



March 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes

1. Keri opened the meeting at 6:30pm
2. Approval of November Minutes
 - 1st: Heather Botnen
 - 2nd: Barbara Gutman
3. Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance:	\$13,175.65
Expenses	\$ 0
Income:	\$ 59.30 (donation from Target)
Ending Balance	\$13,234.95
4. Student Activities - Mr. Mattix, James Tucker
 - Yosemite trip with Mr. Erracart and Mr. Mattix
 - Jr Prom Next week
 - Bag check needed for Prom
 - Election season now for ASB
 - 2/24 Blood Drive – goal 105, had 97 participate. 55 brand new donors (some Students)
 - Spring Rally
 - Rosechealla – student bands to play throughout campus

Key Club activities - Maya Tooker

 - Link for Relay for Life donations (RHS Key Club)
 - http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY17CA?team_id=2151032&pg=team&fr_id=78978
5. Parents' Club Scholarship Committee – Gabby Mogannam
 - There were 45 applications
 - Parent Club to select 3 awardees at \$250....45 applications

6. "Tiger Tank"/school program grant – Heather Botnen
 - Junior class member Emily Botnan organizing as a Girl Scout Gold Award project
 - \$1000 grant to the club that wins. Must make a pitch to the Tiger Tank to support non-sport activities.
 - Would like other businesses to pitch in

7. Bunco date: April 21st
 - \$20 entry fee – to raise money for SAT Prep Classes

8. Guest Speaker - Dr. Linda Williams, Sierra College Financial Aid program manager
<https://www.sierracollege.edu/student-services/financial-aid.php>
 (General information about Financial aid – not just for Sierra College students)

FAFSA Facts

- Changes – was using 2015. Now using 2016 (now uses most current tax year)
- Cal Grant – March 2nd deadline
- FAFSA – determines eligibility for PELL Grants
- 18/19 – year round PELL available
- Determines Community College fee waivers
- Every Student eligible for loan at CC
- Determines federal work study
- Scholarships are all about the essays – create general one to tailor to other scholarships
- Financial info can be changed in FAFSA
- Federal Standards for FAFSA – 2.0 GPA requirements
- Large scholarships (rides have different qualifications)

WHEN COMPLETING FAFSA

- Use a data retrieval tool – otherwise will need to provide additional information
- Award letter now through next few months
- RHS has a hands on workshops to complete FAFSA

Q&A

- There are a lot of unused scholarships – login to school portal, go to financial aid and apply
- FAFSA Award is not based on most expensive school – eligibility based on household – driven off income/formula based on taxes
- Income too high? All families should apply. Some aid/waivers available
- FAFSA – merit awards look at it.
- BOG – board of governors fee waiver – Sierra College Handbook page 4
- 401K and 529 can affect FAFSA – talk to accountant
- Expected Family Contributions – amount of money Feds think a family should pay per year
- Student loans/Parent Plus Loans have good terms
- The more kids in college – the more able to receive Grants
- Most colleges have a closing date of around now
- Page 10 – links to websites for scholarships
- Can use Federal monies for Study Abroad.
- Dependent until 24 for FAFSA
- Essay tips – community service, how does student contribute to society, adversity?
- **Seniors - 10/1 date to apply for FAFSA. Have to apply for FAFSA every year**
- California Dream Act – AB 540 – Application mirrors FAFSA

9. Meeting Adjourned at 7:20pm

Meeting Dates and Events: (All meetings are from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Library)

Thursday, June 1 - Teacher & Staff Appreciation Luncheon

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