

Additional Information for March 20, 2024 Budget Meeting

Item 6. The previously TNC approved NPG request for \$5,000 for the Pop/West Valley Food Pantry was denied by the City Clerk since the claimed that the Pop/West Valley Food Pantry was not a 501(c)3 non-profit. They suggested that another non-profit request the funding. I spoke with Terry Saucier to try to make that happen, but no request has been received.

The \$1,000 was set up at the beginning of the year in case we had any immediate requirements to repair any banners that were currently hanging. To date no funding has been required.

Item 7. Request from Portola Middle School to fund their Mock Trial Program for \$3,900. See response to some related questions, below.

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**Weber, Heidi** Fri, Mar 1, 10:08 AM

to me, Javier, Roxanne, Mindy, Becky

Hi Mr. Goldberg,

Thank you for your swift response!

Attached is a clearer pdf, I hope. I did try to minimize the type font size on the original to no avail. Hopefully the item numbers you listed above are now currently completely visible.

To answer your questions,

1 and 5. These funds would be for the next academic year, to be used by 6/15/25 or whenever the academic year finishes. I am not expecting any funds to be outstanding by the end of the year, based on last year's expenses. However, (to also answer #5) we would like to make this program ongoing indefinitely, based on student and parent interest in it! To that end, any funds remaining at the end of the year would be rolled over into the next year's Mock Trial program. Again, I do not anticipate this happening next year.

2. Currently our program is available to the maximum number of students: a team of 25 and 3 courtroom reporters plus 3 courtroom artists. The team of 25 includes a prosecution and a defense group, both of which include attorneys, witnesses, alternate attorneys and witnesses, and other courtroom staff such as clerks and bailiff. We max out this number due to high student interest. We are expecting at least 31 students again next year! We do not have entrance requirements, other than the sincere interest of the student to learn and enjoy mock trial and debate. We may have more than 31 students, but the competition rules limit the number of students in any given competition to 31.

The program funds would be used during the summer to purchase materials that are used before the competition materials are released. Additional funds help pay for a minimum of

three field trips downtown, at least two to the courthouse to compete and one to train the students before actual judges and attorneys (who often score the students in competition). Those trips occur between October and early December. We hope to add one more trip in the spring semester as well.

3. We have had this Mock Trial program now for 2 years. It was funded from your Council last year and from Encino's Neighborhood Council the year before that. Encino denied our request last year, while you thankfully approved it. Most of our students in the program were from those two towns, the majority from Tarzana. However, as the only highly gifted magnet middle school in LAUSD, we have students from all over Los Angeles County.

4. We have in the past used parent organizations and other Neighborhood Council grants. This academic year (fall 2023) we used funding from Friends of Portola for the extra bus costs not anticipated. Our Mock Trial program was begun in the fall of 2022 with funding from a grant from Encino Neighborhood Council. As you are aware, we applied for funding from them last year and were denied. At that time, we had almost an equal amount of students interested in the program who resided in Encino and Tarzana, and another nearly equal amount all residing in different cities.

I hope this answers all your questions!

Thank you again for your time and thoughtful questions.

Best,  
Heidi Weber  
English 7, 7 Honors and Mock Trial  
Portola Middle School

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Item 8. Due to a problem with her Amazon account Susan Lord ended up charging several items on her personal credit card rather than the Tarzana NC credit card. The total amount is \$867.22. The Board must approve the reimbursement to her on a formal BAC.

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Item 9. The Outreach/Events Committee needs more Tarzana NC brochures for distribution at events. They want to buy 500 brochures at a cost NTE \$180.

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**Terry Saucier** 12:22 PM

to me, Leonard, Esther

Hi Len & Harvey,

The TNC Outreach Committee passed a motion at last night's meeting to purchase 500 TNC Brochures. Our supply is nearly gone and we have 4 events lined up in April and May. Attached is the Agenda, and the motion that passed is as follows:

The TNC Outreach Committee recommends purchasing 500 TNC brochures from Minuteman Press. The service will include 500 brochures on 8.5 x 11 - 100# Gloss Text - 4/1 - Tri-fold NTE \$180.00. (Terry Saucier, seconded by Esther Weider; passed unanimously)

The quote is also attached, as you can see it is for approx. \$160 the additional amount requested is to cover taxes. Additionally, similar amount as was paid in 2022 for the same service (\$150)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
*Terry Saucier*  
Outreach Chair, Tarzana Neighborhood Council

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Item 10. Request from WHWC Community Benefit Foundation for an NPG for \$1,250 for each of the 5 Tarzana Schools participating in the Earth Day Poster Contest.

The TNC support the schools that participate in the poster contest by granting them \$250 each to buy art supplies for their art program.