

Palisades Charter High School Booster Club, Inc.

A California Non-Profit, Non-Stock Corporation

Minutes for February 26, 2019 General Membership Meeting PCHS Library

- 1) **Welcome and Call to Order** – Booster Club President, Dick Held, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
 - a) Welcome and thanks. Welcome everyone. We are looking forward to a great Auction and Party on March 16 at Tiato in Santa Monica.
 - b) Board Members present: Dick Held (President), Doroithianne Carr (Treasurer), Sylvia Karlan (Secretary), Robin Weitz (VP Fund Raising), Ivy Greene (VP Communications), Andrea King, Diane Gross, Annette Yu, Kim Lee, Sheri Sharpe, Daphne Gronich, Rene Rodman, Audrey Thompson-Plager, Nooshin Noghreian.
 - c) Introduction of all those present
- 2) **Secretary's Report** – Booster Club Secretary, Sylvia Karlan, reported that at the January 22, 2019 Board meeting, the BC funded \$24,731 to DECA (\$4,250), VEI (\$2,800 – this was a reallocation of funds previously granted but not actually expended), Self-Defense Class for 7th Period (\$3,000), 9th Grade Drama Pod (\$2,031), Study/Skills Intervention (\$1,600), Boys Soccer (\$1,100) and Lacrosse-Varsity/JV Boys and Varsity Girls (\$9,950). Report and Minutes of January 22, 2019 general membership meeting unanimously confirmed.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** – Booster Club Treasurer, Doroithianne Carr, reported that BC has received a total of \$196,472.99 in unrestricted donations FY to date and has funded a total of \$127,882.11 FY to date. BC has on-hand \$135,703.28 in unencumbered funds, which does not include monies previously set aside for the Gateway project. Report unanimously confirmed.
- 4) **Old Business** -
 - a) **Hydration Stations (drinking fountains)** – No update, new drinking fountains are still awaiting installation.
- 5) **New Business** –
 - a. **Revised Booster Club Website** – John Viera reported on the newly revised website, found at: www.palibooster.com and www.palihighboosterclub.com

Both addresses will take the user to the same page and demonstrated how to access uploaded files referenced by the grant request forms. All BC Board members should now be receiving copies of the grant requests automatically, without need of Secretary to forward each grant request. The site is mobile friendly, including being able to upload documents. John offered to work with anyone who had further questions on use of the website.

- b. **Booster Club Auction/Party** - Ivy Greene (VP Communications) reported on the status of the annual Booster Club Auction/Party on March 16, 2019 at Tiato.
 - 1. **WE STILL NEED ITEMS FOR THE AUCTION!!!** Go to palihigh.org/auction to donate items online, to bid on items, and to buy tickets for teachers.
 - 2. **Ticket Prices** – \$125 per person, you can also sponsor a teacher. Please purchase your tickets, be a sponsor of the event or a teacher, and come have fun.

- c. **New Bid for Gateway Project**: We received a new bid from American Heritage Landscape in the amount of \$105,460 (its previous bid of \$84,000 did not include certain required items). BC previously approved and allocated \$115,000 in funds towards Gateway.
 - 1. BC will now move forward with the project. BC has agreed to approve *up to the amount of the \$105,460 bid, but no more*, for Gateway. PCHS still needs to sign the bid, and BC will make PCHS aware of the \$105,460 funding limitation.
 - 2. Update re \$25,000 donation to Gateway that donor subsequently redirected to Basketball due to Gateway project's delays: Basketball coach submitted list of requested items, totaling \$13,416. The balance of \$11,584 will be redirected back to the Gateway project.

- d. **Grant from American Legion (\$20,000)** – Daphne Gronich reported that BC has submitted its grant application for \$20,000 to Legion Post 283, intending to use the funds to upgrade the audio system on the Quad. This is different from the in-classroom sound system, which would require substantially more funds to upgrade. American Legion will present the \$20,000 check to BC at the Annual Party/Auction.

- e. **Grant from Masons (\$5,000)** –Daphne reported that BC has submitted its grant application for \$5,000 to Santa Monica-Palisades Masons, intending to use the funds for Council/CircleWays training for students. BC has not yet received the check.

Funding Requests:

- a) **Model United Nations** – Caleb Crain is requesting \$500 for 20 students to attend a conference at USC on March 30-31, 2019 for the Model United Nations. Approved.

- a. **Amount Requested: \$500**
- b. **Amount Funded: \$500**

- b) **Physics Field Trip** - Dave Schalek is requesting up to \$4,400 for the physics field trip to Six Flags Magic Mountain, to benefit 167 students. Total cost of the trip is approximately \$8,800; he will raise as much as possible from students and parents but will need up to half supplemented by BC. Funds sought will cover admission to park (\$6,179 = \$37 per ticket x 167), 4 buses (\$2,400), and substitute coverage for two teachers (\$250). Approved.

- a. **Amount Requested: \$4,400**
- b. **Amount Funded: \$4,400**

- c) **Girls Who Build Club** - Emily Glenn is requesting \$300 to purchase Arduino and Smart Citizen starter kits and “particulate matter laser light sensors,” used to detect and measure the pollutants in the air, to benefit 37 students, for the Girls Who Build Club (open also to any boys who wish to join). The Girls Who Build Club uses engineering and science to solve real world issues. *Deferred until next meeting.*

- a. **Amount Requested: \$300**
- b. **Amount Funded: \$0**

- d) **Academic Decathlon** – Joel Jimenez is requesting \$4,000 for the Academic Decathlon State Competition on March 21-24, 2019 in Sacramento, to benefit 9 students for the conference. The requested funds will pay for airfare to Sacramento, transportation around Sacramento and food over several days. air fare for 9 students and 2 adults is \$145/ ticket (11 x \$145 = \$1,600) plus Dr. Lee’s RT ticket which will be extra. Balance of approximately \$2,200 goes towards transportation to schools hosting competition, to Costco to purchase food, and for meals. (\$2,200 / 5 days = \$40 per person, per day for 11 people). PCHS has funded the costs for the hotel, registration fees and substitute teacher (totaling \$5,500). Approved.

- a. **Amount Requested: \$4,000**
- b. **Amount Funded: \$4,000**

- e) **Science** – Karen Perkins and Rick Woodward are requesting \$1,882.10 for them to attend the CUE Conference (Computer Using Educators) in Palm Springs on

March 14, 2019, to benefit 400 students, where the teachers will learn “new tech approaches to reaching students” including “virtual dissection.” Hotel is \$150 per night per hotel room, registration is \$341 per person. Approved.

- a. **Amount Requested: \$1,882.10**
- b. **Amount Funded: \$1,882.10**

f) **Moot Court Team** – Eli Safaie-Kia is requesting \$5,500 (amended from original request of \$6,242) to benefit 16 students who will attend the annual national competition on Constitutional law at Princeton University on April 26-27, 2019. The request is for the “general costs” of the trip; the students have raised \$6,750, enough to pay for airfare for 14 of the 16 attending students. A complete breakdown of costs is included on an uploaded budget. Approved.

- a. **Amount Requested: \$6,242 AMENDED TO \$5,500**
- b. **Amount Funded: \$5,500**

g) **Chess Club** –Joshua Yasharel, student and president of the Chess Club, is requesting approximately \$100 to pay for 5 new chess boards so more students can play during Club meetings. Attendance is up from 12 to now 30 players. Each chess board is listed for \$16.99 on Amazon. Approved.

- a. **Amount Requested: approximately \$100**
- b. **Amount Funded: \$100**

h) **Envirothon** - Steve Engelmann is requesting \$550 for the California State Envirothon 2019 competition on March 2, 2019. Five teams of 28 students plus two adults will attend. The funds are to cover the cost of \$30 per student plus rental of vans for transportation. Students have raised \$400 at the farmers’ market and \$150 from parent donations. \$1,100 total cost, asking for half.

- a. **Amount Requested: \$550**
- b. **Amount Funded: \$550**

<u>TOTAL REQUESTS:</u>	\$17,232.10
<u>TOTAL FUNDED:</u>	\$16,932.10

1. **Next Booster Club Meeting** – The next Booster Club general membership meeting will be Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.
2. **Adjournment** – Thank you all for attending. Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Dick and the Booster Club team