General In-Person Meeting
November 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
Minutes (Approved)

Welcome: President/Co-President

Call to Order: 7:02 p.m.

Attendance and Approval of Minutes: September 9, 2025, minutes approved

Officer Reports:
President Report - Jen Banowetz & Maureen Slaven
Great production of the play. The marching band will be performing in the Chicago Thanksgiving Day parade. Information in the newsletter and livestreaming on Pluto. Book donated

Vice President of Communications Report - Rachel Padron
Membership at 419. Expect another batch with winter sports starting. Chris did a great job updating our emails. Will be looking for a new chair for teacher appreciation. Event is in May during finals.

Vice President of Ways & Means Report - Mike Harbert.
Received additional checks to deposit and based on funding available should be able to fund all Fall allocation requests.

Secretary Report - Rosie Buchalski
Nothing to report.

Treasurer Report - Sridevi Mallu
Total Revenue as of October 31; does not account for income from all outdoor concessions. Membership estimating with this month's rollover about $30K. Well on par from what we have been processing.

Principal's Report - Lorie Campos
Great Veteran's Day event with morning flag raising. Many veterans stayed for multiple periods with event held as a Q&A session with Veterans on stage answering questions. We are doing a week of giving collection that will go to South family with clothing, perishables, and gift cards. Messaging went out to students and on Instagram. Future request to get information into the PAWS newsletter. Institute date was successful with spending the morning looking at how to have more engagement in classes. The afternoon was spent looking at Fall testing scores by classroom with teachers being

able to analyze the information and making changes. ACT scores will be used to calculate next year's school rating; formula set by the State and unclear on the formula. Current rating is Exemplary with information included in the November Principal's newsletter. Monday is Winter sports kick-off. Two swimmers headed to State tomorrow. Girls tennis state champions. Junior & Senior mentors did the thankful tree with freshman students; on display outside the counseling center.

Committee Reports

- Directory - Chris Preede
  Directoryspot email updates addressed under Communications.

- Father/Daughter Event - Leslie Chall & Alayne Fahrman
  Looking at Thursday, February 12 for the event. Event will be at the VFW in North Wheaton; going to look at the contract tomorrow. Still looking at Casino night format. Looking for help with planning and volunteers. Rachel will look at volunteer information. Prefer to have volunteer information after Thanksgiving.

- Football Parking - Mike Harbert
  Sold 107 spots and only 120 spots in the lot. Next year look to increase the parking fee based on the number of games. Should have about 100-110 spots next year and may consider limiting prepaid

- Beautification - Rosie Buchalski for Katie Potts & Jen Holstein
  Fall plantings will be pulled next week, and holiday decor for the main entrance planters will go in during Thanksgiving week. Special thanks to parent Cheryl Pagar who volunteered to help us keep up with waterings during the hot, dry fall.

- Media - Traci Kantowski
  Facebook in the last 28 8,093 views; added about 25 new followers. 29,259 views - 80% followers, 20% non-followers & 52% on stories, 48% on posts. Balanced content for athletics & activities with home activities and post-season events.

- Membership - Chris Preede
  Membership updates addressed under Communications.

- Outdoor Concessions - Tim Hertz
  For future looking into a new grill given age of current equipment. Bad day this past Saturday. Have extra pop and looking to get that stored. Volunteer coordination was difficult this year with many day-off sign-ups very limited.

- PAWS Scholarship - Rosie Buchalski for Julie Prestegaard
  Looking into options that we can utilized to track AI use for PAWS scholarship submissions to determine essays actually written by the students and not AI. Application to indicate essays should include specific personal experiences and time at South.

- Activity Program Chair - Rosie Buchalski for Kristi Macholl
  Fall program went live on October 14 and as of November 11 have 372 views, 23 downloads. Audience suggestion to share digitally with all coaches to get out to their athletes & families. Lori will also add in the December newsletter which goes out to all staff.

- Sports Passes - Judi O'Connell
  No report.

- Tiger Merchandise - Catherine Glover, Molly, Korb, Kathrine Nygren, Amy Stern
  No report.

- Website - Traci Kantowski
  Continuing to assess website content and format.

- WWPTA Council Delegate - Alayne Fahrman
  No report.

Old/Unfinished Business

- PAWS Bylaws & Standing Rules Review Committee - Rosie Buchalski
  Thanks to Traci & Amy for suggestions and input. Will be finalizing in the next few weeks based on suggestions and necessary updates.

- Pond Updates - Loir Campos
  Forest Preserve report provided to Lori. Root cause of the condition is high nutrient levels and condition this year due to hot, dry summer.

Announcements

Next PAWS meeting January 22, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the LLC

Adjournment of Meeting: 8:14 p.m.