

**LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 1, 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President, Patti Nussbaum, who explained that the September 10 minutes had been approved by the readers, and were posted on the school website. She then asked for three readers for this month's minutes: thank you Madelyn Bennett, Carole Balcombe and Lee Trahan.

President's Report – Patti Nussbaum reported:

- A very busy September. Thanked chairs of various events and noted all had done a wonderful job: Blast Off, Grade Level Dinner, Newsletter Team, Family Directory and Programs.
- Jamie Ginsberg, VP Programs, has been working on our Candidate's Forum, Monday, October 25 in the LJHS Parker Auditorium. She encouraged all community members to come hear all six candidates running for school board who will speak that night, in an event sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the San Diego Unified Council of PTA's.
- LJHS PTA has a new Legislative Chair, Mary Fisher, who will keep the membership apprised of pending legislation of interest to parents.
- \$1,500 allocated for purchase of tables and chairs has been spent on 31 tables and 50 white folding chairs. They were used at the grade level dinners, and will be used throughout the year by students for various standardized, AP, and PSAT testing as needed.
- There is a Critical Issues conference on November 4 – topic is the Adolescent Brain. Contact Patti if you are interested in attending.
- Reminder that Link Crew tutoring is available Tu/Th after school in the library. Students should take advantage of this!
- Reminder for parents to check the school website and read the bulletin, and don't hesitate to call Patti Nussbaum with questions or concerns.

Financial Reports – Amy Cheshire reported that the PTA is right on track with both revenue and spending. Amy presented the attached list of checks written and Julie Skrdla moved to ratify the checks. It was seconded and approved by the membership.

Programs – Jamie Ginsberg reported there will be a principal's chat on October 12 at 7:30 am at La Jolla Presbyterian Church. She also spoke about the October 25 Candidate's Forum, and noted that it is a bipartisan race and the election is city-wide, with all seats being voted on in all areas of the city. The ASB will be selling pizza before the forum, from 6:15 until 7:00 pm outside the auditorium. Profits from the pizza sale will be split between all the classes. Jamie reported she is working on a new program with the focus of alcohol use by teens – possibly for the spring, and noted that there will be an evening principal's chat at LJHS in January.

Ways and Means – Betsy Klene read the 7 Mini Grant requests from teachers. She noted that by the time the forms are presented to the PTA, the mini grants have been approved by Mr. Shelburne. Motion to approve this month's mini grants was made by Betsy Mitchell, and approved by a vote of the members. The list of Mini-Grant requests is filed with minutes.

Membership – Liz Lindenfeld reported that a total of 516 memberships have been received to date, with dues totaling \$7,740 and donations totaling \$4,465. She reminded board members and committee chairs that they must be PTA members.

Historian – Venzel Hammershaimb reminded members to log their hours.

Corresponding Secretary – Kris McMillan reported that she has written several thank yous, and asked for those needing thank you's written, please let her know. She asked for final changes to the roster.

Library Tribute – Julie Skrdla reported for Michelle Ganon that the library tribute fund has received \$2,976 with which to purchase new books for the library.

AP Workshop – Julie Skrdla reported that work is under way for the November 6 event, and she asked for volunteers to help.

Newsletter – Karen Lawrence reiterated deadlines for the newsletter. Patti Nussbaum noted that Karen also is in charge of the Student Planners (a shared PTA/ASB expense), and Patti thanked her and noted that this was the best early delivery we have experienced.

Grade Level Dinners – Candace Person reported that they were once again successful, with the new format of 9th Grade being separate was productive and well-received. Candace also solicited volunteers for the Homecoming dance on November 6.

Family Directory – Cheryl Stewart reported that 610 Family Directories have been ordered, for a total amount received of \$3,660. The directories are almost ready for printing.

Hospitality – The committee was thanked for all they have done, and in turn thanked parents who had provided cookies for open house. It was noted that refreshments would be needed for the principal's chat on October 12.

GATE - Jamie Ginsberg stated that there will be a parenting talk on October 30 at Madison High School. She also wanted parents to know that there is GATE information on a new website: <http://prod031.sandi.net/GATE2>.

Parent Prep – Linda Kalkstein reported that there will be a UC/CSU application workshop for parents and students on Wednesday, October 13 at 6:30 pm in the LMC. She also noted that there is an interesting article from the Atlantic Monthly regarding college admissions, which she will forward to interested parents.

Governance – Linda Dowley gave a report, citing various issues covered at the last Governance meeting (report filed with minutes). The next Governance meeting is Wednesday, October 20.

Foundation – Jackie Helm reported that Mardi Gras in May will be May 14, and urged families to save the date. Jackie reported that the foundation has agreed to fund a part-time counselor position to write college recommendation letters for seniors. Foundation is sponsoring "Taste of La Jolla" on October 18 as a fundraiser – they need volunteers to work during the event. They also encouraged all parents to sign up for e-scrip, which is an easy, painless fundraiser for parents.

Grade Level Rep – Lisa Barkett reported that the goal of Grade Level Reps is to have the grades work together to support all of the students, and noted the importance of coordinating and communicating between the grades, so that no one needs to "reinvent the wheel".

- 12th Grade is coordinating volunteers for the Snack Shack at home football games. If you are interested in working, contact Genie Bell. Also selling beach towels as a fundraiser. Mentioned the use of private counselors to help students with the college process. Lisa Barkett has more information – parents should contact her if interested.

- 11th Grade – Candace Person reported that PSAT's are October 16.
- 10th Grade – Susan Sparks reported that the 10th grade is selling t-shirts for girls and sunglasses for boys. They have also arranged for smoothie sales at lunch on certain dates.
- There was no 9th grade report.

Principal's Report –

Mr. Shelburne reported:

- A new math teacher has been hired – welcome to Karen Haldeman. Staffing procedures were discussed.
- Dress code violations are down.
- Asked for PTA to discuss moving fall Open House from 7-9pm to earlier – possibly 6-8pm, citing that it is such a long day for teachers.
- The lunch litter situation was discussed, with Mr. Shelburne reporting that disciplinary action is being taken against students in areas where there are large amounts of litter.
- Working on getting an overhang for the lockers newly placed in the 300 bldg. There is currently a waiting list of 40 students with no lockers but locker repair people will be on campus first week of October to repair approximately 50 fixable lockers. As soon as lockers are repaired, students on the waiting list will be assigned lockers.
- Bids are being gathered to replace the missing letters to “La Jolla High School” on the Nautilus side of the school, and all letters have been removed during this process of replacing missing ones.
- A temporary, long-term substitute is being sought to replace Mrs. Jaques (English teacher) when she goes on maternity leave in October.
- Role of counseling interns was discussed, with an explanation of the search for a substitute to replace Amy Lee, who is on a one-year leave of absence.
- The possibility of adding VEEP students was discussed, as the current enrollment (which was thought to be so large at the beginning of the year, due to a computer error) has dropped, and we are only entitled to an 80% position in counseling. Discussed No Child Left Behind parameters – any students interested in attending LJHS under that program need to come from schools in our VEEP feeder pattern.

ASB Report – ASB President, Michael Thompson spoke about club day, which was very well attended. Noted that ASB is selling pizza prior to the Candidate's Forum. Students just finished Suicide Prevention Week, where they were made aware of this issue. Michael mentioned that locations for the ASB ball are being discussed.

Parents were reminded that classroom visitation day is October 13, and parents should go to the office to sign in, then proceed to classes they wish to observe.

Girls' Volleyball – Angie Preisendorfer reported that girls' volleyball is doing very well this year and urged parents and students to attend these exciting games and cheer on the team.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am. The next meeting will be on Friday, November 5, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in the LMC.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Dowley, Recording Secretary