

Sequoia High School PTSA
Association Meeting
February 7, 2012

Call to Order:

PTSA President Shoko Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm in Room 50 following a brief presentation by Principal Bonnie Hansen in the MPR.

Bonnie highlighted the upcoming visit from members of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). They will be at Sequoia from February 26-29 to reevaluate Sequoia's accreditation. Based on their recommendations of what our school does well and what we need to work on, they will give us a ranking of from one to six years until our next review. Bonnie requests that parents and students attend a reception for the WASC committee on Sunday, Feb. 26 from 4:30-6:30 in the SHS library to share their experiences at Sequoia. The WASC report will influence what the Sequoia staff will focus on improving and how colleges regard seniors who apply to their schools from Sequoia.

Attendees:

Shoko Barnes, Kristin Blake-Sanon, Lisa Duncan, Rebecca Flynn, Cindy Fovenyessy, Alice Henderson, Pat Krpan, Doug Massingill, Betsy Parkhurst, Suzanne Saluti, Elizabeth Softky, Elisabeth Stitt, and JoAnn Velayo

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the association meeting on November 1, 2011 were approved as emailed.

Statement of Account

Balance on hand as of November 1, 2011: \$19,790.96
Receipts totaling \$53,555.78
Disbursements totaling: \$46,918.20
Balance on hand as of January 31, 2012: \$24,098.21

Executive Board Report:

The executive board met on 1/24/12 to discuss the status of our budget, our bylaws, and our fundraising, scholarship, and mini-grant programs. We also appointed Suzanne Saluti to recruit a nominating committee.

Motions:

none

Summary:

- Shoko Barnes reported on the SUHS district meeting. Sequoia is already at capacity—there are currently 1963 students and enrollment is expected to increase in the coming years. The district has hired a consultant to look at the demographics, and is looking into converting the old wood shop (an historic building) into more classrooms. Funding is not expected to increase and we are drawing on our reserve every year.
- The California state PTA supports an initiative for the November ballot—Our Children, Our Future—and requests that individual chapters provide assistance. Alice Henderson volunteered to collect signatures.
- Representatives from Western Alliance of Schools and Colleges (WASC) will be here Feb. 26-29. Shoko asked for help preparing welcome baskets and cookies. Elizabeth Softky and Alice volunteered to prepare gift baskets. Elisabeth Stitt volunteered to create a Volunteer Spot sign-up sheet for cookies.

Treasurer's Report:

Doug Massingill distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report for:

- November 2011
- July 1 through November 30, 2011
- December 2011
- July 1 through December 30, 2011

Discussion ensued about whether we have enough money to fund Spring mini-grants. Rebecca Flynn needs to know by March 1. We can't know for sure until the audit is complete, but Doug will attempt to have a budget ready by our next executive meeting on February 13.

Committee Reports:

- Nominating Committee: Suzanne Saluti will recruit volunteers. Most of the current board is willing to continue in their current roles, except Doug whose son will be graduating and Rebecca who would like to switch to Treasurer.
- Junior Scholarships: Elisabeth Stitt reported that the process is moving forward. She has put out an announcement and set the deadline for applications to be March 22.
- Grad Activities: Suzanne Saluti reported that the class of 2012 is on track and continuing to raise money. Lisa Duncan reported that the class of 2013's reusable bag sale is off to a great start having raised \$200 so far (\$500 in sales).
- Spring mini-grants: This item was tabled.
- Communications: Rebecca Flynn is working on compiling a comprehensive list of email addresses for our new listserv. She is also investigating using Just Between Friends for all of our communication needs next year. We hope to replace the Sentinel with a weekly email message starting in the fall.
- Registration/Arena Check-in: Shoko reported that a meeting is being arranged with our compatriots at Menlo-Atherton High School regarding the use of a landing page with automatic opt-in tied to online registration. She also noted that Carlmont used eTapestry to implement their online shopping cart. We are still investigating the feasibility of integrating PTSA membership and other features into online registration versus holding an event on campus before the first day of school.
- Hometown Days: Shoko mentioned this fundraising opportunity again. The city of San Carlos still has not posted information on their website about registering for a booth.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Betsy Parkhurst, Secretary