

**LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 2003
(approved)**

President Patti Nussbaum called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Minutes of the September 5, 2003 meeting were read by recording secretary, Julie Skrdla. There was one correction: Hema Hall should read Hema Lall. The minutes stand approved as corrected.

President's Report: Patti thanked the hard-working chairs and committees who have so successfully worked on Blast Off, Grade Level Dinners, Family Directory and lockers. Thanks also to our corresponding secretary, Kris McMillan, for writing thank yous on our behalf. Kinkos has formed a partnership with the National PTA, giving a 25% discount on all your copying needs. Registration forms are available today. The Foundation office has a copy machine available to the PTA for very small jobs, but please use Kinkos for large jobs.

Tell students that there are lots of extra student planners in the front office. Every student should have one.

For a variety of reasons, including changes in PE staff, we will not be able to offer 10th grade CPR classes in October. PTA has helped fund this in the past. Christina Orciuoli, RN is talking to the AHA about providing instruction later in the year. More about that later.

PTA storage is moving to the faculty room where we will have locked cabinets. Please remember to vote next Tuesday.

VP - Programs: Jamie Ginsberg is out of town, but sent a reminder that the next Principal's Chat is Thursday, Oct. 16th at 7:30 A.M. at La Jolla Presbyterian Church.

Financial Reports: Treasurer, Bee Mittermiller, presented the monthly report. There were no checks presented for ratification.

Parent Congress Rep, Genie Bell, reported that every school in the district is part of this congress. She reported on high school reform which is apparently causing lots of problems. The five reform approaches are: challenge, community involvement, alternative, new and redesign. LJHS is one of two schools not participating in the high school reform. The science department open house will be on 10/8 at 7:00 P.M. There are new textbooks to adopt. Please review the information Genie brought on this. Thank you for supporting the PSAT and SAT prep classes at school. The next classes will be the end of February and March.

VP Membership, Susanna Flaster, reported a total of 528 members. We have \$7,920 in membership dues, plus \$4,480 in donations, for a total of \$12,400. Last year at this time we had \$10,000 – our membership numbers remain about the same as last year, the larger sum is due to this year's increased dues. 80% of the teachers have joined this year, as compared to 60% last year.

VP – Ways and Means, Betsy Mitchell presented the proposed mini grants. The attached list was approved by the membership.

Historian, Gloria Bakst, reported a total of 1,204 volunteer hours for September.

Blast Off Chair, Lee Anne Wiegand, reported there were over 100 volunteers and we made great

money!

Grade Level Dinners Chair, Candace Person, reported great success for the dinners. The second night there were 150 people in attendance. She also made an appeal for the defibrulators needed for LJHS.

Governance Committee Rep, Kathleen Steele, reported on the October 3rd meeting. See the attached report. Next meeting will be 10/15 at 2:30 in room 513.

Newsletter Assistant Editor, Karen Lawrence was introduced. She has also taken over the student planners and will ensure our money is well spent. 10/17 is the deadline for the next newsletter, 11/5 is the mailing date. There will then be a long hiatus because of the holiday. She appreciates everyone shortening their articles. All the deadlines are on the back of today's agenda.

AP Workshop Chair, Joyce Dostart, told us the AP Workshop this year is November 1st. Six years ago our PTA was given the opportunity to host this workshop, which is a very big PTA fundraiser. The college board gives us \$20 for each participant and we have had over 420 teachers in the past. Togos gives us a discount for the food. We still need someone with a contact for water. We also need a 50 cup or greater coffee maker and most importantly, a chair person for next year.

Volunteer Coordinator, Betsy Klene advised us that Mr. Teachworth would like baked goods for the open house. Drop them off in the cafeteria.

VEEP Reps, Diane Sonderegger and Isabelle Vega were introduced. They are working on setting up Principal's Chats for VEEP parents. If you have any raffle items for them, please give them to Genie Bell.

GATE/DAC Rep, Jamie Ginsberg is out of town, but sent the attached report read by Liz Lindenfeld.

Library Liason, Jill Ayling, had the dubious honor of telling us that 22,000 books had been stacked incorrectly. She had a sign up for volunteers to help remedy this situation.

Family Directory: Cindy Castle reported that she sold 64 of the extras and will have more available at the Principal's Chat.

Foundation Rep, Bee Mittermiller, said that we made \$50,000 at Blast Off, thanks to the Coggan family's matching gift of \$25,000. Taste of La Jolla is 10/20 from 6-8:30 P.M. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door.

Bee showed us the beautiful new sports program which was done using the new laser printer from the Foundation. They sell for \$2.00 each. (It was later pointed out by Judy Glenn, the band boosters president, that the band should be included in this book.)

Mardi Gras will be 5/15 this year. There will be no auction. Groups are forming now, please tell Bee or Candy Satterlee if you would like to help.

The golf tournament is at Carlton Oaks on 5/27. Tom Cummings is the president of the Foundation. Please call him with any questions – they would really like input from everyone. Their meetings, which are open to anyone, are at 7:00 A.M. on the last Wednesday of the month. Patti introduced Sandy Paul, the executive director of the Foundation, who is at the school from 6:30-2:30. She also introduced Sandy Coggan Erickson of the Alumni Association who is here on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 3:30.

12th Grade Rep, Karen Giffin said you can read about all the senior activities in the newsletter. The

senior class needs to raise between \$30,000-40,000. She expressed concerns regarding the college application process and the timely availability of correct information from the counseling office.

11th Grade Rep, Cheryl McGrory said they need 2 or 3 more parent reps.

10th Grade Rep, Candace Person, said there will be a meeting on 12/3 – location to be posted. Sign up for the PSAT.

9th Grade Level Rep, Maria Fisher, talked about using the teacher web sites to focus on class needs from the teachers. There is now a web page for the 9th grade parents – a great idea to channel grade level info thru the larger school web site.

There will be a faculty meeting on 10/14. Caroline Nierenberg and Tom Cummings from the Foundation, Betsy Mitchell from Ways and Means and Patti Nussbaum will attend and tell the teachers what funds are available this year and how they go about applying for them.

Publicity Chair, Kathy Marsh, asked us to please e mail her if we have anything we want in the papers.

Announcements: Kris McMillan distributed the new roster. Pizza books are for sale at today's meeting. The Drama Dept. will use the "spam" communication via e mail to announce try outs Nov. 2nd and 3rd for an all school musical – they especially need boys.

Principal's Report: Dana reiterated the school's desire to obtain two defibrulators, one in the athletic department and one in the administration office. There is no PTA money budgeted for this at this time.

Dana gave an update on plans to renovate the lower field.

There was discussion about the large class sizes. Dana says the average class is 35-36 range. We try to keep the school at 1,650 students. 1,680 started this year. That is the figure after we lost 30 students. We lose a teacher for every 29 students who leave. If we lose any more students, we could lose another teacher. We have used every bit of our teacher allocations. We have .24 of a teacher left.

The question was raised about whether or not we could move athletics outside the school day. Discussion ensued.

Dana reported on the Senior High Principals meeting yesterday. Some schools don't even have all their teachers yet due to the financial troubles of the District. We are 30 million dollars in the hole and it will get worse.

Dana asked for people who might be interested in a textbook selection committee. We can choose our own texts thanks to autonomy.

Data for transcripts – i.e. class rank – is not yet available from the counseling office. The delay stems from the District office. Information should be complete by early October.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Skrdla,
Recording Secretary

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