

**LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2004**

President Patti Nussbaum called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Minutes of the February 6, 2004 meeting were approved as read by recording secretary, Julie Skrdla.

District Counselor George Pantano asked for parent volunteers to help sort the upcoming CAT 6 tests. Materials will arrive between March 29 and April 2. He is hopeful that sorting can begin April 1st. See Candace Person if you can help out.

Nurse Lisa thanked us all for our donations of requested health items.

There was no **ASB President's Report**.

President's Report: Patti thanked Yvonne Oberle for running the February general meeting. Also thank you to Caroline Nierenberg for coordinating the Senior Exhibitions. Patti reported on a recent SDU Council of PTAs meeting which she attended where Scott Patterson, CFO of the District, explained recent budget cuts. Declining enrollment is a key factor in our District. Patti, several other PTA members and Mr. Shelburne attended the 9th District PTA Founder's Day Brunch and reminded us that we are part of a huge network nationwide advocating for the health, safety and well being of children.

Susie Struhar recently lost her father and a card was passed for signatures.

If we want to offer a Saturday CPR class in the future, Christina Orciuoli will interface with UCSD, but we will still need someone to chair this. Please see Patti if you are interested. Kathy Marsh, Publicity Chair, reminded us to let her know if you need publicity about your upcoming events.

Patti reported on the February 29, 2004 Executive board meeting where the following issues were discussed: 1) Frequency of newsletter. Editor Gail Trimble is willing to consider 6 or 7 issues providing she gets enough layout help; 2) It was decided that instead of the Honorary Service Awards plaque which has been presented in the past, parents (and especially parents leaving LJHS for the last time) will receive recognition at the old board/new board luncheon, and; 3) Policy for use of our e mail list. If you want to notice an event, write to Patti and the event will be broadcast through our email list, with the title "LJHS Event Notice".

Patti reminded us of the Muirlands fundraiser on March 13 at Sea World.

Financial Reports: Bee Mittermiller submitted the treasurer's report. Elizabeth Allen moved, it was seconded and passed that we ratify the checks written.

VP – Programs Jamie Ginsberg told us that Barbara Haworth will host the Principal's Chat on April 22nd at 9:00 A.M. On April 20 at 7:00 P.M. in the library there will be a program on substance abuse in our community. The panel will include 2 psychologists, 1 outpatient clinic worker for youth and 1 person who used to work for the District. There will be cards for anonymous questions.

VP – Ways and Means Betsy Mitchell submitted 3 mini grants. (See attached) Linda Dowley moved

to approve these grants. The motion was seconded and passed.

VP – Membership Susanna Flaster reported that we have 5 new members for a total of 614. We have \$9,210 in dues, \$5,165 in donations which totals \$14,375.00

Volunteer Coordinator Betsy Klene is working with Patty Haig for a smooth transition. Please note the upcoming Principal's Chat at Muirlands, along with a Scholastic book sale to save our libraries.

GATE/DAC Representative Jamie Ginsberg told us that on 4/22 the district is having another lecture series at Madison High School. It is from 7-8:30 PM and will be on "Treasuring Our Differences". The GATE steering committee is being formed. Please see Jamie if you are interested.

Registration Chair Elizabeth Allen said there is no firm registration schedule yet. She introduced her committee.

Foundation Representative Candy Satterlee said things are running very smoothly for the Mardi Gras event on 5/15 from 6-11 PM. Volunteer help is needed beginning at 8 AM that day. Tickets will be ready to sell on March 15 – please let her know if you can help. There will be two bands this year, silent and live auctions, 10-12 tents with local restaurants. We already have \$55,000 with underwriting. Tom Cummings, the Foundation president, told us that this event has the potential to raise \$100,000 - \$200,000. Please support it.

Governance Representative Kathleen Steele made the attached report. The next meeting is on March 17 at 2:30 PM in room 513, at which time Kathleen will bring up our concerns about the flag ceremony not being done at school.

Parent Prep: Linda Kalkstein followed up on college night in February. Remarks included that the program was good, but more counseling support is needed. There is much interest in a workshop for help with the UC application process. Work is being done on a program to be presented 5/19 with a panel made up of parents of seniors and Beth Behnke. Some topics to be included are: 1) course selection strategies; 2) how to pick a college; 3) college visits, and; 4) early decision advantages. Please e mail Linda with other ideas. There will be another meeting in the fall regarding UC applications.

Library Tribute Chair Michelle Ganon reported we are \$400 short of our \$2,000 goal. She has forms available at today's meeting.

Band Boosters: Patti made a report for Judy Glen. Some of our students participated in the All City Honor Band auditions last week. There will be a post and bid for the band position in May. This person will also be teaching AP Music Theory. If you know of anyone qualified, please let Dana know.

Nominating Committee Chair: Linda Dowley thanked her committee and presented the slate of executive board members for next year. They are: President – Patti Nussbaum; Executive VP – Yvonne Oberle; VP Programs – Jamie Ginsberg; VP Membership – Bee Mittermiller; VP Ways and Means – Betsy Klene; Treasurer – Amy Cheshire; Corresponding Secretary – Kris McMillan; Recording Secretary – Linda Dowley; Auditor – Barbara Hoffman and Historian – Venzel Hammershaimb. There are still three positions to be filled: AP Workshop, Blast Off and After Prom. It is recommended that Blast Off be broken down into more manageable jobs. Joan Hiser will facilitate a meeting for those willing to work on Blast Off. A sign up sheet was passed.

12th Grade Parent Representative Lisa Braun-Glazer mentioned towels and pens for sale. A letter will be out soon to all 12th grade students and parents outlining the senior activities and costs. Susanna

Flaster said we need someone to chair the After Prom activity for next year. The first committee meeting is on March 10th at 9:00 AM at Susanna's house. Please come – we still need lots of help. The senior-faculty basketball game is next Thursday at 12:12 PM.

10th Grade Parent Representative Candace Person reported on the PSAT (she has forms with her), the UC Outreach Program, the high school exit exam, CSF forms available in the counseling office and upcoming AP exams. She reminded senior parents to check college acceptances for deadlines of things like AP scores being turned in, residency forms, etc.

Vice-Principal's Report: Mrs. Campbell reported recent student successes in competitions for National Ocean Science School and Black Chemical Engineers. Our students will be going further in each of those competitions.

She said Ty Eveleth is temporarily filling the open counseling position, and that in the summer we will post and bid this position. We don't know yet whether we will be able to interview for this position and we don't know yet whether we will post for one or two positions. Our counselors are currently doing articulation at Muirlands with the 8th graders. Look for a form coming soon, review it with your students as the counselors will next be in the English classes here. Then the master schedule process begins. We need a long term Spanish substitute till the end of the year. The high school exit exam will be given on 3/16 and 3/17. 10th graders will have many opportunities to take this test prior to their graduation. Prep classes in Math and English are offered. Spring sports are underway. Summer school this year will offer enrichment classes in Biology and Chemistry, but English and Math will be offered only for students needing to repeat them.

Discussion ensued regarding the Spanish and music programs and academic extracurricular opportunities.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Skrdla,
Recording Secretary