



**General In-Person Meeting
September 8, 2022
Minutes (Approved)**

Welcome: Jen Banowetz, Co-President

Call to Order: 7:04 with 17 attendees - 6 PAWS board members, WWS Principal, and 8 Committee Chairs. Quorum met.

Approval of Minutes: April 21, 2022, minutes approved.

Officer Reports:

President Report - Melanie Bottom/Jen Banowetz, Co-Presidents

Jen reported. Welcome new and returning committee chairs. Committee chairs need to be registered PAWS members. One of things changing is allocations, which is how we give out money and support the school. Last year we gave out \$42,423.16 of merchandise/supplemental materials for the school. Earlier this summer PAWS met with Mike Healy, Athletic Director, and one of the goals this year is to redo the fitness, a project that will benefit all students. Instead of having a lot of individual grants, because those needs have been met, they would like us to put money towards revamping the fitness center and wanted \$24,000.00 with the overall project costing over \$100,000.00 with money from Scott's budget and Mike's budget.

Vice President of Communication's Report - Maureen McBeth

Please send content for the newsletter, it does not have to be PAWS related can be anything South-related. Items from the newsletter are also parceled out into social media by our Committee Chair Whitney Fleming.

Vice President of Ways & Means' Report - Maureen Slaven

Jen discussed the creation of the Ways & Means board member starting in 2022-2023. Maureen mentioned one of the biggest responsibility for Ways & Means is sponsorship and we have a committee report coming up for that. Jen confirmed that all money fundraising related will go through Ways & Means.

Secretary Report - Rosie Buchalski

Nothing to report

Treasurer Report - Chris Pinne

Two financial handouts provided. The first says "Tiger's Paws Treasurer's Report" at the top and is the final report for the whole year last year. This report has 2021-2022

actuals and budgets through June 30 and the 2020-2021 actual column which was one of our COVID years. One of the interesting things about this versus the budget for this years is that last year we had five home games and this year we only have three. So there is an adjustment we made to the budget versus last year. On the "Tiger Paws Budget Report" is the 2022-2023 budget, and the 2021-2022 budget and actuals for some comparison. Allocations has become PAWS Grants. We changed the name and the way we are doing it a little bit. We will be having one chance a years for applications instead of two. For this year we raised the PAWS grants by \$10,000 because we knew we were already spending the \$24,000. The way this will work is we will still have our November PAWS grants application and process. When we have the second one at the end of the year, that is actually going to be applications to be spent the following year. This is our transition year and then going forward it will be the end of every year we get the applications, we will vote on them at the beginning of the following year and this will give the board a chance to put together a budget based on what's applied for. Chris moved to approve the proposed annual budget, it was seconded, and the vote was unanimous for approval of the 2021-2022 proposed budget.

Principal's Report

Scott reported that over the summer there were three major projects.

- Culinary Lab - Moving along great. There are a few things they are still fixing up but looks beautiful now.
- Track - Track was off the cycle they had predicted; were not planning on re-doing the track for four more year but with the holes and cracks needed to do now.
- Parking lot - Student lot was a disaster and the faculty lot had some pretty major craters. The gravel strike presented some issues and really proud we to the project done.

Homecoming will be in two weeks and the theme is East coast to West coast. Homecoming week is on a four-day week and events normally on Friday afternoon will be done on Thursday afternoon. The game is still on Friday and dance will still be on Saturday and the dance is back inside to the Orange & Black. Should start seeing stuff coming out Sunday. We do have 3 national merit semi-finalists but we can't share the names yet as that has not gone out. All of our fall season sports have begun. Band has their first competition at Lake Park this weekend. Fall show is next week on Saturday. We have 75 juniors and seniors that applied to be mentors for the freshman under the Tiger mentor program. Activity fair was today with freshman and sophomores getting a chance to see all the activities we have to offer. Last year 74% of all students were involved in at least one thing outside of the classroom. In the next two weeks students are going to take a survey call the "Trust and Adult" survey that will also include questions on what they are participating in this year. There are three football games this year. Oak Park River Forest dropped us from their schedule this year. The way this works is we engage in a two-year contract with schools for one home and one away. There was a chance we were going to St. Louis, a chance to go to Michigan but only team we could find to play us was a contract with CPS and playing Simeon. They will come here next year; the way the Chicago Public League works is if you back out of

a contract, they cancel your whole season so Simeon will come here next year. We will have five home games next year.

New Business

- Jen reported. Melanie had a conversation with Mike Healy about how PAWS contribute with a festival-type event the week prior to the first home football, during the football team's scrimmage that week before and highlight every fall sporting activity. We are brainstorming ideas and will circle back to Mike to let him know we can help.

Committee Reports

- Freshman Orientation - Melanie Bottom on behalf of Alli Ioli
Alli was not in attendance and a report was not provided. Melanie reported that PAWS supplied pizza which was ordered from Rosati's and we had a better ratio this year and great spirit wear turnout.
- Directory - Chris Preede
Chris reported we are in year 2 of the student directory online using the DirectorySpot tool. There is no change to the process from last year, we are just waiting on the student roster from district. That usually comes about three weeks after school starts and then it take a couple days to publish it. Information will go through the newsletter and have it published for about three consecutive weeks. Melanie reported that you have to be a PAWS member to get access to the directory but you do not have to be a member to have your information in the directory. We do not get updated information from the district for direct changes the information but Chris can make important updates and additions.
- Football Parking - Sarah Johnson on behalf of Mike Harbert
Maureen McBeth reported Mike has the parking passes and they are going out soon. Sarah is sending Mike the list tomorrow of those that have purchased the football parking passes and then he is going to get those in the mail. As of September 1 we have sold 45 parking passes at \$50 each so approximately \$2,100 in parking pass income. Typically start to cone off the parking pass area around 4. For this year parking used to be \$10 at the door, this year it is increasing to \$20 at the door so we are encouraging people to buy the passes. You can buy a parking pass at the door at the first home game.
- Premier Football Seating - Andrea Barrett
We have changed it up this year. It was a very complicated formula in years past. This year it is \$10 a seat for the whole season, three games this year, which does not include entry and you do not have to be a PAWS member to purchase. The seating will be roped off at the 50-yard line and you will get an exact seat this year. We have a total of 177 premium seats which include coaches seats and we have sold 128 making \$1,280 versus \$500 from last year. We anticipate this going up next year keeping the same model and the increase

in the number of games. The goal is pass some of them out tomorrow at the tailgate and to work with Mike Harbert to pass them out.

- Sport Passes - Judi O'Connell
Got the first person from membership on August 7 and ongoing from there. We've got about 214 households total, 404 adult passes and 111 kids passes and that's unlimited and actually 174 kids are accounted for. It is a little less than last year; last year we had 439 adults. Discussion for next year maybe using a different return address to indicate Tiger PAWS not just WWS.
- Beautification - Katie Potts
Planting was done in time for orientation. We have the planters by the front door, the football field, and the marquee. Janet is working on a volunteer sign-up to keep up with the watering and weeds. We have had some issues with vines and weeds taking over around the marquee so we might have some damage in the spring. Tradition trail we ordered five bricks over the summer awaiting on bricks to be shipped and installed. Melanie talked with Laura Wayne and she indicated Key Club can help with volunteers. When the bricks do come in, let PAWS board know as we thank the landscape company that does the installation.
- Membership - Sarah Johnson
As of September 1 we have 344 members. About 38% are member only and the other 62% are purchase with sports pass. Membership opened later this year on July 10. Numbers are really strong, levels up 10% from this time last year and even higher than September of 2019. Sports pass sales are a little bit lower this year. Family donation levels were rebranded this year to reflect the emphasis on the social emotional development of the students in the areas of scholarship, integrity, tradition, and commitments. We have 34 family donations and a thank you letter was sent to each of them asking them to approve how their name would appear in the fall activity program. Family patron donations are at about \$5,600 after paypal fees removed and the approximate membership income is about \$11,600. If you take all areas under the membership umbrella it is at about \$19,427 that PAWS gets to keep. Sarah has sent volunteer lists to Tiger Wear, Concessions, Beautification, and Football parking committees. A couple problems this year. Some users have indicated that Paypal was requiring them to create an account to complete their PAWS membership. Sarah did some test registrations and Paypal was requiring an account be created. Even though PAWS does not require this, Paypal fine print states they can override your preferences at any point in time. Also experiencing issues with Constant Contact for the membership platform. Anytime we do outside transactions, like adding teachers to your membership, sports pass, parking pass, it requires us to keep a manual separate spreadsheet and that information has to be manually added to any report created from Constant Contact. Chris Pinne confirmed we are looking at other options for membership.
- Outdoor Concessions - Tim Hertz

The last issue we had with the ice machine. That is resolved as we did buy an ice machine. Made some other changes as we also have TVs now for menus and we are working on an actual menu. Still issues with getting stuff. Got the Pepsi order today and about 1/3 was missing. Rhonda Shah mentioned the Costco Business Center near Midway which caters to businesses. Made some other changes, the school painted the outside nicely and there is a beverage cart to sell just drinks for \$2 cash only, no cards.

- Operation Safe Celebration (Post Prom) - Melanie Bottom on behalf of Janet Alman
Prom will be local this year. Operation Safe Celebration is actually its own separate nonprofit organization that just does after prom. Janet Alman is the South liaison as it is always worked in conjunction with North. The Fundraising goes into kitty, Falcons put their money in and PAWS puts our money in and we split half and half. Volunteer information will be sent out through newsletter.
- P.E. Uniforms - Jen Banowetz
Wheaton sports center handles and PAWS gets a cut which is about \$2,000. Uniforms were organized and labeled and handed out at South and we have added Wheaton Sports Center as an official sponsor.
- Tiger Merchandise - Molly Korb & Catherine Glover
Off to a great start this year. There is lots of new merchandise and lots of new logos. There will be a lunch sale every Thursday during the First semester. We have a website for online orders and by next Thursday it will be live. You can be ordered online and picked up during lunch sales or delivered for a small fee. Will also have some special merchandise just at Christmas time. Also working to make it so that every student at South has the opportunity to purchase spirit wear regardless of finances. Looking at ways to coordinate; North provides a certificate to students for them to use to purchase spirit wear. Molly & Catherine will check with Dawnelle on their devices and will let Chris Pinne know what they need ordered.
- Seasonal Activity Programs (Fall) - Kelly Styrkowicz
All proofing is done and can submit to the printer tomorrow for the first home game. We got 620 copies that will go to the students, coaches, and sponsors and included in that are 70 extra to put in all ticket booths. We do not have cheer in the Fall program as cheer did not take a photo. Looking to have Cheer in the winter program.
- PAWS Sponsorships - Maureen Slaven on behalf of Sean McCumber & Suzie Weber
We changed a couple things in our approach to sponsorship this year. We simplified our sponsorship levels down to 4. We did offer an online through Paypal opportunity, not just a check, and that was well received; majority went through Paypal. We had some feedback from the sponsors on the banners and

this year we are going to try leaving them up continually and will see what the weather does to them. As of right now with our projections we are about \$5,000 more in sponsorships than we had last year, we are looking at about \$16,500 in sponsorships.

- Media Relations - Whitney Fleming
Whitney was not in attendance. Nothing to report
- Website - Sue Zubek
Sue was not in attendance. Nothing to report.

Old/Unfinished Business

- Scott mentioned employment openings in both the District and at South. There are openings in the main office, athletics, and new opening as of this morning for registrar.
- Scott mentioned in the communication they will send out will be a link that gets you to the point of contact that will most quickly get you the information that you need. Send with every newsletter; recognize need. Have link Tigers may need in PAWS newsletter can add.
- Mother Son Brunch will be April 23
- Melanie mentioned we will also have father-daughter event this year. Sean McCumber will be the chair and no details available yet.

Announcements

Next PAWS meeting November 3 in this room.

Adjournment of Meeting: 8:28 pm.