

**LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 9, 2004**

President Patti Nussbaum called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Minutes of the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting were read by recording secretary, Julie Skrdla. The following correction was made: Under GATE/DAC report delete the sentence beginning with “GATE is using”. . .through “continue”. The minutes were approved as corrected.

**ASB President** Noah Brozinsky reported on class activities. He noted changes in the qualifications of people running for senior class office. Prior ASB experience or a number of internship hours will be required in the future. There will be an allowance made, however, for the coming April elections.

**Genie Bell** reported that SAT classes are still open. She also gave us an update on the Parent Congress meeting, saying that all budget cuts will come from the school level. The proposal is to cut 10% from each budget site. Tuesday is the vote, so there is no time for input, but feel free to write to the board members.

**President’s Report:** Patti thanked the hospitality committee for a wonderful staff breakfast in December. Also a big thank you to Christina Orciuoli for all her hard work in making the switch to the American Heart Association for our CPR classes. Patti explained the upcoming “Stars in our Eyes” event on February 7<sup>th</sup> and encouraged us to attend. A supplies wish list will be published in the newsletter and through e mail. The collection point will be the front desk in the Administration Building.

**Financial Reports:** Bee Mittermiller reported on the November Executive Board meeting regarding the budget. Due to the cancellation of the AP workshop this year and the corresponding loss of \$6,000 income previously budgeted, and because we have voted to fund CPR, it is necessary to amend our budget for this year. Luckily most committees do not spend their entire budget and we also began the year with \$6,000 – therefore our shortfall at the end of the year will not be so bad. Liz Lindenfeld moved to adopt the revised budget. The motion was seconded and passed. Bee presented the checks for ratification. Linda Dowley moved to approve the checks. Motion was seconded and passed. Many thanks to Amy Cheshire for working with Bee on our revised budget.

**VP – Programs:** Jamie Ginsberg reminded us of the Principal’s Chat to be held on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30 A.M. at 734 Muirlands Vista Way.

**VP – Ways and Means:** Betsy Mitchell reported there were no mini grants this month.

**VP – Membership:** Susanna Flaster told us we have 9 new members, for a total of 607 members, \$9,105 in dues and \$4,995 in donations, totaling \$14,100. We have a slight drop in donations from past years, but we are still coming out ahead financially because of the dues’ increase.

**Parliamentarian** Susi Elden asked for a nominating committee and read from the appropriate By-Laws article describing the make-up of such a committee. The following 5 people volunteered to be members: Linda Dowley, Joan Hiser, Eileen Wachsman, Karen Bohrer and Liz Lindenfeld. Sheila Dershowitz, Jeanette Wright and Venzel Hammershaimb will be the alternates. They will meet at the conclusion of

this meeting to organize.

**CPR Class Chair** Christina Orciuoli thanked all who have volunteered to help with the CPR classes which begin next week.

**Senior Exhibitions Coordinator** Caroline Nierenberg reminded her volunteers that Monday after school there will be an orientation meeting in room 301. This reminder will also go out on e mail.

**GATE/DAC Representative** Jamie Ginsberg said Mr. Del Rio is our representative for the seminar task force. This is done every three years and examines the compliance and delivery at different schools. Jamie encouraged parents to encourage Mr. Shelburne to support GATE.

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

**Foundation Representative** Bee Mittermiller reported on the revised location and plans for this year's Mardi Gras scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please let Bee know if you have contacts who would donate items for the auction. Remember tickets bought in advance are cheaper than those bought at the door. Work on the lower athletic field (which will be called the Mark Wallner Field) is scheduled to be done by February 15. We still need about \$25-30,000. Please remember that this field is needed for all kinds of sports. Bee reminded us to buy SOS tickets to the Buick Invitational golf tournament Feb. 10-15, \$12 each and good for any day. Every dollar goes to the Foundation.

**VEEP:** There was no VEEP report this month.

**Library Tribute Chair** Michelle Ganon has donation forms here today. Thank you to the 21 families who have already donated over \$1,600.

**New Families Chair** Zoe Ghahremani was absent, but President Patti reported on the December 11<sup>th</sup> event which was enjoyable, but not well attended. Next year this committee will not hold a December event. Patti thanked Zoe for her hard work, especially for the outreach program at registration, which is extremely productive. There will probably be an early coffee for new parents at a fall PTA meeting.

**Grade Level Representatives: 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Rep,** Lisa Braun-Glazer offered towels and t-shirts for sale. There will also be personalized pens and used college prep books for sale in the future.

Disneyland and After Prom updates were given. Volunteers are still needed for the June 4<sup>th</sup> Prom, especially junior and sophomore parents so they can learn the ropes.

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Rep,** Yvonne Oberle may need coat check volunteers for the dance on 2/6.

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep** Candace Person reminded us of College Night on 2/18. March 16 and 17 the High School Exit Exam will be given to all 10<sup>th</sup> graders. Sign up for AP exams now.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep** Maria Fischer would like a liaison for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade parents and PTA members.

**Vice-Principal's Report:** Donna Campbell told us there are not many changes for second semester. We are adding a unified math class. She, too, pointed out the upcoming exit exam for all sophomores on 3/16 and 3/17. Tutorial English and math will be offered in mid-February for this test. It will be one hour per day, Monday through Thursday on a voluntary basis near the date of the test. Kids will have more than one opportunity to pass this test. Finals are on 1/21 through 1/23 so schedules will be different. The new counselor position is not posted on line yet. Although there is a hiring freeze, we want to get it at least posted so when the freeze lifts, we will be ready. There will be a 7% cut for every high school next year. Each school community decides what they will be. She discussed the issue of teachers giving homework over breaks – Dana has asked the teachers to be considerate of the students'

time off. In response to questions with regard to teachers returning tests, she said there is no official return policy, but that the math department does have a policy that tests are not given back for the students to keep.

**Announcements:** Please note the newsletter deadline of January 14. Gail Trimble is the new editor. Submit your articles to the e mail address printed on the agenda and look for confirmation that is has been received.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Skrdla,  
Recording Secretary