

**Redwood HS Parent Teacher Student Association  
General Meeting Minutes, January 11, 2007**

**Presiding Board:** President: Linda Alm; Vice-President/ Parent Ed: Jeannie Perry; Treasurer: Marlene Foster, Parliamentarian: Suman Vyas; Auditor:Cindy Brown; Secretary: Jody Coker; all present.

Linda Alm, PTSA president called the meeting to order at 8:35 am

The minutes of the October 12, 2006 general meeting were approved as submitted.

**Officers' reports**

**President's report**

Linda introduced Doug Pickford, Finance Commissioner from the California State PTA who has been assisting our executive board recently.

First order of business was the dissolution of the old Redwood High School Parent-Teacher-Student Club which was disbanded in 1988 when we joined the National PTA, but was not officially dissolved.

Barbara Solomon made a motion to dissolve the old corporation and to transfer assets to the existing PTSA: "I, Barbara Solomon, move to wind up and dissolve the Redwood High School Parent-Teacher-Student Club, a California Corporation, and to deliver all assets to the Redwood High Parent Teacher Student Association, an unincorporated constituent organization of the California State PTA, contingent on approval of the California Attorney General and the Secretary of State."

Barbara noted that 30 day advanced written notice of this action item was given to the public and that we have well over the quorum of membership needed to vote on the motion.

Motion was seconded by Catherine Way. Motion passed unopposed.

Linda also noted:

There will be a presentation on the International Baccalaureate Program on January 23 in Kreps Hall.

Barbara Solomon is selling directories today after the meeting.

Deadline for the February Post is January 22.

flyers available at this meeting:

Emergency Preparedness brochures. Check out classes and information.

Parent University XI three dates, see MCOE for more info.

RocknRoll fundraising information.

**Vice-President I (Parent Ed) report**

Jeannie announced the PTSA parent ed. events she has scheduled:

January 11, today's meeting includes a presentation on the Gap Year

February 6, 7-8:30pm, An evening on *The Effect of Divorce on Teens*, presented by Dorie Rosenberg, marriage & family therapist and long-time teacher in the Tamalpais Union High School District.

March 8, after our morning meeting representatives from local law enforcement will be making a presentation and answering our questions about teens related to driving and law enforcement generally.

April 19, 7-8:30pm, **The Price of Privilege**, presented by clinical Psychologist and best-selling author Madeline Levine, Ph.D.

### **Treasurer's report**

Marlene is closing the old Club account and opening a new account for the PTSA. Doug Pickford mentioned we needed to vote on this change. Barbara Solomon made a motion to "close the Redwood High School Parent-Teacher-Student Club account at the Union Bank and transfer all assets to the new account for the Redwood High Parent Teacher Student Association at the Bank of the West." Motion was seconded by Suman Vyas. Motion passed unopposed.

### **Parliamentarian's report**

Suman reported that the nominating committee is starting this month for next year's board and committee positions. Jeannie Perry will head the nominating committee. Please call Jeannie to volunteer for open positions.

Our updated bylaws have been completed and sent to the state. We are waiting their approval.

Suman announced that Ginger McCormick found herself too busy to continue in her position on the Executive Board as Vice-President; she has resigned. The Board thanked Ginger for her efforts this year.

### **Principal's report**

Nancy Neu introduced Andrea Dawson the District liaison for the modernization projects. Together they presented plans for much of the modernization we can look forward to: new parking, new pool, new and second (mini) gym. This exciting information will also be in Nancy's next Post letter.

### **Committee Reports**

**ASB rep** Shirley Morrison talked about the new semester Leadership class. They hope to add a new spirit week to involve more students and are considering a fundraiser for the fight against Lukemia.

**Directory** Barbara Solomon is selling the directory today. Copies are \$10 each.

**Foundation and Escrip** Linda Alm encouraged everyone to support these two groups.

**Campus Improvement** Jean Von Berg next workparty will be Saturday, January 20. 9-12. Please come plant bulbs and bring tools and gloves. Kids can get double community service time by applying their parent's time. The work party schedule is in the Post.

**Rock n Roll** chairs Eladia Leddy and Laura Edwards presented plans for the party and asked for donations for the fundraising part of the party. They are looking for things to auction, corporate sponsorships and party food/beverage donations. The tickets will cost \$50.

Robin Moller, landscape architect and parent, presented initial plans for the project being funded. Plans are to remodel the Lunch Plaza outside the main building on campus. The kids use this area everyday to eat and visit. The plan is to resurface the space and add shaded eating and seating areas as well as landscaping. Improving this area would hopefully encourage students to stay on campus and out of their cars at lunchtime. Schematic estimates (preliminary) suggested \$250,000 would be needed to complete this project as currently planned. Robin is working with Ryan Powell and the Redwood staff. She expects the plan to change and there may be ways to offset some of the costs but the goal for now is based on these estimates.

**Monthly Staff Appreciation Drawing** Ann Gordon January drawing is next week and then they have another drawing just two weeks after so they will need donations for that drawing. They are looking for gift certificates, tickets, gift baskets, etc. Contact Peggy Bogason in the Principal's office to donate anytime. 945-3620 or [peggy@redwood.org](mailto:peggy@redwood.org)

**Substance Abuse Awareness Program** Barbara Solomon, check the flyers and info in the Post for upcoming events.

**New Business** No new business.

**Speaker** Carolie Sly from Dynamy spoke about the gap year; taking a year off between high school and college. Dynamy is sponsoring a *Gap Year Fair* on March 24 at Albany High School. More info on the fair

and Dynamy is available at [www.dynamy.org](http://www.dynamy.org). She also suggested reading the article *Time Out or Burn Out for the Next Generation* written by the William R. Fitzsimmons, Dean of Admissions, Harvard College, for more thoughts on the advantages of taking time off before college. (On the web at [http://www.admissions.college.harvard.edu/prospective/applying/time\\_off/timeoff.html](http://www.admissions.college.harvard.edu/prospective/applying/time_off/timeoff.html))

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

**Motions Passed at this meeting:**

- 1) To dissolve the Redwood High School Parent-Teacher-Student Club and to deliver all assets to the Redwood High Parent Teacher Student Association.
- 2) To close the Redwood High School Parent-Teacher-Student Club account at the Union Bank and transfer all assets to the new account for the Redwood High Parent Teacher Student Association at the Bank of the West.