

**REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING
November 8, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by President Barbara Solomon. The minutes of the October 11 meeting were approved with corrections. All Board members present.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Tish Borden reviewed the Profit and Loss sheet and the current balance in our accounts. Revenue from membership is over what was projected by \$3,380.00. In reviewing the records Tish found a discrepancy in the transactions for the 06-07 year. She researched and cleared up all accounts so all the information presented is up to date and correct. \$9000 has been left in the West America account for Grad Night 2008 as seed money. The surplus of \$2273.02 was transferred to our main Bank of the West account.

President: Barbara spoke of the planned parent ed. activities and presentations available in November throughout the county. She presented thank you letters received by the PTSA from the Grad Night 2007 committee, Phoenix Academy, and The MCOE (Marin County Office of Education--for Phoenix Academy) for our support of their programs. The Youth Film Festival sponsored by the Lark Theater is accepting entries and Barbara encouraged parents of interested students to find out more about it. The Social Host Ordinance is being discussed and in some cases implemented around the county. Barbara is looking for volunteers to create and make presentations related to Social Host Ordinance and Drug & Alcohol Awareness. A notice was received from the county about charter bus services and possible illicit activity related to them. They suggest parents be very informed and aware of the companies they and their children are using.

Vice President/Parent Ed Jeannie Perry mentioned the Parent University put on by the MCOE will be held at Redwood in February. The theme will be *Negotiating Your Child Through the Risks of Adolescence*. Today's meeting will be followed by a presentation by local therapist Brenda Bercun on *Understanding Teenage Boys*. A program on *Understanding Teenage Girls* will be at the January 10 meeting. The February 14, 2008 meeting will be a panel of ideas for Summer Camps and Internships. The March 6 meeting will be a law enforcement panel. Later in the year Jeannie is scheduling an evening presentation called *Prom Partying and the Law*.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT/Principal: Nancy Neu reported on a successful homecoming dance, one of the largest ever with 936 students attending. Only one suspension related to a student arriving at the dance under the influence. This year the administration is working through some logistics to make the dances smoother to run and more fun for everyone. The decorations were adorable. 1500 bottles of water were provided along with cookies and Halloween candy. Alternative activities were available including airbrush tattoos, artist sketches and a photo booth. Many kids were dressed up; more than in the past. Nancy believes various memos that went out before the dance about appropriate behavior were effective. Notices to parents went out by USmail as well as email because of some glitches in the new database system. Nancy heard of a new policy for some limousine services she wants parents to be aware of. Students are required to sign a contract agreeing to no alcohol or drug use. What is new: if students break the contract the drivers are being told they can leave the passengers (students) wherever they are in whatever condition they are in.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Directory: Directories are out!! Software problems caused the delay and the Directory team worked very hard to complete it in this time.

Staff Appreciation: 42 gifts were given out in October. There will be a drawing today (November 8) and another one on December 6. Please give donations to Ann Gordon or Susan Livingston.

Rock n Roll: The party is March 29, 2008. First meeting was November 7. Eladia Leddy and Laura Edward are looking for donations and sponsors as well as volunteers. Lunch Plaza coming along. Hoping to have it done for graduation.

Thanks to Kappy Reed for today's beautiful treats.

Meeting adjourned 9:15

Next meeting January 10, Kreps Hall, 8:30 a.m.

Followed by the program *Understanding Teenage Girls*