

**REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING
February 14, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by President Barbara Solomon. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as submitted. All Board members present.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Tish Borden reviewed the Profit and Loss sheet in detail. The Union Bank account is now closed. The West America account is the Grad Night account. Tish reminded us that the funds we allocated to the Lunch Plaza at our last meeting are still in the account so the balance looks higher than it should.

President: Barbara Solomon updated us on the lunch plaza campaign. The design phase is done and it should be going out to bid soon. The plan is to complete the project by graduation. Barbara thanked the committee who have worked so hard to make this happen including BJ Martin, Robin Moller, Eladia Leddy, and Laura Edwards. Redwood Rocks will raise most of the money for the project.

Barbara also updated us on drug and alcohol awareness programs and ongoing projects: *An Environmental Awareness Program* is being presented to freshmen and sophomores during P.E. by the Peer Resource kids, *Every Fifteen Minutes* for the juniors and seniors will be later in the year. Help is needed to coordinate food for the *Youth Leadership Institute Town Hall* event on March 19th and 20th, please contact Barbara if you would like to help.

Exec. Vice President Susan Miltner asked for volunteers for Grad Night set up and clean up. Please contact chairs Susan Mitchell 927-7177, soozem@comcast.net, Marlene Foster 924-8018 foster2073@comcast.net or Susan to help.

Vice President/Parent Ed Today's meeting will be a panel of ideas for summer, the March 6 meeting will be a law enforcement panel, back by popular demand. Jeannie is scheduling an evening presentation called *Prom Partying and the Law* for April. Jeannie reminded us the Social Host Ordinance is under discussion in many of our towns. She encouraged members to get involved in the discussion.

Parliamentarian: Nora Kovach is organizing the nominating committee for next year's PTSA. Jean Suliteaneu, Tish Borden, Susan Miltner, Jody Coker and Danelle Leong were submitted for the committee. Elaine Bengle moves to elect the nominating committee, Laura Edwards seconds, and the motion passes unopposed.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT/Principal: Nancy Neu reported many "things going on" on campus including an assembly today and Homeless Teen presentations made to many classes. The presentations generated good discussions of non-profit resources and the realities of homelessness.

The last few weeks were very hard for everyone after the loss of a student to suicide. The administration is helping kids talk and share with each other and with parents. Other things have surfaced in the discussions and the administration is paying attention. Members in the audience expressed admiration for the way the administration has responded and, specifically, for the letter that went out to parents. Nancy said she has learned a lot about what can and should be done. When asked about trends or signs generally and in this case, Principal Neu noted the tremendous pressure on our kids. She mentioned time management and parent support as key. She suggested parents help prepare kids with ideas for escape plans for peer pressure situations: A fake stomach ache to get out of a situation or parents waiting a few blocks away to give the child support. Members asked if the district couldn't

help alleviate some of the pressure by limiting the numbers of AP classes a student can take but Nancy felt that would handicap students in their college applications.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Redwood Rocks: Eladia Leddy and Laura Edwards remind everyone that our fundraiser is only 5 weeks away, march 29. They will have the same band as last year and are encouraging people to dress in costume. They have some wonderful parties lined up for auction, but are low on auction items and ask anyone who has something to contribute to donate asap.

Staff Appreciation: Last week 27 gifts were given to the staff at the drawing. March 6 is the next drawing. Please give donations to Ann Gordon or Susan Livingston.

Campus Improvement: Beautiful things are happening on campus. A work party is coming up on the 2nd Saturday in March. Kids get double the community service credit if their parents work with them.

Foundation: Elaine Bengle put in a plug for the foundation: Please donate if you haven't already.

New business: Bonnie Gosler from the Corte Madera library wants everyone to know that the library has a teen area that includes prep books for SATs, etc. They offer homework help during the school year and have a teen summer reading program in the summer.

Thanks to Kappy Reed for today's beautiful treats.

Meeting adjourned 9:08

Next meeting March 6, Kreps Hall, 8:30 a.m.

Followed by a Panel of law enforcement agencies talking about teens and the law.