickets prices are now \$130 and will increase to \$160 the week-of (Feb 18)
- \$32,500 in total sponsorship commitments (vs \$21,200 last year)
- Invitation will be sent home in backpacks on Jan 12
- Still in need of silent auction items; deadline is Feb 6 (contact Tiffany Chow or Meg Matray)
- Art Expo & Raffle on Feb 12 from 4-6pm in the auditorium
- FOP Board approval needed for March appreciation event at Club Lucky for Soirée planning committee

Projects

- Someone was at school on 12/13 to quote new lockers
 - We're very excited to see the quote and gain a better understanding of the scope of the project
- Main office
 - Leslie Gonzalez and Andrea Kartley are taking the lead on this project
 - There will be some cosmetic improvements (new countertop, new flooring, paint) and a TON of organization cleaning.
 - We are waiting for an update from the team with their ideas so we can create a budget and vote
- We submitted the playground addition to CPS Capital on 12/12
- Nicole and Garry met with AV consulting company on 12/19 to discuss auditorium project
- Nicole and Michelle met with a Pulaski parent who is an architect about some projects she's interested in helping us with
 - Improved lettering on the fence around the school
 - Will seek quotes on repainting the fence
 - Interested in helping work her contacts to improve the work from Christy Weber
- Digital signage still in city zoning
- Benches in the garden and picnic tables for staff in the spring

Events

Latest Event Summaries

- **Building Blocks event-** Raised \$283 in gift cards. Gift cards used as Soiree auction items + teacher raffle @ holiday party.
- **Saber Social @ Door24** - Event attendance was lower than LY, but we raised 6.5 cases of wine for Soiree wine pull which is great!
- **Shopping Event @ Challengers** - Well attended (~30 people), store & families donated ~50 books to the library.
- **Ice Cream Reward Party for Sprint-** Really fun and kids were so excited!
- **Shop & Mingle @ Eskell-** Moved event from 7-10 to 5-8pm and it seemed to work pretty well. Do not have final numbers in yet as discount has been extended for the month.
- **Zefiro Shopping Event-** First shopping event tied to sponsorship, raised \$78.

Event Tracker link [here](#)

- This is the tracker that will be updated with upcoming event detail/event summaries

Upcoming Events

- **Dine out at Irazu-** January 10th-13th
- **Mom's Saber Social @ Bartaco-** January 18th
- **Wolves Game-** January 28th

I will likely add a dad's Saber Social for February 8th

Fundraising

YTD Fundraising Summary

- **Saber Soirée:**

- Sponsorships are at \$32.5k vs. \$21.2k total last year! Goal is to (now) double last years' total!
- If you have any solicitation ideas, please let Michelle Carlson know. Logo deadline is Jan 16.
- Still accepting wine bottle donations - must have \$20+ value. Contact is Nicole Rogers.
- Looking for new auction items, vacation homes, sporting event & theater tickets, buy-ins. Contacts are Tiffany Chow and Meg Matray. Deadline is Feb 6.
- Teacher Experiences - Stephanie Hoit & Regina Crockett are working w/ Mrs. Hai Syed.
- Art Expo & Raffle - February 12 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm in the auditorium.
- Discussion for 2025 Venue/Vote needed for deposit

Public comment/questions