

Sequoia High School PTSA  
Association Meeting  
May 1, 2012

**Call to Order:**

PTSA President Shoko Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm in Room 50 following a potluck dinner with ELAC and a brief presentation by Principal Bonnie Hansen in the MPR.

Bonnie thanked everyone for coming and apologized that she wasn't feeling well. She particularly called out Elvira and Shoko for their dedication in leading their respective groups this year. She was asked what foreign languages Sequoia will offer next year and replied that the choices will be Spanish and French since there wasn't enough interest to support offering German or Mandarin. She announced that online registration through Infinite Campus has begun and that computers and assistance were available during the meeting.

Barbara Morgan made an announcement that 146 graduating seniors at Sequoia are potentially eligible for the Seal of Biliteracy. California is the first state in the nation to offer this distinction. The criteria to qualify are to score a 4 or better on a World Language AP test and receive a high score on the English CST.

**Attendees:**

Sue Anderson, Shoko Barnes, Silvio Castrillo, Mike Claire, Andrea Dieroff, Lisa Duncan, Rebecca Flynn, Barbara Harpster, Beth Harrison, Alice Henderson, Gaby Knauth, Maeve Knoth, Pat Krpan, Cecilia Marquez, Elizabeth Noerdlinger, Betsy Parkhurst, Roni Patrone, Brenda Robinson, Suzanne Saluti, Elizabeth Softky, Elisabeth Stitt, JoAnn Velayo, and Julie Willett

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes from the association meetings on February 7, March 6, and April 10, 2012 were approved as distributed.

**Statement of Account**

Balance on hand as of February 29, 2012: \$26,971.45  
Receipts totaling \$1,875.16  
Disbursements totaling: \$5,799.60  
Balance on hand as of March 31, 2012: \$23,047.01

**Executive Board Report:**

None.

**Motions:**

Alice Henderson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2012.

**Approved**

Lisa Duncan made a motion to approve the Audit Report for the period 7/1/11 through 12/31/11.

**Approved**

Suzanne Saluti made a motion to approve the slate of officers as presented.

**Approved**

Gaby Knauth made a motion to approve the bylaws as amended.

**Approved**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Shoko Barnes presented the March report for Doug Massingill who was unable to attend the meeting.

## **Audit Results:**

JoAnn Velayo presented the audit report for July-December 2011. The mini-grant program will initiate our use of a check request form.

## **Additional Nominations and Voting:**

Alice Henderson presented the proposed slate of officers for next year. Gaby Knauth volunteered to fill the open position of First Vice-President in charge of special projects.

The approved slate of officers for the 2012-13 Sequoia PTSA are:

President: Shoko Barnes

Executive Vice-President: Alice Henderson

First Vice-President: Gaby Knauth

Treasurer: Rebecca Flynn

Secretary: Betsy Parkhurst

Financial Secretary: Pat Krpan

Auditor: JoAnn Velayo

Historian: Elisabeth Stitt

## **Summary of Bylaw Revisions and Vote to Adopt:**

Alice reported that the biggest change to our bylaws is the increased cost of membership from \$10 to \$15. This will offset the \$5 in dues we are currently paying per member to the district, state, and national PTAs.

## **Recognition of Parents Whose Last Child is Graduating from SHS:**

Alice crowned Shoko as the May Queen then presented a trophy to each PTSA member whose youngest child is currently a senior at SHS and thanked each parent for his or her involvement at our school. This year's honorees are Suzanne Saluti, Michelle Discher, Doug Massingill, Darcy Diaz, Linda Collery, and Susanne Baumhueter.

## **Other Business:**

- **End-of-year teach appreciation lunch**—Alice will follow up with Lynette Brydon.
- **College & Career Day**—Alice will follow up with Bonnie Hansen.
- **Communication**—This was the focus of the WASC report. Elizabeth Softky, Rebecca, and Betsy will work on a plan to implement a weekly e-newsletter using ConstantContact.
- **Freshman Orientation Day**—PTSA needs people to staff a table when we know the date.
- **Open volunteer positions**—We need to appoint a new Parliamentarian and a new Hospitality Chair. The Hospitality Chair will be responsible for organizing three parties the PTSA will have with ELAC: one in December 2012, one in May 2013 (end-of-year), and one in August 2013 (back-to-school).
- **Fundraising**—We need to finalize the new model for fundraising for graduation activities and recruit parents from each class to coordinate the fundraisers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Betsy Parkhurst, Secretary