



**General In-Person Meeting
September 12, 2023
Minutes (Proposed)**

Welcome: Jen Banowetz, Co-President

Called to order 7:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: April 20, 2023, minutes approved.

Officer Reports:

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

Welcome to our new principal, Lori Campos. We had our first TigerFest at the beginning of the year. This was an idea that Mike Healy came to us about last year and we were happy with this year's event.

Vice President of Ways & Means' Report - Rachel Padron

Newsletters have been going out one to two times a week. They will increase over the next few weeks as we get into another busy time with homecoming and parent-teacher conferences. Membership is looking good, we are about 20 below where we were at this time last year.

Vice President of Ways & Means' Report - Mike Harbert

We have \$17,500 committed in sponsorships and just under \$15,000 has been collected. This is a couple thousand up from last year. Estimates are about 30 corporate sponsors with many new sponsors including recent South grade and YouTuber "Luke the Notable". TigerFest was more profitable than we thought. We did have a debrief last week and a couple tweaks that we can enhance for next year. For next year we will be moving to all digital for the activity programs and keep it as a living breathing document throughout the year.

Treasurer Report - Chris Preede

Report is completed and all balances. The main difference between last year and this year is TigerFest so that is a new line item under the committee spending section. Everything else is based on actuals from last year that we rolled over into this year. We did make an adjustment because of football; we had three home games last year and this year there are five. Maureen Slaved moved to approve the budget; Rachel Padron seconded. Budget approved.

Secretary Report - Rosie Buchalski

Nothing to report

Principal's Report

Mike Healy, Athletic Director

Thank you to PAWS for the donation in 22-23 school year of approximately \$25,000 for the weight room giving us a lot more space for state-of-the art equipment which is perfect for PE and athletics. We also just got a new scoreboard in the Orange & Black gym which was another donation from PAWS. We are able to run things on there during timeouts, which could include sponsorship information. Possibly work with our sports marketing class to create files to run on the scoreboard. For this week's football game we are trying the GoFan option, which may help alleviate some lines. There is a fee for using GoFan and there will still be a cash option for tickets. There is also the SportsPass option that can be purchased with the PAWS membership.

Lori Campos, Principal

Great start to the school year. We just got the results back from a recent survey and it shows a 97% satisfaction this year which is up from results from the last few years. We had a great curriculum night with a great turn out and we got lots of feedback. Just started "Coffee with Campos" inviting about 20 parents randomly selected at all grade levels. Information was just sent out in a recent communication for Parent-teacher conferences which are September 27 and with sign-ups opening September 18th. News on our mentor program, this is our third year doing this program where upperclassman mentor freshman during first semester. All of our juniors from last year came back this year and from feedback received, 92% of the freshmen said they felt more acclimated to the school and part of Tiger Nation and what they could do and how to get involved. Also doing volunteer lunch and learns with the teachers and so far have had a huge turnout and that's been great. We just Signs of Suicide (SOS) first session today with half of seniors, Thursday will be with other half. It provides access to resources and helps students who may have thoughts of suicide and friends help their friends. Will do it again with Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors. Homecoming is next week and lots of fun things every night, the parade is Wednesday and then movie night. Tuesday night is Main Event and Thursday is the assembly.

New Business

- Tiger PAWS Bylaws and Standing Rules Review - Maureen Slaven.
This is something we go through in odd years. We take several weeks to review and update and will have virtual or in-person meetings to discuss changes. The existing bylaws will be sent to those doing the reviews, which includes the officers and anyone in general membership is also welcome to review and provide comments. If you are interested in reviewing please let us know after the meeting. At the general meeting in November the updated bylaws will be presented.

Committee Reports

- TigerFest - Jim Knasel
Really great group of people on the committee that did a great job. Overall went really well and turn out was better than we thought and we got some feedback

from students. There is a reflections meeting last week, things that went well and need to improve for next year.

- Freshman Orientation - Maureen reported for Rhonda Sha, Christy Waterman, and Julie Adams.
Overall it went well. They had a lot of pizza and bags leftover. There were a couple hundred freshmen that did not attend..
- Directory - Chris Preede
We should get the file at the end of September. Any new members will get an email from DirectorySpot. If you are an existing member it will refresh. We will communicate when its published through the newsletter
- Football Parking - Mike Harbert
First week kind of slow. With the membership purchases there were around 60 spots purchased and some given to coaches wives. There is room to make about \$450/500 with spots available. Parking is \$20 for one game, night of the game and pay cash.
- Football Seating - Maureen reported for Andrea Barrett.
Seating passes were handed out at the first game against Simeon.
- Sport Passes - Judi O'Connell
About the same as last year. We have 250 households that have bought family passes, 387 adults and 163 kids. Our costs for printing, stamping/sending is about \$233. We had some issues with mailing this year and will look at that for next year. We could possibly have a table at the fall athletic meeting or TigerFest to hand out. What about electronic sports passes?
- Landscaping/Beautification - Rosie reported on behalf of Katie Potts & Jen Holstein.
Planters were completed in August and have been updated periodically.
Switching to Fall plantings next week; possibly adding some Candyland decor.
Mums in the flower bed around the Marquee have been damaged-seems to be from construction work. Considering not investing in his area until the Marquee sign is fixed. Thanks for the increased budget this year! For Tradition Trail several bricks were installed over the summer. Anticipating a price increase with next order to \$24 per brick and \$7 per icon. Katie reached out to the community member who wanted a memorial brick for their brother but no response yet. Willing to facilitate this in addition to retirement orders. Jen reported while not part of beautification was a line item. Some of the football moms asked if we could sponsor their beautification for the stadium and they put all the flags ip and the Tiger emblem.
- Membership- Jen reported on behalf of Maureen McBeth
In line with last year. One membership change is that for any student applying for PAWS scholarships will need to be a PAWS member.
- Outdoor Concessions - Tim Hertz
We have a game this Friday. We have made a few price changes because of the cost of stuff. We have an opportunity on Sunday with 4 games for the Rams and we are struggling with volunteers for the Rams events. Sent a link to the sign up to the guy in charge of football for Rams for volunteers. Volunteer request will also be in the newsletter that goes out Thursday. Suggestion to also reach out to

the WWS football team varsity players and Rams families? First game starts at 1, last game starts at 5:30 with two time slots for shifts.

- Operation Safe Celebration - Chris reported for Janet Alman.
We do have a date for Prom, May 11, and we have again reserved Main Event. Prom will be local again and Janet is starting the planning process.
- P.E. Uniforms - Jen reporting on behalf of Michele Feely
We partner with Wheaton Sports Center and we get a % back.
- Tiger Merchandise - Catherine Glover
Only doing lunchtime sales on Thursday before Football games. Had sales at TigerFest and curriculum night and we have made \$15K so far. Fanny packs are back in stock.
- Seasonal Activity Program (Fall) - Kelly Styrkowicz reporting.
Fall program is done and it will go to print tomorrow. We are printing 625 with 595 to coaches and 30 going to sponsors. We also talked about going digital next year.
- PAWS Sponsorships - Mike Harbert
Discussed in Vice President report.
- Media Relations - Jen reported for Whiney Fleming
If anyone has anything to go out for your committees, send it to Rachel and parsed out to Whitney.
- Website - Sue Zubek
Some stuff on site is also in the newsletter. If you have anything you need posted, first send to Rachel and she will get it to Sue. The current site pictures are kind of old and maybe it could use a refresh? Get pictures from Lori for posting.

Old/Unfinished Business

- None

Announcements

Next PAWS meeting November 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in this room.

Adjournment of Meeting: meeting adjourned at 8.