Attendees: Tom Alexander, Susan Carter, Cynthia Chang, Sarkerang Chen, Susan Chin, Mary Eschen, Michelle Fan, Kristin Gragnola, Michelle Halteman, Karen Holz, Sarah Hung, Shariene Lan, Yufan Lee, Joanne Makeever, Laura Menard, Cynthia Miller, Darrel Miller, Mary Moriarty, Jennie Poo, Shojai Qmo, Monica Rhee, Janet Sewalt, Terri Singer, Jennie Tien, Laura Tillett, Katherine Tseng, Rhonda Tung, Susan Vukovatz, Anne Walsh, Sandy Wu, Annie Ying

Susan Vukovatz handed out the November 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes for approval. Motion to approve by Sandy Wu and Susan Chin seconded. All approved November 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes.

Check Approval: Michelle Fan handed out check approval sheet for checks 1344-1359. Tom Alexander motioned to approve and Laura Menard seconded. All approved checks 1344-1359.

Co-President’s Update - Grant Request Status: Sandy Wu reported that there were 30 grant requests totaling $88K. Paul got together with his staff and prioritized. PTA approved $40K which is the first three items. The computer requests include tracking, locking of the machine for theft of the Mac book Airs. Also, funded laptop and headsets for Special Education and Chrome books for Social Studies dept. They will be shared among the entire department. District IT is involved. They will maintain it going forward. The District has money for technology. This is a joint effort between PTSO and the Foundation. The Foundation will look at it this Friday at their meeting. Harker School lost many laptops. Charles (IT) and Paul Robinson met with the Foundation people. The district will buy the computers for us and bill directly to PTSO. No cash is given. Sarah Hung reported we are short $980 for funding of the first three items. Sarah motioned to approve funding of shortage and Michelle Fan seconded. No objections all approved motion to fund first 3 items on Teacher Grant list.

Vice-Principal Report: Brian Safine announced that new courses will be offered such as Guitar, Intro to Programming and non-AP Calculus. It just depends how many people sign up in order to offer it.

Parent Education: Dory Albert mentioned that Dr. Jill Tarter from the SETI Institute, sponsored by MAP and PTSO is speaking tonight. Also, this event is second for women in STEAM series. Kids can see why high school matters. There are 100 seats only in the SHS library. Next week, Dr. Devin Prouty, will present on the importance of sleep at LG High School Theater at 7 PM. He explains what happens when you don’t get enough sleep. Kids should come. There is lots of seating. There was a community building effort called Cookies and Chills under the PTSO umbrella where cookies were handed out to students right before finals. This was done before and kids really liked it. Lots of parents helped with it.

LGSUHSD: Cynthia Chang spoke that District advanced money to do Sports Plaza and forgave debt of $.5M. Also, a fellow parent, Amy Oyang, got sick last September and December 31 died. She was a previous PTSO officer and had done many things for the community.

Co-President’s Reports: Sandy Wu thanked Michelle Halteman and Manisha Kanekar for the outstanding Holiday Luncheon they put on. They got many donations, gave gifts to teachers and Karen Holz made many homemade coasters for gifts for staff/teachers.

Sandy Wu reported Food for Finals was a success with lots of food donated and the extra was donated to West Valley Community Services, behind fire station, in Cupertino.

Laura Tillett updated us on eScrip: ASB earned $20K a couple years ago, in 2013 $11K after Safeway implemented paying with credit cards yields no eScrip credit, and YTD is $6K. However, paying with cash, debit or Safeway gift card does earn eScrip dollars. Saratoga Music Boosters sells Safeway gift cards. Sarah Hung will bring cards to the next meeting to sell. Need someone to run eScrip with monies going to ASB. Susan Vukovatz mentioned that PTSO can sign up for GoodShop, an online shopping website benefitting non-profits. She can do that for PTSO if we are interested. It’s free money.