

**REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL  
PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING  
September 4, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER: President Susan Miltner called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.**

The minutes of the May 2008 meeting were approved as submitted. Susan welcomed everyone and introduced the new PTSA board for 2008-2009 school year. Vice President (Parent Ed) Marinda Lobo; Vice President (Drug and Alcohol Awareness) Susan Morrow; Treasurer Tish Borden; Secretary Cammie Hinshaw; Auditor Rita Dulebohn; Parliamentarian Nora Kovach.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Tish Borden reviewed the Profit and Loss and Budget Overview. The Budget for 2008-2009 was approved with the following changes: Directory Sponsorship \$22,000 (was \$25,000), Grad Night Donation of \$500 to be removed, and Grad Night income/expense will be budgeted using the 2008 figures. Presently, all PTSA accounts total \$51,832.94

*The meeting was suspended to allow for presentations from: Beau Shaw, ASB Pres. who updated the attendees on the most recent events, including the opening of school for the 2008-2009 school year. Twin Cities Police Officers Michael McDuffee, Todd Cusimano and Toby Miller gave a presentation on the poor conditions of the present Twin Cities Police Station and the Bond measure coming up on the November Ballot to build a new station and provide our reach-out programs to the community. Tamalpais District Superintendent, Dr. Laurie Kimbrel introduced herself and noted that the Tamalpais District Board had approved a resolution to support the Bond Measure for the new Police Station. Nancy Neu welcomed and thanked everyone for his or her attendance and support.*

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT/Principal:** LaSandra White, one of three Assistant Principals at Redwood, gave a report in lieu of Nancy Neu who was attending another meeting. LaSandra reported that the enrollment is down somewhat from last year, and gave the following breakdown of classes: Freshman: 351, Sophomore: 386, Junior: 354 and Senior: 346. Average class size (overall) is 26-27/class, with the exception of four sections where the class size is over 30. Nancy felt that the opening of school went smoothly and that the present improvement projects, though the pool and gym are delayed for completion until late 2008, were going well.


**President:** Thanked everyone for their attendance and reported that 240 families have joined the PTSA thus far. Susan encouraged everyone to put adds in the Directory.

**Vice President:** Susan Morrow gave an update on the Drug & Alcohol Awareness program. There will be an event on Nov. 13, at 8:30-9:15 am for parents and 9:30-10:30 am for the entire student body. The program will be about drunk driving. Susan also reported that she was working on a program to have intimate in-home coffees with parents of other schools to talk about drug and alcohol awareness.

**Vice President:** Marinda Lobo outlined the following educational events and dates: Oct. 2 - Gary Najarian speaking on "Teen drinking is not inevitable". He is the Coordinator for Marin County alcohol, drug & tobacco prevention; Oct. 23 - Peg Tyre, Senior Writer for Newsweek & author of "The trouble with boys: A surprising report card on our sons, their schools & their lives". [www.pegtyre.com](http://www.pegtyre.com) (Co-sponsoring with Hall Middle school & possibly other local schools); Jan. 8 - "Summer Opportunities" Nancy Westreich from School to Career liaison &

other speakers to be confirmed; Feb 12 - Tim Cermak, local psychiatrist speaking on “ The Developing Adolescent Brain”; March 12 - Joannie Gillispie speaking on the topic of cyberbullying; March 26 - Denise Pope speaking on the topic of “Stressed-out- Students”. She heads up Stanford’s SOS project - a research & intervention project that seeks to address problems associated with academic stress; and April 2 - Twin City Police give a 2 part presentation. 1. Geared towards juniors & seniors on driving, traffic control & safety. 2. Samples of drugs to check out. Undercover cop & their work.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Grad Night:** Elaine Bengle announced an informal event  Nancy Neu on Oct. 1, 5:30-7:00 pm for Parents of Seniors.

**Harvest Moon:** Cindy Brown announced the events date of September 13, \$75/person that she is hosting at her home. All proceeds go to PTSA programs.


**Staff Appreciation:** Anne Doyle already has 5 gifts thus far, with a few left from last year. She would like to start the drawings prior to the usual Nov. 6 meeting. She asked that more donations be made.

**Campus Improvement:** First work party is September 13.

**The Post:** Lauren Howard, Editor, announced that the deadline to submit information for publication is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. The September issue will be mailed out, but from then on the Post will be on-line with the exception of those people who specifically requested mailed copies.

**Alumni and Brick Plaza Event:** On September 10 @ lunch time (11:00AM), there will be a Ribbon Cutting ceremony to celebrate not only Redwoods 50 years, but the new lunch plaza. Redwoods first Principal, Mr. Kreps, should be in attendance, as well as teachers from that first year.

**Sequoians:** Lisa Davoren and Debbie Fisher introduced themselves and asked for volunteers to take over their positions. They are both parents of seniors. The Sequoians keep track of all of the Honor Societies, the applications related to them and a database of those students who have submitted applications and what honor societies they are in.

**ACTION ITEM:** Susan Miltner asked that a vote be taken to pass a resolution of support for the new Twin Cities Police Station and Bond Measure to pay for it. The vote was  unanimously approved.

*The meeting was suspended to allow for a presentation from Paula Vantrease who talked about the College and Career Center. She outlined that it is a resource for both students and parents. Open 7:30am-4:00pm weekdays. She encouraged all parents and students to sign up for PREP HQ to get all of the most up-to-date information about scholarships, college rep visitations, etc.*

Meeting adjourned 10:18am.