

LJHS PTA Minutes December 4, 2004

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Executive vice president Yvonne Oberle called the regular PTA meeting to order at 9:00 AM, in the library. She conducted the meeting in the absence of president Patti Nussbaum.

MINUTES: The November meeting minutes had been reviewed, corrected, and posted on the PTA webpage. Betsy Klene, Loraine Mautner, and Madelyn Bennett volunteered to read, correct, and approve the December minutes.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: The current budget report was distributed and explained by treasurer Amy Cheshire. The audit is prepared by Barbara Hoffman.

Checks were ratified for the end of the school year: May 7-June 4. Angie

Preisendorfer made the motion and Elizabeth Allan seconded the motion to accept this action. June 6, leftover funds were carried over; money allocated to the library was placed into the Foundation account, under a line item for the library. Ratification of current checks: Motion was made by Michael Briggs and seconded by Liz Lindenfeld to ratify current checks. We are on budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Micki Olin is coordinating Harbor School donations. She is accepting donations of specific items and money for this cause.

Barbara Betterson-Rossi: Senior exhibition volunteer coordinators have filled all positions. Training will take place on January 6, at 2:30 in room 304.

Kris McMillian: Is working on a final roster.

French Club (Besty Klene): The French Club is collecting toys for a Holiday toy drive for children. Also, the French Club will conduct a book drive for Children's Hospital after school on January 3-7.

VP PROGRAMS: Principal Chats: Jamie Ginsberg announced that, since the financial aid information is traditionally distributed to VEEP parents during the winter principal's chat, the combined chat will not work out for February, however the combined meeting will be planned for the spring.

WAYS AND MEANS: Betsy Klene reported that a wish list for teachers was difficult to organize, but she would continue to work on it. Four mini-grants that had been approved by Mr. Shelburne were presented. A motion to approve the grants were made by Elizabeth Allan and seconded by Micki Olin.

VP MEMBERSHIP: Bee Mittermiller reported that, to date, we have 720 members, 48 are new, and \$14,500 total, in dues and donations.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Micki Olin reported that the current bylaws are available on the school PTA website, as are the standing rules. Anyone who wishes to have a paper copy may download them.

AP WORKSHOP: This event was the most successful ever! All volunteers were thanked and the committee came in under budget.

HOSPITALITY: Becky Gardner reported that she needed donations of food on Friday, December 17, for the traditional holiday breakfast for the teachers and staff. She circulated a sign up sheet.

FAMILY DIRECTORY: Angie Preisendorfer reported that directories were mailed and there are a few more for sale.

FOUNDATION REPORT: Bee Mittermiller reported that the president of the Foundation, Tom Cummings, resigned due to several Foundation issues including shared decision-making. This was discussed. The Foundation is working on finding a successor to Tom within the Executive Committee of the Foundation. Bee encouraged parents and the community to attend the meetings. The next meeting is on Dec. 15, in the library. There was also a question about term limits for Foundation trustees. Currently there are no term limits, but bylaws are being rewritten. Minutes from all Foundation meetings are available from Sandy Pawl.

The next fundraiser for the Foundation is the SOS Golf Tournament on Jan. 23. Foundation members are selling tickets.

GATE/DAC : Jamie Ginsberg reported that there will be a GATE parent meeting in February. We are working to get teachers for a LJHS task force. The district GATE task force is under way and Jamie and Michelle Ganon are attending these monthly meetings.

PARENT PREP COMMITTEE: Linda Kalkstein reported that Beth Behnke will present a parent forum in May and she needs parent volunteers. February 16: College information night. Thursday is a financial aid workshop in the library.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: The issue of cheating was a focus of the teachers in-service. Everyone is invited to attend the governance meetings and/or to give concerns to be addressed to one of the PTA governance representatives who are: Linda Dowley, Liz Lindenfeld, Joan Hiser, Patti Nussbaum, and Jamie Ginsberg.

CPR CHAIR: Christine Orciole announced that the CPR classes would be held for 10th graders beginning Monday Jan 10-15 and second session will begin Tuesday 18-21. She asked for volunteers for any amount of time. Also, she announced that there could be a Saturday CPR class, but there was a need for someone to set up time, place, enrollment and collect money.

GRADE LEVEL REP:

Senior: Lisa Barkett: Seniors are still selling terrific beach towels. Xmas ornaments will be at the Farmers' Market. After Prom will be under the PTA umbrella this year.

Junior: Candace Person: Gave a reminder to sign up for SATs. SAT registration is after Dec 13 for tests. Homecoming was a great success. Cigarettes were problems. Juniors are preparing for the April 8 dance, which has the theme "The Country Club".

Sophomore: Susan Sparks: 10th grade meeting was held. The students have sold coffee and cookies. Homecoming was a success. Students are working on airband. PSAT scores will be in soon.

Tuesday Dec 14: combined music concert with Muirlands will be from 6:00-9:00 pm.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Dana Shelburne

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

People are coming to retrench and connect the drains to keep water out of the weight room. They will check on the hot water in the showers. Awnings are in place, thanks to Terry Spencer for helping...and also thanks for helping to create an office space and soundproofing for some classes. She was very helpful in planning and executing and dealing with the contractors. Benches are in thanks to the Rotary Club.

DISTRICT AND CALENDAR ISSUES:

THANKSGIVING: School will be closed the entire week of Thanksgiving next year, but students will attend school until June 20. Students tend to miss days during this time and the schools lose ADA

money. CIF sports will still go on. The district wants year round schools to start at the same time as others. (Grossmont is backing up the start time.)

START TIME: There is district conversation about later start time. The downside is that busses and sports will have problems conforming to a 9:00 am start time.

MORE SITE CONTROL: The district may also allow school sites to control their own funds for substitute teachers and water, gas, or electricity. This may be allowed on a trial basis next year.

SITE ISSUES:

Summer school for the district has 29 calendar days and will end Aug 8. There will be summer school at LJHS.

Coaching is addressed in the contract of teachers--they can coach if they want.

Track and Varsity coaches can hire anyone they choose to assist them.

AP pass rates for courses cannot be reported as disaggregated by individual teachers.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:36 a.m.

Attendees: 51

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
Substitute Secretary,
Jamie Ginsberg