

Sequoia High School PTSA
Association Meeting
April 10, 2012

Call to Order:

None since a quorum was not present.

The meeting was held in Room 50 following a brief session with ELAC in the MPR during which Margaret Marshall gave an overview of Measure W, a parcel measure for the June 5 ballot in Redwood City. Measure W would provide a consistent source of funding for the Redwood City Elementary school district, currently the lowest funded district in San Mateo County. The district, which feeds into Sequoia, has already made \$13 million in cuts over the last five years and could be forced to shorten the school year or go without vital services. She urged everyone to vote and to vote yes for Measure W. It would amount to a \$67/year increase; seniors can get an exemption.

Attendees: Shoko Barnes, Andrea Dierolf, Lisa Duncan, Rebecca Flynn, Alice Henderson, Betsy Parkhurst, Julie Self, Elisabeth Stitt, JoAnn Velayo, and Julie Willett

Committee Reports:

Spring mini-grants:

Rebecca Flynn reported that her appeal for donations raised \$2,000. This revenue and some additional help from the SHS Ed Foundation enabled her committee to fund all of the mini-grants. These grants will be used to purchase durable goods (science games, calculator batteries, autism diagnostic tool), benefit students in many different departments (foreign languages, Health Academy, AVID), and raise Sequoia's visibility in the community (History Bee, math contests).

Grad Activities:

Lisa Duncan reported that the distribution of the reusable bags lasted through the end of March. She needs to fill out a payment authorization form so that Doug can write a check to pay the bill. JoAnn will send a version of the form to Shoko for approval. Lisa can now focus on planning some restaurant fundraisers, and will also register for a booth at Hometown Days. Members of the Junior class need to decide on their grad night event by the end of this school year.

Junior Scholarships:

Elisabeth Stitt reported that she received 19 applications and her committee granted 9 of them scholarships.

As Historian, Elisabeth also reminded everyone of all the different occasions they have to record volunteer hours. Her report is due to the district soon. She will look into how VolunteerSpot and Jooners can automatically generate a report of volunteer hours.

Betsy Parkhurst, Secretary