

**LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 5, 2003**

President Patti Nussbaum called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Minutes of the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting were read by recording secretary, Julie Skrdla. The following corrections were made: It was pointed out to Mrs. Skrdla that she had lost an entire year and the date of the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting was actually in the year 2003, not 2002 as recorded. The membership dues figure was corrected to \$8,865 for a revised total of \$13,700 for year to date. The minutes were approved as corrected.

**ASB President** Noah Brozinsky reported on Senior and Junior class activities.

**Senior Class President** Anna Glazer displayed the new beach towels which the senior class is selling.

**Genie Bell** said the SAT prep class is filling fast. This is the last one before the summer. She encouraged parents to fill out the WASC survey being circulated. PTA family directories are still available for purchase at the front desk. Please see Genie if you are interested in helping with the selection of new science books.

**President's Report:** President Patti Nussbaum told us what the aforementioned initials actually mean – WASC is Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Every 4 years we are required to do this evaluation. There are 109 people including community members and students on the teams. She thanked those involved with the Principal's Chat at Memorial Academy and the CPR class. She mentioned the memorial fund being set up for Mike Gamboa, a LJHS alumnus, who died November 21.

“Stars In Our Eyes”, the LJ rotary fundraiser for scholarships benefitting Bishops, LJ Country Day and LJHS, will be on February 7. Tickets are \$25 per person. In addition to the scholarships, each school receives \$5,000 for performing and visual arts.

**Financial Reports:** Bee Mittermiller presented the attached list of checks. Yvonne Oberle moved to ratify the checks; the motion was seconded and passed. Bee reported on the bank charges incurred when we deposit more than 150 checks. The Foundation is also incurring these fees. Sandy Pawl and Bee will work together to see if there is a better way of doing this.

**VP – Programs:** Jamie Ginsberg reported working on a future program with speakers discussing drug and alcohol use among kids. There would be someone from Phoenix House and possibly someone from the district. The English teachers are getting together in January to discuss literacy and grammar. Jamie will get back to us about a possible program regarding this issue.

**VP – Membership:** We now have 598 members, for a total of \$8,970 in dues, plus \$4,935 in donations for a grand total of \$13,905.

**Parliamentarian** Suzi Elden reported that the Bylaws Committee submitted minor revisions to the Executive Board. The Executive board approved those revisions. Marty Jacobsen moved to approve the changes made by the committee. The motion was seconded and passed. Suzi said that the nominating committee will form in January.

**VP – Ways & Means:** Betsy Mitchell submitted the attached mini grant requests. She read a letter from the science department describing their request which is outside our normal criteria. On a motion from Melissa Cunningham the general membership agreed with the executive board's approval of this

mini grant, noting that there are two science teachers involved who still need to join the PTA. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion by Linda Dowley to approve the World Language request was seconded and passed.

**Hospitality:** Becky Gardner needs volunteers to make food for the staff breakfast on 12/19. Please deliver items by 6:15 A.M.

**CPR Class Chair:** Christina Orciuoli brought us up to date on the CPR classes which will take place January 12-17. Please sign up to volunteer. Discussion ensued about including all sophomores, including those in 6<sup>th</sup> period, possible Saturday classes for older students/parents on a fee basis and the budget needs for future years of instruction.

**Senior Exhibitions:** Caroline Nierenberg is asking for volunteers for senior exhibitions.

**Student Planners:** ASB and PTA pay for the planners. PTA would like ASB to share the cost 50/50 next year. As agreed at Governance, we can cut some costs (for example, we will no longer have all the LJHS specific pages in front of the calendar), but we will continue to offer a specific cover because this is an art contest for the kids.

**GATE/DAC Representative** Jamie Ginsberg reported that the high school GATE meeting will be soon. There will be a seminar task force this year. Please give input since it looks like they are trying to cut money from this. Please e mail the district.

**Governance:** Kathleen Steele made the attached report,

**VEEP Representative** Isabel Vega thanked us for the raffle donations for the Principal's Chat at Memorial. There was better attendance this time. Mr. Powell, the science teacher, had called parents and they thank him for doing this. It was suggested that we thank Mr. Powell publicly in the newsletter.

**New Families Chair** Zoe Ghahremani reported that there will be a get together on Thursday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> right after school in the cafeteria from 2:30-4:30. She needs bakers. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Foundation Representative** Bee Mittermiller reported that the tickets for the Buick golf invitational are on sale now. All the money goes back to the Foundation and you can designate where you would like the money to go. Tickets are \$12 each and are good for any day February 10-16. We are scheduled to break ground on the lower athletic field on December 10. We still need \$10,000.

**Newsletter:** Patti thanked the committee for an excellent newsletter. The next deadline is January 14.

**Library Tribute:** Michelle Ganon thanked everyone who has participated in this program. We have 19 families who have donated almost \$1,000. Many of the new books are already here.

**Grade Level Representatives:** 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep Lisa Braun-Glazer reminded us to collect pictures for the senior video which will be shown at the after prom party. They will begin accepting pictures in February. Include a self-addressed envelope to ensure return of the pictures. The video will be available on VHS and DVD and will be produced by LJHS's own Seth Brau.

11<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep Cheryl McGrory reported that January 30<sup>th</sup> is the Junior class dance for the entire school. Lisa Barkett is working on the DJ.

**Principal's Report:** Please remind your students that link crew meets every Tuesday and Thursday for tutoring at 2:15-3:30. January will be recognition for the student of the month from 9<sup>th</sup> grade English classes. Look for information in the bulletin about a tutoring liason with UCSD. There are 5 PhD and MA candidates from China who are involved in an outreach program and will be tutoring here in math and engineering.

Vicky Powell and Susie Struhar are working on making available to us the Burnham Lecture Series. Please support the Stars In Our Eyes program. The choir is at KUSI this morning singing holiday songs. We now have roller hockey on campus and won our first game 14-0. The practice is in Chula Vista. It is CIF approved but is not a city conference scheduled event. Lacrosse is getting PE credit now.

We still do not know when Mr. Rodriquez is coming back. There may be someone from another school who is interested in teaching the music theory class. The counselor position will be floated immediately after winter break. This will be a special post and bid and we think it will be a permanent position. Dana said each site may have to cut 6-7% next year due to the budget crisis. Jamie Ginsberg requested and Dana agreed to consult with governance during the budget cutting. There are no additional cuts to be made this year.

**Announcements:** We collected \$730 for Ms. Thompson at our last meeting. You can check the District website for additional budget information. Our next football game is 7:00 PM at Balboa stadium.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Skrdla,  
Recording Secretary