

**LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 5, 2003
(Approved)**

President Patti Nussbaum called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Minutes of the June 6, 2003 meeting were read by recording secretary, Julie Skrdla. There were no corrections, so the minutes stand approved as read.

ASB President, Noah Brozinsky, reported on Blast Off and Homecoming activities. He mentioned the need for snack shack volunteers. Volunteers will also be needed for the junior dance later in the year. Freshmen reps are still needed for ASB and application forms for those positions are due today for Monday's election.

President's Report: Patti welcomed new and returning PTA members and encouraged everyone to participate throughout the year. She thanked the many people who have already done a wonderful job getting the newsletter out before registration, the army of registration volunteers, the hospitality committee for the welcome lunch for the staff, Candace Person's efforts for grade level dinners, PTA officers – particularly the treasurer – for work done over the summer and our volunteer coordinators, aka "Spam Queens" Betsy Klene and Patti Haig.

Please check the school website, www.ljhs.sandi.net, for all the information it provides us. Included on the site this year is the bulletin that is read during second period two times a week. Dates for college visits are also listed. The websites for the state and national PTA organizations are, respectively: www.capta.org and www.pta.org.

For the first time, Kinkos is partnering with the PTA, offering all of us a 25 % discount. You can use this for any printing needs by simply showing your PTA membership card. There may be a way to register on line. More about that in the future.

Financial Reports: Treasurer, Bee Mittermiller, read the auditor's report for last year, provided by Hema Hall. Terry Cooper moved to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed. Bee presented the proposed 2003-04 budget and asked committee chairs to examine their respective line items to ensure the amounts are correct. Betsy Mitchell moved to approve the proposed budget. The motion was seconded and passed. Bee presented for approval the checks written over the summer. Linda Dowley moved to approve, the motion was seconded and passed. Bee reviewed the procedure for reimbursement of expenses. Please use the PTA form for this.

Registration Chair, Elizabeth Allen, expressed heartfelt thanks to Sandy Dinnsen for expertly guiding the registration process this year, in spite of the fact that she no longer has a student at the school. Elizabeth also thanked the almost 200 people who helped with registration and also hospitality for providing refreshments!

Membership Co-chair, Susanna Flaster, reported that we have 172 new members. 53 teachers and staff have already joined. We have about \$5,000 and school has just started.

Blast Off Chair, LeeAnne Wiegand, reported on plans for Blast Off September 20th. It will be our first home football game and we play Uni. Many volunteers are needed. Please sign up on the clipboard. Lee Anne needs someone with a contact for water. All clubs will be represented that day. T shirts are available for \$10.

Governance Rep, Kathleen Steele, explained that Governance is the school's 19 member advisory group, meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2:30 PM. Parent reps are Linda Dowley, Liz Lindenfeld, Kathleen Steele, Patti Nussbaum and Melissa Cunningham. Again, the school website will have information about these meetings and governance matters. Thanks to Susie Struhar the master calendar will also be on the website this year. Kathleen discussed issues such as dress code, trash, clubs etc. Discussion ensued regarding new concerns, including class size, lack of books, delayed locker assignments and fraudulent enrollment and over enrollment. Life skills will continue this year.

Grade Level Dinners will be catered by Contemporary Catering. Please reserve your spot by giving Candace Person the \$10 fee.

CPR Classes will again be offered to our sophomore class. Many thanks to Project Heartbeat. Dates for the classes are 10/20-10/31. Please sign up to help.

12th Grade Parent Rep Lisa Braun-Glazer reported that approximately \$30-40,000 is needed for all the senior activities. She has a list of everything the fundraising pays for. Please see her if you are interested. There are many opportunities to volunteer your time and to generously donate money. Julie Skrdla passed a clipboard for snack shack volunteers.

Ways and Means: Betsy Mitchell explained the process of mini grants for the teachers.

AP Workshop: will be on November 1 this year. Joyce Dostart needs volunteers for two shifts: 6:30-9:30 and 10:00-1:00. This is the 6th year that LJHS has hosted this event and we make approximately \$6-7,000 from it so it is an important fundraiser for the PTA. Thank you to Togo's Sandwiches for giving us a discount price.

Newsletter: Marty Jacobson thanked everyone for their articles, which are due NOW. Marty is retiring, but informed us that Gail Trimble will be the new editor, Karen Lawrence is assistant editor, Virginia Berracasa is the new publisher and Veronica Jarque is the sports editor. You will find the newsletter schedule and deadlines on the back of today's agenda. Marty listed the committees that still need to turn in reports.

Historian Gloria Bakst asked everyone to sign the clipboard and note their volunteer hours.

Volunteer Coordinators Betsy Klene and Patti Haig explained the email process for soliciting volunteers. Send them your requests.

New Families Chair Zoe Ghahremani reported we have 42 new members in the PTA from the new families she has contacted.

GATE/DAC representative Jamie Ginsberg reported there is no meeting scheduled yet.

Programs VP Jamie Ginsberg said the first Principal's Chat is scheduled for October 16 at 7:30 AM at La Jolla Presbyterian Church. Plans are being made to have a life skills teacher and others offer an evening presentation for parents in November to discuss what kinds of things the kids are up to. Please let Jamie know your concerns as this will be a program and questions forum.

Library Liason Jill Ayling said some books are still available in the library. If your children changed classes, please tell them to return those books before and after school or during lunch only. She thanked the many volunteers who helped out in the library.

Library Tribute Chair Michelle Ganon said that last year we received \$2,300 from 40 families. This year we have already received \$470 from 8 families. Forms are available on line. Talk to your children about taking advantage of the fabulous subscription services available on line. Their passwords remain the same from year to year. This is a valuable resource for them and also for us as their parents. Contact Steve Grant in the library if they don't know their password.

Hospitality Co-Chair Becky Gardner thanked everyone for helping with the faculty lunch and for today's meeting treats.

Family Directory: Lisa Barkett reported that we are planning to print 650 directories, since we have orders to date for 550. However, about 90 of those orders did not include payment. Please check to make sure that you included payment in your orders. We hope to have this available for distribution at the Open House on 9/25.

Foundation Rep Bee Mittermiller summarized the activities and purposes of the Foundation. Splash Bash was a success raising \$25,000 in projected pledges. The Coggan family will match those funds, bringing the total to \$50,000. Joby Bakken will need volunteers for Taste of La Jolla on 10/20 from 6-8:30 PM. This event always sells out, so buy tickets early. Mardi Gras was successful enough last year that it will be repeated this year. Remember if you make a donation to the Foundation, you can earmark what area of the school you want it to benefit. Lisa Barkett, Jackie Helm and Bee Mittermiller are all reps for the Foundation.

Corresponding Secretary Kris McMillan read a thank you note from Nancy Dowling to the hospitality committee for the faculty lunch. Kris explained her availability for writing any necessary correspondence, i.e. if your committee needs to thank a supplier or donor.

Grade Level Reps: 10th Grade Rep, Candace Person, informed us of their e mail site. 9th grade Rep, Ilene Wachsman asked interested 9th grade parents to meet after today's meeting.

There was no **Vice-Principal's Report**.

Announcements: Band Boosters are again selling Entertainment Books for \$40 and Value Books for \$20. Proceeds help with travel expenses for the band. Terry Cooper told us that the boys water polo team plays Vista today. There are now 53 players on the team. Kathleen Steele said 20 girls have signed up for golf. There will also be girls water polo in the winter.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Skrdla,
Recording Secretary