

Palisades Charter High School Booster Club, Inc.

A California Non-Profit, Non-Stock Corporation

Minutes for March 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 had a fun Auction and Party on March 16 at Tiato in Santa Monica. Thank you to the Auction team for a great event!
 - 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, Sheri Sharpe, Daphne Gronich, Rene Rodman, Audrey Thompson-Plager. Additional Booster Club members are identified in the attendance sheets referenced and incorporated hereto, located in the Corporate Minutes book.
 - c) **Introduction of all those present**
- 2) **Secretary's Report** – Booster Club Secretary Sylvia Karlan reported that at the February 26, 2019 Board meeting, the BC funded a total of \$16,932.10: Model United Nations (\$500), Physics field trip (\$4,400), Academic Decathlon (\$4,000), Science – Computers Using Educator conference (\$1,882.10), Moot Court Team (\$5,500), Chess Club (\$100), and Envirothon (\$550). Report and Minutes of February 26, 2019 Board meeting unanimously confirmed.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** – Booster Club Treasurer Doroithianne Carr reported that BC has received a total of \$220,242.99 in unrestricted donations FY to date. BC has collected a total of \$68,437 from the silent auction, and an additional approximately \$20,000 remains to be collected. Expenses for Tiato were \$23,415.78 and the net proceeds were approximately \$45,022. Report unanimously confirmed.
- 4) **Old Business** -
 - a) **Hydration Stations (drinking fountains)** – No substantive update on status of new drinking fountains. They are still waiting installation.
 - b) **Booster Club Auction/Party** - Ivy Greene (VP Communications) will report in greater detail about the results of the annual BC Auction/Party at our next meeting.

- i) Amount raised: See Treasurer's Report, above.
 - ii) Other remarks: Should we look for a new venue for next year's auction/party? Tiato's cost was over \$20,000. Suggestions of possible venues include the Women's' Club and the Luxe on Sunset.
- c) **Gateway Project Update** – PCHS has asked BC to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) prior to commencement of the work by American Landscape. BC has hired Marnie Cody, Esq. in connection with the MOU. A copy of the Engagement Letter between BC and Marnie Cody, dated March 27, 2019, can be found in the Corporate Minutes book.
- 5) **New Business** –
- a. **Envelope stuffing for 2019-2020 school year:** Robin Weitz reported that she is working with the PCHS Attendance Office to include BC information in the annual mailing to all students. Letter stuffing will begin approximately July 15, 2019 and last several days. Please come and volunteer to stuff envelopes.
 - b. **Paraprofessionals** – Paraprofessionals provide extra help, tutoring in the math classrooms. Several students stated how helpful the paraprofessionals are. Robert Renee has pledged \$10,000 to fund math paraprofessionals.
 - c. **Scholarships** – Andrea King raised the issue of BC's scholarships to seniors and/or juniors.
 - d. **Booster Club Year-End Party** - We have not yet picked a date or location. Possible dates include Tuesday May 21 or May 28 - others? We are looking for a volunteer to host the party at his or her home. Both date and location TBD.
- 6) **Funding Requests** -
- a) **ASB Leadership** – Hollie McRae is requesting \$427.89 for a button-making machine; ASB sells the buttons to students at school events for fun and as a fundraising tool for ASB, to benefit 3,000 students. Approved.
 - a. **Amount Requested: \$427.89**
 - b. **Amount Funded: \$427.89**
 - b) **Senior Class** – John Rauschuber is requesting \$6,000 for the Senior Class End of Year Activities: scholarships for Grad Night on May 31 at California Adventure

theme park for students on the free/reduced lunch program (\$3,000), and for food for the Senior Picnic on May 24 (\$3,000). Approved.

- a. **Amount Requested: \$6,000**
- b. **Amount Funded: \$6,000**

c) **Concert Choir Tour** – Jaco Wong is requesting \$4,600 to benefit 45 students for their 2019 concert tour to the San Francisco Bay Area in May. The Choir will perform at Pier 39, at a free concert in Concord and at a residential facility for abused and neglected kids and will also do a service project. Total cost of trip is approximately \$13,000 based on past years' experience. Approved.

- a. **Amount Requested: \$4,600**
- b. **Amount Funded: \$4,600**

d) **Quad Audio System/Speakers Upgrade** – Daphne Gronich on behalf of BC is requesting \$9,900 to cover the shortfall for the upgrade to the Quad audio system from LAUSD-approved vendors. The upgrade includes new speakers, capability of being remotely control by iPad or related device, microphones, relays, etc. This Quad audio system upgrade will benefit all current and future PCHS students. Total cost of audio system upgrade and speakers is just over \$43,000; American Legion's grant cover \$20,000; Raise the Paddle from the Auction covers \$7,000; certain PCHS parents' pledge of \$6,000 brings total to \$33,000, resulting in approximately \$9,900 shortfall. The upgrade might be done during Spring Break. Daphne will seek a discount of the total price for one-time cash payment. Approved.

- a. **Amount Requested: up to \$9,900**
- b. **Amount Funded: up to \$9,900**

e) **Matching Gift for Paraprofessionals** – No formal grant request made. Deferred.

f) **Toastmasters' Youth Leadership Club** - Karen Ellis is requesting \$800 to help facilitate the Toastmasters Club meetings to purchase leadership materials (\$150) and for hospitality for 10 meetings (once week/10 weeks), to benefit up to 25 students. Approved.

- a. **Amount Requested: \$800**
- b. **Amount Funded: \$800**

g) **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 (no one in attendance to respond to questions about request).

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

<u>TOTAL REQUESTS:</u>	\$22,027.89
<u>TOTAL FUNDED:</u>	\$21,727.89

7) **Upcoming Funding Requests (FYI) -**

- a) **DECA** - Brad Kolavo will be requesting approximately \$6,000 [this is Secretary's guesstimate only] for the International Conference on April 26-May 1, 2019 which 5 students will attend. Estimated cost of trip is \$7,500. Students have raised \$1,500 so far.

1. **Next Booster Club Meeting** – The next Booster Club general membership meeting will be Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.
2. **Adjournment** – Thank you all for attending. Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.
3. **Executive Session** followed.

Dick and the Booster Club team