

**REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING
MAY 10, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:48 a.m. by President Linda Alm. The minutes of the March 8 meeting were approved as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Staff Appreciation: Ann Gordon announced that there will be one more drawing. At the May 3 staff meeting 29 gifts were distributed. This year the committee has been able to bestow gifts upon every staff member, thanks to the generosity of the community.

Grad Night: Elaine Bengle reported that the committee continues to ask for gifts for the graduates; gift cards are particularly appreciated. Contact Nancy Polsky or Marsha Antipa to make donations. Please contact Ann Arabian or Barbara Solomon, staffing coordinators, to help with Grad Night.

Campus Improvement: Jean Von Berg announced that the final campus cleanup will be next Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to noon. The focus will be the amphitheater in preparation for the graduation ceremony. Jean introduced Lindy Flemming, who will lead the committee next year.

Rock and Roll for Redwood: Eladia Laines and Laura Edwards thanked their team members. The event was a success: 275 guests, a good band and a gross of \$126,000. Nan Foster presented thank you gifts to Eladia and Linda, and Pat Ravasio praised them for being inspirational. Pat played a video shown at Rock and Roll that highlights the need for a lunch plaza for our students. The net profit from Rock and Roll for Redwood was \$78,000. Linda Alm asked that this amount be directed to the Redwood High School Foundation for the lunch plaza. Ann Gordon made, and Scotty Spurzem seconded, the motion, which passed. Linda then asked that \$7,000 be released from the PTSA's surplus funds to the Foundation to develop the east parking lot entry. Ann Gordon made, and Jean Von Berg seconded, the motion, which passed. In addition to these funds, the Foundation is matching "Raise a Paddle" which raised another \$31,550 for the plaza. Parents may still purchase specially inscribed bricks for the plaza; information will be posted on the PTSA website.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Nancy Neu reported that State Superintendent of Schools Jack O'Connell called to tell her that Redwood has again qualified as a California Distinguished School. She explained that this is a huge honor and it is very difficult to qualify for the program. She will be traveling to Anaheim next week to accept the honor on Redwood's behalf. We will soon learn about our WASC accreditation. Members of the WASC team were highly complimentary to Redwood. Nancy thanked the many staff and parents who took part in preparing for the CDS and WASC visits. AP testing is going on now. Ten years ago 40 students took 80 exams; this year 364 students are taking 684 AP exams. STAR testing went well; the students took it seriously. New software for the school's attendance and grading is being installed; it should make scheduling easier. Nancy stated that the key to success of students is parent involvement. She loves working at Redwood and thanked the PTSA for a great year. She congratulated Linda on a successful year and thanked her for her hard work.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Linda thanked members for their dedication and commitment. She congratulated next year's executive board, headed by Barbara Solomon and Susan Miltner.

Vice President: Jeannie Perry is brainstorming for ideas for next year's Parent Ed. Possible topics include teenage stress and sports and family. Please contact Jeannie if you have a suggestion for a topic. As chair of the nominating committee, Jeannie announced that most committee positions are filled. Positions remaining to be filled are directory editor, directory ad sales team and website manager.

Parliamentarian: Syman Vyas announced that the new bylaws have been finished and approved by the State PTA Parliamentarian.

NEW BUSINESS: Julie Kastrup suggested that parents donate to the library books they have read in their book groups. Barbara Solomon announced two parent ed events in the community, this Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon in Kreps, "How To Get Your Child to be More Responsible" and on May 23 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Marin County Office of Education "Parents, Teens and the Law" where the Marin County Bar Association is presenting a program about the new County social host ordinance.

Linda announced that a number of parents will be leaving Redwood as their youngest children graduate. Words of praise and certificates of recognition were bestowed on Ann Arabian, Anita Bonneau, Sue Chelini, Gail DaMert, Julie Kastrup, Carol Kuhn, Peter Martin and Marianne Rafter, Linda Nation, Jerry Nezovich, Nancy Polsky and Jean Von Berg.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m. for a celebratory brunch.

Elaine Bengle, acting secretary