

Friends of Pulaski Board of Directors Meeting March 15, 2023 Meeting Notes

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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:

- Autumn N - 1st
- Stephanie Hoit - K, 2nd, 4th
- Melinda Green - 1st and 5th
- Emily Z - 3rd
- Leslie Gonzalez - 7th and 8th
- Kristan Crabtree-Irons - 1st
- Kathy Mayorga - 2nd
- Brian - 2nd, 4th
- Becky - pre-k and 2nd
- Andrea - K and 3rd
- Principal Racasi

Meeting called to order by Luann Ray at 9:04

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
 - a. Motion to approve February minutes passes, Luann, Michelle seconds the motion
2. Saber Soiree
 - a. We raised \$213k!!!
 - b. Auctions raised over \$60k! So exciting
 - c. Working on closing up everything and getting items to people
 - d. Already working on ways to improve it next year

- e. A guest mentioned that we need to ensure ADA accessibility
- 3. Financial update
 - a. We're in a great position to spend some money!
 - b. Our fundraising efforts have increased annually for the last couple of years
- 4. Playground update
 - a. We're still trying to figure out who we need to work with in CPS
 - b. Follow up item: Stephanie will email Racasi who will loop to Mr. Blackman to figure out how to move things forward
 - c. \$200k is earmarked for the playground
- 5. Categories of expenditure
 - 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
 - b. New sign - Matt is going to loop back to the old quote and move this forward
 - i. We should have this info in the next week or so and the board will vote via email
 - c. Jennifer Riccolo will be on the next couple of LSC calls to monitor budget conversations to we can best understand what budgetary shortfalls we'll have to fill
 - i. We're shooting to fill less than \$100k
 - d. Current quote on lockers - 650 lockers for about \$400k
 - e. Possibly fund enrichment after school -
 - i. Racasi will look into Conscious Discipline PD
 - 1. Jeremy mentioned that we have a grant to provide SEL that we need to spend
 - 2. Send a survey to the teachers to find out what they need
 - f. Emily Z would like to request gymnastics mats - about \$2k
 - g. School supply shopping help - look into options - write stuff
 - h. Lockers are important and we really need to move this forward!!
 - i. Luann will reach out to Lincoln Park High School to find out more information about their new lockers
 - i. Luann is finalizing quotes for installation of new curtains for the auditorium and gymnasium
- 6. Events update
 - a. Squares for March Madness - still have about 20 left
 - b. Tomorrow is our Climbzone fundraiser
 - c. See notes for more info
 - d. Spring Fling
 - i. Issues with sibling participation
- 7. Fundraising update
 - a. Trying to bring fundraising efforts under one umbrella
 - b. We will order 500 clings for \$373
- 8. Action items
 - a. Stephanie provide playground info to Principal Racasi so she can reach out to Mr. Blackman for more information
 - b. Matt will follow up with the company for the digital sign to determine current cost of this project
 - c. Matt will send locker quote to Luann so we can move that process forward
 - d. Jeremy consolidate banking by Apr 30

Meeting adjourned at 10:37

Next FOP Meeting will be Wednesday, April 19, 2023 9a in the auditorium