



**General In-Person Meeting
November 2, 2023
Minutes (Approved)**

Welcome: Jen Banowetz, Co-President

Call to Order: 7:04 pm.

Attendance and Approval of Minutes: Meeting sign-in sheet confirms seven (7) attendees. Per the PAWS bylaws a quorum consists of nine (9) member households. Since a quorum has not been met, a vote on approving the September 12 general meeting minutes will be tabled until the next general meeting in February.

Officer Reports:

President Report: Maureen Slaven/Jen Banowetz, Co-Presidents

Wrapped up football season and did well with concessions. Bylaws have been reviewed and updated and will be voted on at the February meeting as they cannot be voted on tonight.

Vice President of Communications - Rosie reported for Rachel Padron

Regular newsletters are going out to the full list of WWS families as Freshman families were recently added, and membership is at 441 families right now, up from 393 last year. Committee members and PAWS membership please continue to send information about upcoming events, celebrations, fundraisers, etc. to vicepresident@tigerpaws.com.

Vice President of Ways & Means' Report - Maureen reported for Mike Harbert

We have begun changes to the PAWS grant process which will be in the new bylaws. We are looking to go back to the process from a few years ago with grants distributed in the Fall and Spring of the school year. We are also working on wrapping up the grants from Spring 2023.

Treasurer Report - Report reported for Chris Preede

For Fall concessions the only outstanding expense is Wheaton Meat which is \$1400. Net of this expense, fall concessions is \$27,200 which is 210% more than last year. We had 5 games plus TigerFest this year compared to 3 games last year. Tim and Janelle and team deserve a giant thank you for all their leadership, planning and hours spent on game day prepping and serving food. Reserved Football Parking: About 2x the amount raised last year. Thanks to Mike for arriving at every game early to set up and managing the game day parking fee collection. PE Uniform check from Wheaton Sport Center was received, about 10% lower than the total for last year.

Secretary Report - Rosie Buchalski

Nothing to report

Principal's Report - Lori Campos

A question was raised regarding the process for or opportunity for a brick being provided for alumni, specifically in the honor of a former student that passed away after graduation. PAWS does coordinate the purchasing and installation of the bricks along Tradition Trail for retirees and certain Tiger board members. Will have Mike Healy contact Maureen or Jen to discuss. Some recent discriminatory incidents with very few kids and the newsletter was to address this situation. Has been a mixture of grade level and targeted at individuals and groups of individuals. A restorative session was held with the individuals and those outcomes were positive. We've also, over the past few days, had about 20 kids shadowed by staff members for four (4) periods and will debrief with kids tomorrow during lunch and with staff on Monday. We are surveying the staff every afternoon and just surveyed staff again and those scores were very high with the staff feeling that they are valued. Continuing with "Cookies with Campos. Invitation to six kids and they can bring a friend and students have been communicating things feel happier this year. Cross county boys & girls at state this week. Swim & dive at sectionals this weekend. Freshman thankful tree was put up this week and the freshman filled the "leaves" with what they are thankful for at South. Instagram updates are ongoing. There is the principal Instagram which is focused on extracurricular and the WWSHS Instagram which provides classroom updates. AP Spanish Day of the Dead is in the art cases down the art hallway. Also been hosting "Coffee with Campos". Invitation goes to 25 students and their parents each month. Right now getting about 5 each time, meetings are in the mornings around 8:00. Potential to increase the invite list for more students/parents to attend.

New Business

- Library Book Thank You for Outgoing Board Members
PAWS is looking to purchase a book from the library wish list for "retiring" board members. Book will have a plate with a reference to the service by the respective PAWS board member.

Committee Reports

- PTA Council Delegate - Rosie reported for Alayne Fahrman
Nothing to report.
- Directory - Rosie reported for Chris Preede
Student directory has been rolled out to current Tiger PAWS members and disabled for anyone that didn't renew their membership. Next year, would be great to ask for spouse emails during membership access so they can also get access to the directory.
- Football Parking - Rosie reported for Mike Harbert
Nothing to report.
- Football Seating - Andrea Barrett
Nothing to report but Maureen did note from the Treasurer's report that we made three times what was budgeted.

- Sport Passes - Judi O'Connell
No report provided.
- Landscaping/Beautification - Rosie reported for Katie Potts & Jen Holstein
Fall planters were freshened up for Homecoming week, with Candyland lollipops!
Marquee sign was fixed, allowing planting to resume up front. Visited Prosek's garden center in Winfield. They are closing to the public, focusing on wholesale/school fundraising. We will qualify to order in bulk online, with tax exemption, which may be a great option for our planters moving forward. This week's frost and snow marked the end for many of the flowers, unfortunately. We plan to do a clean-up soon, in preparation for holiday planters during the week of Thanksgiving. A community member ordering a memorial brick expressed frustration that there was not an online option to order, or even a "donate" button on the PAWS website that wasn't marketed toward business sponsorships or parent membership. It probably is not often that individual community members reach out.
- Membership - Maureen McBeth
No report provided.
- Outdoor Concessions - Rosie reported for Tim Hertz
Presuming we made enough in sales this year to make up for last year's sales. The wifi is still an issue. Even though the hardware was updated it still doesn't work correctly.
- Tiger Merchandise - Catherine Glover, Molly Korb
No report provided but another order for \$5K has been placed.
- Seasonal Activity Programs (Fall, Winter) - Rosie reported for Kelly Styrkowicz
Winter sports pictures are scheduled for November 15.
- PAWS Sponsorships - Jen reported for Mike Harbert, Suzie Weber, & Sean McCumber
Since our last meeting we have added a new sponsor, JoJo's Shake Bar in Naperville is now a Tiger PAWS sponsor. Jen reported that they are also interested in fundraising activities for the school.
- Media Relations - Rosie reported for Whitney Fleming
Nothing to report.
- Mother Son Brunch - Jen reported for Michelle Winters
Wanted to know if there is a list of volunteers interested in helping out. Looking at dates, is there a school calendar to reference?

Old/Unfinished Business

- Tiger PAWS Bylaws and Standing Rules Review
Revised to open language to provide more flexibility and interpretation. Vote on approving the new bylaws will take place at the next general meeting.

Announcements

Next PAWS meeting February 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in this room.

Adjournment of Meeting: 7:50 p.m.