

**LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2004**

Vice-President Yvonne Oberle called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Minutes of the January 9, 2004 meeting were approved as read by recording secretary, Julie Skrdla.

Parent Congress Representative Genie Bell asked us to go on line to the District web page under “communications” and fill out the survey found therein.

Budget Cuts: Greg Fornier told us that he met with George Pantana and Kim Davis to draft the “Open Letter to the San Diego Community,” copy of which is attached to these minutes. It will let parents know what the teachers are thinking in response to proposed budget cuts. They will present the letter next month to the board meeting. They basically think the budget cuts are political in nature, are exaggerated and will hurt everyone. The letter outlines 7 actions they feel need to be taken, with the 8th being the immediate resignation of the superintendent.

Steve Grant reported that this Tuesday the board will be asked to approve the cuts collected from all the school sites. He will draft a letter and give it to Betsy Klene for e mail distribution.

ASB President Noah Brozinsky reminded us that Viva Las Vegas, the biggest fund raiser for the Junior class, is tonight. Air Band is February 19. Buy tickets early since it is always sold out.

Vice-President Yvonne Oberle thanked Christina Orciuoli for her wonderful job coordinating the CPR instruction. Thanks also to Susan Vandendriessse for hosting the Principal’s Chat. The Rotary Club fundraiser, “Stars in Our Eyes”, benefiting LJHS, LJ Country Day and Bishops will be held in Parker Auditorium on February 7. Yvonne has forms available today to anyone who would like to protest the opening of Beverages and More on Pearl Street, space formerly occupied by the Warehouse. This location is too close to the school to house a liquor store.

Financial Reports: Bee Mittermiller submitted the Treasurer’s report. Linda Dowley moved to ratify it. The motion was seconded and passed.

Auditor’s Report: Amy Cheshire found our financial records to be correct. Linda Dowley moved to approve the Auditor’s Report, the motion was seconded and passed.

Lower Athletic Field progress was updated by Sandy Erikson. The construction is on schedule, but they still need about \$30,000. There is an anonymous donor who will contributed \$1 for every \$2 donated up to \$10,000 – so please help if you can. The dedication ceremony will be on February 28 at noon, immediately followed by the first annual alumni softball game. There will be an alumni baseball game on March 6th.

VP – Programs Jamie Ginsberg is still working on a program regarding teen drug and alcohol abuse. Please see her if you are interested in hosting the upcoming Principal’s Chat on April 22nd at 9:30 A.M.

VP – Membership Susanna Flaster reported we have two new members, totaling 609 members. That gives us \$9,135 in dues, \$4,995 in donations, for a total of \$14,130.

CPR Class Coordinator Christina Orciuoli reported we trained over 400 students. We had 53

mannequins which meant a 2:1 ratio at most. Thank you to the many volunteers. Also thank you to Kathy Marsh, publicity chair, for the article in "The Village News". Christina raised the question of whether or not we want to offer CPR to the community at large. It could be a Saturday class and could be done as a fundraiser. Discussion ensued.

Newsletter Editors Gail Trimble and Karen Lawrence thanked the mailing committee and also thanks to everyone for getting articles to them on time. The next deadline is March 10.

Senior Exhibitions Coordinator Caroline Nierenberg reported that things are going very well. She passed a clipboard for sign ups for a few more dates.

GATE/DAC Representative Jamie Ginsberg told us that the District presents a series with experts on various topics. On February 25 is "Living With Intensity" from 7-8:30 P.M. at Madison High School, 4833 Doliva Drive. On April 22nd, 2:30 P.M. there will be one on "The Social and Emotional Needs of the Gifted" here in our library. There is a Task Force meeting today. The HIV Assembly for juniors and seniors was very successful.

Nominating Committee Chair Linda Dowley thanked her committee. Please e mail or call one of them if you are interested in a position for next year.

Governance Committee Rep Kathleen Steele made the attached report. There was discussion about Mr. Mayer and the radio station at the high school. Kathleen asked for input for the next Governance meeting. An update on the Save Our School Campaign will come out in another report.

Drama Production: Mrs. Boutelle told us that "Once Upon A Mattress" opens in three weeks. She made a plea for accomplished musicians to participate. The dates are February 27 and 28 at 7:00 P.M. with a 2:00 matinee on the 29th. If you know of any musicians, please contact Mrs. Boutelle at extension 4402 or call Brenda Henderson, the music director.

Foundation Rep Bee Mittermiller said she is still selling SOS tickets and Jackie Helm is in charge of reviving e script. Membership must be renewed every year at Von's. The golf tournament is on May 27 – they are always looking for players. The Mardi Gras committee meets at 7:30 A.M. on Tuesday mornings at Candy Satterlee's house if anyone is interested in attending.

VEEP: There was no VEEP report.

Cultural Arts Liaison Susan Sparks reported that Mrs. Henderson and 20 students will take a field trip in April to see a production (She was unsure which production). On February 10 the Monarch Band will be playing at LJHS. 9th grade will be selling smoothies that day – they are selling kettle corn today.

Library Tribute: There was no library tribute report.

Volunteer Coordinator Betsy Klene told us Patti Haig is taking over this position and asked for our patience in the transition.

Grade Level Reps: 12th **Grade Parent Rep** Lisa Braun-Glazer encouraged us to buy LJHS towels, available in the finance office. 12th **Grade Parent Rep** Susanna Flaster said our own Seth Brau is doing the senior video. They need 3 pictures from each senior by February 27. There is a box in the office for collection. They will be returned at the senior breakfast. The After Prom party is from midnight till 4 A.M. It is not school sponsored, gets no money from the senior dues and must rely on

underwriting. The \$25 admission price covers only half the cost. See the newsletter for underwriting opportunities. The seniors will soon be selling personalized pens – please buy them. **12th Grade Parent Rep** Lisa Barkett needs volunteers for the Disneyland trip on Graduation night, June 10. Buses load at 8:30 P.M., leave at 9:00 and students MUST have their student ID. Lisa will graciously chair this event again next year.

11th Grade Parent Rep Karen Giffin reminded us of the dance tonight, a junior class fundraiser.

10th Grade Parent Rep Candace Person reported that the CSF (California Scholarship Federation) information is available in the counselor's office. The cost is \$5. College night is February 18 and February 24 is articulation. Remember SAT sign ups. Deadline to pay for AP exams is March 12.

Miscellaneous: Bathroom guru Melissa Cunningham reported that, at last inspection, the bathrooms were much improved. The field bathroom is, however, awful. Prop MM monies could not be used for this because it is a “temporary structure”.

Principal's Report: Mr. Shelburne congratulated the cheerleaders who received first place in their competition. They will compete again in Florida in March. Remember that all paperwork has to be complete before athletes will be allowed to participate in spring sports. Physicals are good for an entire year from the date given.

The lower athletic field is on schedule. Please remember the opening ceremony at noon on February 28. ASB will run the snack shack.

In response to questions about Mr. Mayer's position, Mr. Shelburne said that Mr. Mayer's position is antiquated, as is the network system. We need someone who can do both. There will be a full time position for this in the fall.

We need to cut 7% of our budget. We will begin with people who were already going to leave. Marlene in attendance will be leaving as well as Vicki, the duplication clerk – in the future teachers will have to do their own duplicating. We will work around the system and will post and bid for positions. There will be several leaves of absence. Some courses will have to be dropped. I.e. Algebra II-2, a year long course, will be dropped. We will not be rehiring 3-4 positions so we can hold on to our counselors. Mr. Player is retiring from the social science department and we will have to use people already here to cover his five classes. Discussion ensued as to what AP courses would be dropped next year and criteria for admission to AP classes. Mr. Shelburne used the example of Psychology where we have three classes offered this year and may only offer two next year. We WILL have summer school and have an uncapped number of courses in English and Math for kids with a D or F grade. Everything else has a 5% cap (80 kids). We will offer three courses of science. We will be the only high school offering enrichment. Dana urged that if a student plans to take a course from an institution other than LJHS, he or she will need prior approval from LJHS to ensure getting credit from that class. There was a brief discussion about helicopter response to a fight off campus.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Skrdla,
Recording secretary