

# **Friends of Pulaski Board of Directors Meeting February 18, 2017**

The Board meeting was called to order by Jamie Ayers at 7:39pm.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Scott Suckow  
Mr. Bob Fox  
Ms. Leanne Sardiga  
Ms. Jamie Ayers  
Ms. Sarah Harris  
Ms. Jen Arnquist  
Mr. David Benson

## **MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Ms. Laura Stein  
Ms. Michelle Maher

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2017 meeting by David Benson and seconded by Leanne Sardiga. The motion passed.

## **PRINCIPAL UPDATES**

- Ms. Racasi will shared a summary of the most recent budget cuts and freezes in place.

## **TREASURER**

- For July-January, just over \$70K has been raised.
- Financial statement presentation switched to new fiscal year end (June)
- \$15k cash allocated for single subject teachers
- Increased focus on cash planning
- Recommendation for longer range fundraising goals
- Update on grant and corporate sources

## **PROJECTS AND PROCUREMENT**

- No updates

## **VOLUNTEERS**

- A few slots left to sell tickets for the Teacher Experience Raffle on 2/25 during school hours
- Need 2 more closers for the end of the night at Pulaski Party with a Purpose and 3 more shifts to fill to distribute auction items the Tuesday and Wednesday following
- Looking for a Friday Kiss and Go volunteer—contact Bob Fox bob@friendsofpulaski.org if interested
- Lunch/Recess volunteers needed-contact Michelle Sherman if interested; michellemclung@hotmail.com
- Contact Bob Fox for these and future volunteer opportunities- bob@friendsofpulaski.org

- 41 parent volunteers worked with 20 classrooms to create Art Projects to be auctioned off at the Silent Auction: Get ready to bid! ½ of the art projects will be auctioned off at the PPP, the other ½ will be raffled off prior.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Jen needs any items to be included in the monthly highlights of FOP accomplishments.

### **FUNDRAISING**

- Pulaski Day at Chicago Fire – 6/10/17 approved.
- Chipotle dine-out – 4/5/17 approved.

### **TEACHER LIAISON**

- Paid for STEM night presentation
- 23 teachers donated experiences of their own time, effort and money for the auction and raffle!

### **PARTY WITH A PURPOSE**

- Vote was taken on 2/11/17 to change the purpose of the funds raised at the gala from solely outdoor turf and playground improvement project to funds being available for budget shortfall and cuts as well as other Friends of Pulaski projects. Changing the intended purpose of funds raised was approved 8-1.
- Lots of auction items being logged into the system
- The raffle license application has been completed and submitted! Leah to share updates as she receives information
- Total tickets sold 116—(Leah suggests more email blasts to try to drive this number up)
- Auction items-lots of restaurant gift certificates including 2 nights at the Robey, Milton got 2 round trip tickets to Madrid, we have Bulls, Cubs and Sox tickets too!
- Flowers and balloons for décor being donated, beer from Lagunitas and Craftware Cocktails.
- Committee is aiming to have everything running on Sunday

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

### **OPEN MEETING TOPICS**

- Next Meeting March 15, Pulaski Library.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 9:00pm.