

**Palisades High School Booster Club, Inc.**  
A California Non-profit Non-stock Corporation

**Minutes for March 29, 2016**  
**MEMBERS' MEETING**  
Staff Cafeteria

- I. **Call to Order** – by Dick Held at 6:30 PM
  
- II. **Attendance/Introductions** – The following members of the Board of Directors were in attendance: Craig Au, Lisa Kalin, Ivy Greene, Dorotheanne Carr, Philip Gabriel, Dick Held, Naze Noghreian, Daniela Prechter, Cindy Freedland, Sara Collins, Kandy Ringquist, and Marnie Ware. Members of the Board of Directors who were absent: Donna Mandosa and Becky Goodell. Additional Members in attendance are noted in attendance sheet attached.
  
- III. **Review/Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting** – Dick Held asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February Members' Meetings. Ivy Greene so moved and Lisa Kalin seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** – Cash on hand is \$256,115.34. Grant requests awarded this year total \$110,405.19. We have about \$300,000 in bank. The auction net profit to date is \$110,361.31. Marnie Ware moved to approve the treasurer's report and Cindy Freedland seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- V. **Old Business**
  - a. **Auction** – Co-Chairs Julianne and Chris reported on the auction's success. Rupa, a student at Pali, who was a Bollywood dancer at the auction, was recognized. Carter, who is also a student at Pali, was a photographer at the auction. They still have items and parties online at Palihigh.org. The Justin Bieber meet and greet was cancelled and donations are being returned. There were 661 auction items. Julianne and Chris are stepping down. **We will need new Chairs for next year.** We also need to orchestrate greater exposure and website for the Bidding for Good. We have yet to have more than 400 people on Bidding for Good. This is a national website, which should mean a much higher volume of participants, if done well. The on-site sign displayed on the School fence was lost and not replaced. May have had some impact. Julianne and Chris believe that Tiato is very expensive and if want to grow attendance, also too small. They suggest maybe someone can donate his/her home next year. Can we select the venue for next year's event? Item held over for executive meeting.
  
  - b. **Annual Giving** - Cindy Freedland and her team reported on the Fundraising effort for the balance of the school year. We are going to be doing a spring

installment of our annual giving campaign. Letter will be mailed to families before the end of April. **Please volunteer to help stuff envelopes.**

- c. **Pali Gateway 3** – Lion’s Club has awarded a \$5,000 grant! The Stand Up for Pali at the auction raised \$22,000. Daniela has submitted a grant request to the Optimist Club. The committee intends to also reach out to the community to a match an amount the Boosters will give pledge. How much will the Boosters pledge? Item held over for executive meeting.
- d. **Year End Party** – Our party is on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Dick Held asked if Julianne would like to host. She said she will get back to us.

VI. **New Business** –

- a. **Alumni Association** - George Wilken (Class of 1963) is representing the newly forming Alumni Association at Pali High. They currently have 300 good email addresses. They are working on a website. A lot of the alumni are not local. They are also working toward 501(c)3 status; drafting Bylaws and their mission statement. Traditionally, they have had annual picnics at Pali, but have been a fundraising organization. They would like to work in cooperation with the Booster Club.

b. **Funding Requests** –

- i. Drama Dept. – They are working on the Spring Musical, Evita, which will be held on April 24th. The vocalists need 48 microphones. They cost \$4,420 to rent. Right now they don’t have any mikes. Ivy Greene asked if they know how much it would be to buy the microphones versus renting them. They will do the research and get back to us.

**Total Requested: \$4,420**

**Total Approved: \$4,420, pending new information that may make buying new Microphones more economical.**

- ii. Sarah Crompton, Susan Ackerman, and Julie Benke are attending UC Berkeley Greater Good Science Centers’ Summer Institute for Educators this summer. The conference pays for dorms and food. They are asking the Booster Club to pay for ½ the cost of this summer institute or \$1100/teacher. They were awarded a scholarship for some of the cost and will pay the balance. There will be no sub coverage since it is during the summer. They will be driving there.

**Total Requested - \$3,300**

**Total Approved – \$2,250**

- iii. David Schalek, Physics Teacher, is taking his classes to Six Flags

Magic Mountain park rides, which are an excellent illustration of many of the topics that are covered in physics classes. He is asking for \$2300 or what he doesn't cover in donations from the parents. The total cost of the trip is estimated at \$9200.00. They will experiment on all the rides.

**Total Requested - \$2,300**

**Total Approved – \$2,300**

- iv. Karen Perkins is requesting \$1,000 for 5 teachers for the Hotel cost for the Computer Using Educators Conference. This was held in Palm Springs from March 17-19. The School paid for the conference: \$375.00. Teachers covered transportation costs. Boosters paid for the hotel cost last year. Min. cost per teacher was \$245.

**Total Requested - \$1,000**

**Total Approved – \$ 1,000**

- v. **Pam Magee for Unity Rally** - Pali is hosting a Unity Rally this Saturday morning from 10am-12pm. A goal of the rally is to increase parent engagement and to give all PCHS stakeholders a voice in the decision making process of the school. Pali is paying for buses and light refreshments. Pam has an estimate from Sodexo for catering which she anticipates will be around \$500.

**Total Requested: \$500**

**Total Approved: \$500**

- vi. Pali High Baseball team wants to install Baseball Field Stadium Seating on the visitor side of the stands. The estimated cost is \$30,000 and they are requesting \$30,000 from the booster club. The baseball team installed stadium seating on the home side and synthetic turf in the out-of bounds area in 2015 by raising \$45,000. They have 51 seats for the home team. They would put in exactly the same amount of seats for the visitor side.

**Total Requested - \$30,000**

**Total Approved –Deferred pending feedback from Pali Admin. Re priority for this project.**

- vii. Briana and Mishka, who are students at Pali are starting a self defense club. They want to make this into a class for P.E. They are requesting \$1,500. Students will match the \$1,500 with payment by participants. There will be 15 students per class and several classes offered. They are trying to raise awareness for Pali. and believe that students should have this knowledge before going to college. They will bring in guest speakers. They are marketing the club classes now and hope to work with school admin. to make classes part of the curriculum in the future. Initially club classes are directed to females, but if taken on as curriculum, then boys and girls should be able to participate.

**Total Requested - \$1,500**

**Total Approved -\$1,500**

- viii. Freshman Drama Pod is requesting \$1,500 for three buses for 150 students. Tickets were donated by Center Theatre Groups Performing Arts for "Father Comes Home From War" on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Mark Taper. The play explores honesty, truth, loyalty, and ties in with this year's humanities theme of morale core. They already have \$500 for the Drama Pod. The subs are \$180 and they need 3 subs. The buses are \$1,200. They really need \$2,000.

**Total Requested: \$1,500**

**Total Approved: \$1,500**

- ix. Envirothon Science is requesting \$420 for the California state. They are funding half the amount through sales and donations at the Farmers Market. They spend all of their Sundays to fundraise. They are taking 24 students at \$35 each to the conference to Santa Clarita. They need the money for registration fees. They are going to drive to the conference.

**Total Requested: \$420**

**Total Approved: \$420**

- x. The debate team is requesting \$1,000 to compete in a State Championship they are attending in Santa Clara on April 15<sup>th</sup> to April 17<sup>th</sup> to cover airfare, hotel, and tournament fees. The club meets every Friday. It is \$200 for 3 students and 2 chaperones for airfare with Southwest and hotel rooms are \$100 per 2 nights for 3 rooms.

Tournament fees are \$210. They really need \$1,650 for the whole tournament.

**Total Requested: \$1,000**

**Total Approved: \$1,000**

- xi. Gregg Strouse, science teacher, at Pali is requesting \$2,000 for a field trip to Ballona Creek Wetlands to learn about wildlife ecology for the Urban Ecology Pod. They are working with Loyola Marymount University. The students test the water, survey bird species, meet people and have a picnic at the end. They are asking \$5 per student. He also needs to pay for 2 buses this year. Last year the city paid for the buses. The buses are \$600 each. He had gotten \$200 from students as a donation last year. He thinks he can get \$500 from the students this year. There will be 120 students from Mr. Strouse's and Mr. Berry's classes attending.

**Total Requested: \$2,000**

**Total Approved: \$2,000**

**Total Funding Requests on March 29, 2016 - \$47,940**

**Total Funding Approved on March 29, 2016 - \$16,890**

- c. In April, we will talk about our spending budget. We will also review board membership, vacancies and prospective new directors to be approved at the Annual Members' Meeting May 24. Daniela, who has a graduating senior, confirmed that she would like to remain on the board.
- d. A committee was formed to discuss and make a proposal for general policies pertaining to future grant requests for teachers' hotels, mileage, food, registration fees, transportation and other costs associated with tournaments, competitions, conferences, training etc... Julianne Kravitz suggested there be a per diem budget based on location of travel, but thought also there should be case by case consideration, not a blanket rule. Marnie Ware suggested once we reach agreement on generalities, we try a pilot period. We don't want to deter teachers from undertakings because they are too expensive or believe that Booster Club will deny grant requests based on preset rules.

- VII. **Adjournment** –There being no further business to come before the Members, Dick Held adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00PM.
- VIII. Next meeting is Tuesday, April 26th at 6:30 in the Library.

Dated: March 29, 2016

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Nazanine Noghreian, Secretary