General In-Person Meeting
September 5, 2024
Minutes (Approved)

Welcome: Jen Banowetz Co-President

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m.

Attendance and Approval of Minutes: April 4, 2024, minutes approved.

Officer Reports:
President Report - Maureen Slaven & Jen Banowetz
Welcome and thank you. We had a few of our big events. Freshman Orientation went very well and TigerFest went great. Thanks to our committee chairs returning chairs and new chairs

Vice President of Communications Report - Rachel Padron
- We have 395 memberships; 149 are non-sport; 261 sport passes.
- 11 newsletters have been sent this year and another one will go out tomorrow for homecoming stuff.

Vice President of Ways & Means' Report - Mike Herbert
- We have around $18K in sponsorships and still have a few sponsors to collect from.
- Opening up the grant process these are Fall requests paid with Spring funds; in the Spring we will receive requests for following Fall spend/budget. Lorie had a few questions about the grant process and possible changes to when requests are made and paid out.
- PAWS will table the grant allocation process and address potential change requests.

Secretary Report - nothing to report

Treasurer Report - Chris Preede
- We did really well last year and for this year's actuals we have not really spent a lot of money yet.
- Last year's actuals drove the budget for this year.
- We have increased PAWs Grants from $40K to $50K.
- PAWS scholarships will award $1K to 10 students; recipients must be a PAWS member to be eligible for scholarships.

- Lorie asked about the state championship signs along Tiger Trail and if that was something paid for by PAWS. Nothing in our files indicates PAWS has paid for these signs in the past but it is something we could consider. There was a motion to approve budget, motion seconded, proposed budget passed.

Principal's Report

- School year is off to a great start. Focus this year is "Believe and Belong".
- Survey staff again this year. Last year was every month and at end of year.
- Survey next week to 10th, 11th, & 12th graders with experiences that make them feel like they belong and what experiences make them feel like they don't belong.
- Institute day on Sept 27 will look at that data and information.
- Curriculum night was a huge success; added optional counselor sessions this year.
- Homecoming next week and we have an assembly tomorrow to kick-off Homecoming week. Student Council Exec board will introduce court and dress-up for theme days.
- 75 Juniors and Seniors mentors for Freshman; meet with them every week.
- Met with Mike Healy and discussed possibly doing TigerFest in Fall and Winter.
- Questions from Freshman and Sophomore families on why the change from the PSAT to the ACT. Change is due to decision by State not school/district. There will also be a comparable test for 7th & 8th.
- South will still give the PSAT for National Merit.

New Business

- HelloCollege Presentations - Rosie Buchalski
  Similar to the session held in February of this year, PAWs will be coordinating two sessions this year - one in the Fall geared towards the junior class and one in the Spring that would apply to students at all grade levels. We are coordinating with the counseling center to make sure there are no date overlaps.

Committee Reports

- TigerFest - Rosie reporting for Jim Knasel
  This year's TigerFest went smoothly and stayed on schedule. We made a few improvements from last year's event, and they were well-received. We'll be getting together on September 16 to review what went well and identify areas for improvement as we look ahead. I'll also work on getting an update on how we did financially with Spirit Wear sales, concessions, and the dunk tank.

- Freshman Orientation - Amy Rockett
  Was great; tweaked pizza math from last year. Didn't look like a lot of students there. Still had 20 pizzas left over. Lorie can look at Access attendance. Recommendation to not have a Freshman parent run the orientation since they need to participate in the event.

- Directory - Chris Preede

No update until end of September when we get the list from the District. Currently it is last year's people. Only accessible by PAWS members. PAWS in through the back and permitted/special through the front.

- Football Parking - Mike Harbert
  Game was well attended but low for parking. Next few weeks should be able to sell 20-30 passes.

- Sport Passes - Judi O'Connell
  Saved some costs this year with passes and not mailing as many out. A lot of people picked up passes at TigerFest. Next year will go to the Fall Sports night to hand out sports passes. Huge push at the beginning and trickle in since then. Only had to mail out about 25 passes. Were at the first football game but only handed out a few. Numbers are looking pretty good.

- Landscaping/Beautification - Rosie reporting for Katie Potts, Jen Holstein
  Six planters at the main entrance and football field were planted for start of school year and will be updated again for fall. Mums around the marquee entrance sign planted this week. For Tradition Trail, we have a new parent volunteer for brick installation, Tom Jablonski. Looking into options for signage where the trail starts at the main entrance, possibly large engraved landscape stone to increase familiarity/traffic. Considering advertising bricks again/ adding to the website. We have had several community members inquire about memorializing graduates that have passed, and there is no easy info for them to access. Lorie suggested adding solar lights along Tradition Trail.

- Membership - Maureen McBeth
  No report received. General information provided in Vice President of Communications report.

- Outdoor Concessions - Tim Hertz & Janelle
  Need to know if there any new sign-ups from curriculum night. Sign-up genius has been helpful with comms from newsletter. Good for tomorrow; Key club volunteers will not go through sign-up genius for future games. Amy Graham is looking to follow Janelle. Crumbl cookies are new this year. We have 120 for tomorrow's game. Had 96 for last week's game and sold out before halftime. Now working with Rosati's in Warrenville due to some issues in the past with Rosati's Wheaton. They should deliver the pizzas through Tiger Trail. Request for coordinating orders for football team

- Operation Safe Celebration (Post Prom) - Allison Ioli
  Main Event has been reserved already. Need to talk with North as they mentioned they might not be doing Main Event this year as they are doing an event at WhirlyBall.

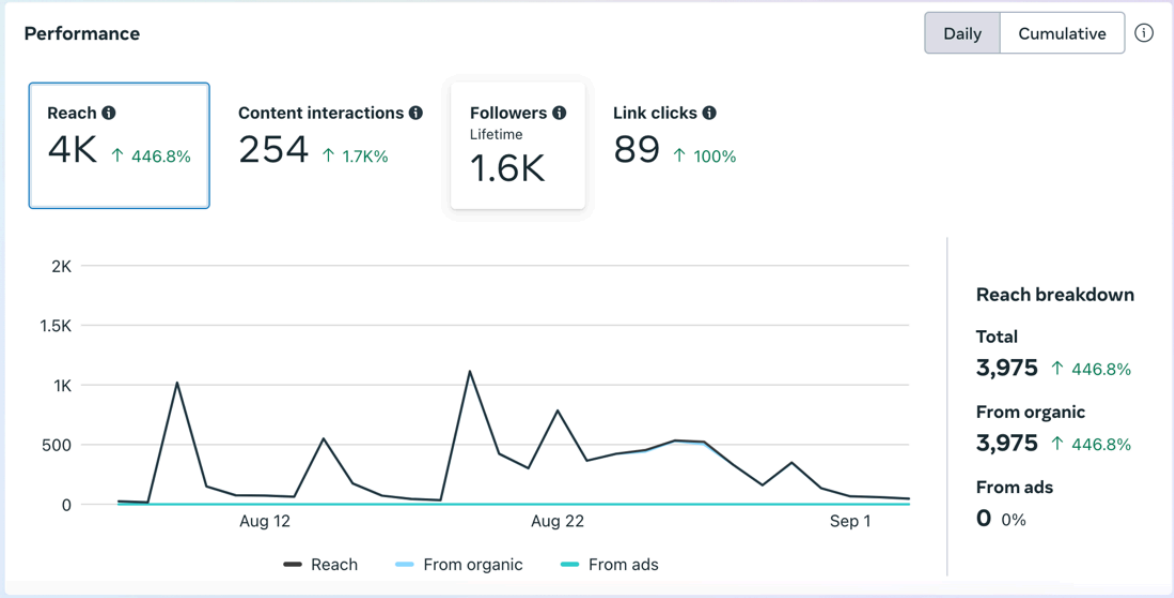
- P.E. Uniforms
  No report received.

- Tiger Merchandise - Catherine Glover reporting
  Spiritwear has had a great start to the year. We have some new fun products, such as the Hawaiian shirt and lots of new staples as well. In August, we had over $17,000 of sales, so a great way to kick off the year. We will have sales most Thursdays at lunchtime during Football season and then will be at every home football game. The online store continues to be a success and bring in great revenue. Traci Kantowski has been awesome at stepping in to help us with graphics for the website and weekly emails.

- Seasonal Activity Programs (Fall) - Rosie reporting for Kelly Styrkowicz
  Still waiting on pictures from day 2 from VIP. Once Lisa Stemple receives them, will finish the fall program. No print copies this year; program will only be available on-line and hope to have that out by the end of next week.

- PAWS Sponsorships - Suzie Weber, Sean McCumber

- Media Relations - Rosie reporting for Traci Kantowski
  Posting 3-5x a week to Instagram and Facebook, X is limited at this time. Analytic reports below – everything up right now—working on making that trend continue



- Website - Rosie reporting for Traci Kantowski
  Rolling volunteer opportunity page has been added to the website and will be updated regularly as volunteer opportunities are available/end. Committee chair info added as a sidebar to the committees page. Working closely with Tiger Wear to refresh look of online store. Still waiting on pictures from all Board members for the website and need new sponsors that need to be added. Looking to set-up

G4 Analytics (if we don't already have). Continuing to make updates to the website and plan to have a refreshed homepage by the end of September – goal is for it to better complement the newsletter

Old/Unfinished Business

- None

Announcements

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

Adjournment of Meeting: 8:11 p.m.