

Sequoia High School PTSA
Association Meeting
November 6, 2012

Principal Bonnie Hansen started promptly at 7pm with a presentation in the MPR. She reported on the following activities:

- College Week: On Tuesday, October 16, 9th graders went on a field trip to visit one of eight different colleges. The next day, 10th and 11th graders took the PSAT during school while 9th and 12th graders worked on an assignment at home until lunchtime.
- Homecoming went well. The score of the football game was lopsided, but the kids had fun.
- The Sequoia girls' volleyball team is competing in the playoffs beginning tomorrow in Palo Alto.
- There are two important events taking place next Thursday, November 15.
 - The SLT/Site Council meets in the Tea Garden conference room at 4 pm. All are welcome to attend and speak at this meeting. They will vote on whether to adopt an all-school policy banning new assignments over school vacations (Thanksgiving, Winter, and Spring breaks). If adopted, Bonnie will recommend that this take effect for Winter break; it would not apply to IB classes during Spring break because of the IB exam schedule.
 - The Dream Club holds their annual dinner at 6 pm. This is their big fundraiser for the year. Tickets are \$5 for SHS parents and students.
- Cabaret runs November 16, 17, and 18. It is appropriate for everyone, but not recommended for children under 10 because of the political issues it deals with.
- There is no school on the Wednesday of Thanksgiving week, which makes both the students and teachers happy.

Shoko presented a mock check to Bonnie for \$69,232, which represents minimum wage (\$8/hour in San Mateo county) for the 8,654 volunteer hours that parents recorded last year. Bonnie thanked all of the volunteers for their efforts and dedication.

PTSA and ELAC then enjoyed a potluck dinner, giving both groups a chance to get to know each other.

Call to Order:

PTSA President Shoko Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:55 pm in Room 50.

Attendees: Sue Anderson, Shoko Barnes, Julie DiBona, Lisa Duncan, Rebecca Flynn, Donna Genardini, Alice Henderson, Cecelia Marquez, Bonnie Mattei, Betsy Parkhurst, Traci Polati, Brenda Robinson, Marie Salama, KJ Smith, Elisabeth Stitt, Kristine Westerlind, Julie Willett, and Rosie Yee

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes from the association meeting on October 2, 2012 were approved as presented.

Statement of Account:

Balance on hand as of Sept. 30 2012: \$29,457.85

Receipts totaling \$15,474.89

Disbursements totaling: \$1,593.82

Balance on hand as of Oct. 31, 2012: \$42,901.02

Ratified Checks:

1517 Dept. of Justice	Charitable Trust App #1462984 SHS PTSA	\$25.00
1518 Rebecca Flynn	Constant Contact fee	\$252.00
1519 17th District PTA	250 members plus insurance	\$1,199.00
1520 Shoko Barnes	mock check, sign holders, hose splitters for car wash, tags	\$28.40
1521 Sequoia High School	replaces voided check 1463 to Rebecca Rifenberg for mini-grant	\$400.00
1522 PTAEZ	annual subscription 10/20/12	\$269.00
1523 Janice Zatarain	Class of 2014 seat cushion expenses	\$320.42

Executive Board Report:

The executive board recommends approving the proposed international festival to be held on Saturday, May 25, 2013. Proceeds will be used for graduation activities. All organizations and clubs at Sequoia are invited to participate.

Motions:

Elisabeth Stitt made a motion to release the funds for the approved mini-grants.

Approved

Lisa Duncan made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for October 2012.

Approved

Lisa Duncan made a motion to ratify checks 1517 through 1523.

Approved

Alice Henderson made a motion to release approximately \$2,000 (Julie Willett estimates it will be \$1922.75) to pay the evergreens supplier.

Approved

Special Report:

Judy Romero, the director of the Sequoia Teen Resource Center, gave a short presentation on the Tobacco Use Prevention Education grant that Sequoia Union High School District recently received from the State of California. Judy is the Sequoia High School's site coordinator for administering the \$2,000 grant. She is seeking parents who are interested in joining the steering committee and attending two or three meetings over the next year. Her email address is jromero@seq.org and her extension is 6491.

PTSA Accomplishments:

Shoko reported the following accomplishments in October:

- Thirty-three mini-grant applications were submitted for a total of \$11,218. Twenty-three of them were funded for a total of \$4,875.42.
- Printed copies of the school directory have been distributed.
- Notes from the senior and junior class meetings are available on our website.

This Month:

- Entries for the Reflections art contest are due December 3 at 4 pm.
- There is a staff appreciation lunch on December 20 at 12:30 pm.

Treasurer's Report:

Rebecca Flynn presented a financial report from October 1, 2012 to October 31, 2012.

Status of Graduation Activities

2013: Lisa Duncan reported that things are rolling along. Football concessions have been very successful thanks to Rosie Yee and company. The direct appeal has resulted in \$2,200 so far. The reusable bag sale has only made \$500 so far. The Bingo event is coming up in the Spring, and they will get a cut from Honey Bear trees in December (two locations, no flyer necessary).

2014: Alice reported for Janice Zatarain that there has been a great response to the stadium cushions. They have sold 80 of the 100 initially ordered.

2015: Julie Willett predicted that evergreens could result in a \$1,700 profit.

2016: Alice reported that we are close to having a liaison for the freshman class.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Betsy Parkhurst, Secretary