

Friends of Pulaski Board of Directors Meeting July 12, 2023 Meeting Notes

[Meeting Agenda](#)

IN ATTENDANCE

Board Members:

- ❖ Nicole Wood, Co-President
- ❖ Sonia Copeskey, Co-President
- ❖ Mayra Garcia Guzman, Secretary
- ❖ Luann Ray, Co-Treasurer
- ❖ Jason Edelson, Fundraising Chair
- ❖ Garry Alderman, Procurement Chair
- ~~❖ Jeremy Sutton, Treasurer~~
- ~~❖ Michelle Carlson, Events Chair~~

Guests:

- Diana Racasi, Principal
- Lisa Waltmire, Vice-Principal
- Faye Wells, 5th Grader
- Cristina Hernandez, 1st Grader
- Lizeide Marin, 4th Grader
- Jennifer Cooper
- Monica P, 4th Grader

Meeting called to order by Nicole Wood at 7:06 pm

1. Board Member and Guest Introductions
 - a. See list above
2. Approval of June meeting minutes
 - a. Motion to approve by Nicole Wood, seconded by Mayra Garcia Guzman
3. Voting
 - a. Bus Expenses for Pulaski kids at City Kids Overnight Camp-\$ 3,281.67
 - i. Lizeidi Marin made a presentation regarding a weeklong sleep away camp for Pulaski students.
 - ii. Camp is funded by another not-for-profit that used to fund transportation, but cannot do so anymore.
 - iii. **Vote: Motion made by Sonia C.**
 1. **Vote: Yes- Jason, Luann, Gerry, Jason & Mayra**
 2. **Vote: No- none**
 - b. Right at School -

- i. Challenges with recruiting lunch and recess monitors
 - ii. Right at School and Pulaski are teaming up to offer coaches more hours to make position more appealing and easier to fill
 - iii. Potential to increase from 3 to 4 coaches and increase pay by \$1 and increase hours scheduled (between combined hours with Right at School and Pulaski)
 - iv. Request for 4 coaches - \$50,766.75
 - 1. Vote: Motion by Nicole Wood
 - a. Vote: Yes- Luann, Sonia, Jason, Garry, Mayra
 - b. Vote: No-none
 - c. Curriculumms
 - i. Eureka Math - \$18,427.73
 - ii. Used to be \$30K
 - iii. Traditionally funded by FOP in the past
 - 1. Motion to approve: Nicole Wood
 - a. Vote: Jason, Sonia, Luann, Nicole, Garry, Mayra
 - b. Vote: No-none
 - d. Singapore Math and Learning without Tears
 - i. 2022/23 was \$1,158 for Singapore Math
 - ii. 2022/23 was \$2,908 for Learning without Tears
 - iii. Vote to approve based on last year's amounts
 - 1. Motion: Jason E, seconded by Sonia
 - a. Vote: Yes- Sonia, Luann Nicole, Jason, Garry, Sonia, Mayra
 - b. Vote: No-none
 - e. Univents- Racasi waiting for a quote.
 - i. Meeting to be coordinated by Principal Racasi. Note: Garry should be included in the meeting
 - ii. Background: CPS could not afford to pay for new units 4-5 years ago.
 - iii. Vote to be taken at a later date
 - f. Movies on the Turf equipment
 - i. \$300 for screen to be purchased by FOP.
 - ii. Motion made by Jason, seconded by Nicole
 - 1. Vote: Yes- Sonia, Luann, Jason, Garry, Mayra
 - 2. Vote: No-none
4. Events update
 - a. Had our first popsicle playdate - went well!
 - b. Next one is 8/9 from 5-6
 - i. Currently, Nicole, Garry, Michelle, and Sonia are set to attend.
5. Block Party update
 - a. Great news! Confirmed hard seltzer donation. So we will have beer and hard seltzer available
 - b. Needs
 - i. Push for volunteers. Sign up sheet upcoming.

1. Specially sign up and breakdown. Can I count on board?
- ii. Needs:
 1. Tents
 2. Help stuffing tickets during week of the event
 3. Picking up hot dogs and hot dog warmer
 4. Rock pick-up
 5. Beer pick-up
 6. Older kids volunteer for tattoos station (Racasi offer for volunteer hours?)
6. Projects and Procurement update
 - a. Soccer netting in middle playground nearly complete (waiting on a couple of punchlist items to be completed)
 - b. Garry will begin to seek quotes on main gym and auditorium floor sanding/staining
 - c. Air conditioning/Univent
 - i. See notes above
7. Fundraising update
 - a. Evaluating Monday.com for CRM and outreach
 - b. 5% back to school from Office Depot / Office Max
 - c. Discover Program has program that may cover for Eureka which has a financial component. May pitch idea to Racasi.
 - d. American Airlines has educational funding component, will explore opportunity there
 - e. Allstate Foundation cover teacher's wish list. Jason to see if they would be willing to donate.
8. Treasurer update
 - a. Update all auto renewals with new credit card (once received)
 - b. Meeting with Joy regarding bookkeeping
 - c. Two years of March Madness bracket winnings not paid out
 - d. October tax exempt status renewal
 - e. Reviewing service charges (\$97.50 charge, \$175 in refunds)
 - f. Expenditures for June
 - g. Money in was \$291.68 (two checks from ongoing foundation donations)

Reimbursement for Nicole Wood (Bucktown Garden Walk 'swag)	\$398.24
Reimbursement for Fun Friday, International Night, Field Day (Ms. Green, Ms. Henry)	\$477.78
Reimbursement for Sonia Copeskey (Costco)	\$322.18
Tax Preparation	\$1,215.00

Cheer Mat	\$1,470.14
Expenditures Total	\$3,883.34 (does not include any payments that may be on PNC cc or Chase credit card payment)

9. Update from Nicole and Sonia

- a. Nicole got our FOP logo updated with new colors to match Pulaski
- b. Garden Walk this weekend - volunteers needed
- c. Chicago SMA Enrichment underway; Sonia will create a brief synopsis of various offerings afterschool to help communicate options (already getting questions from new parents on the difference)
- d. Request to reinstate Kiss & Go
 - i. Possible need to purchase new cones
- e. Changes to by-laws

10. New Business

- a. FOP Storage to be moved from Luann to Pulaski Basement

Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm

Next FOP Meeting will be Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at Pulaski International School, 9am.

Follow up Items:

- Sonia & Nicole to check for tents in basement
- Jason to send Mayra contact for block party cups
- Mayra to send volunteer sign up list for posting