

**LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
April 1, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President, Patti Nussbaum. March minutes have been approved by the readers, and are posted on the school website. Patti asked for three readers for this month's minutes: thank you Randy Bishop, Venzel Hammershaimb and Barbara Hoffman.

President's Report – Patti Nussbaum reported:

- Thank you to the nominating committee (Yvonne Oberle, Chair, Kris McMillan, Angie Preisendorfer, Jeanette Wright and Wyndham Jackson) for the wonderful job they did securing the new slate of officers.
- Traffic issues – an ad hoc committee composed of representatives from the city, local residents and school representatives has been formed to look at traffic issues in and around the schools (specifically on Nautilus, West Muirlands and Fay Avenue). The committee will report to the La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Committee. Patti is representing LJHS, and Linda Dowley is representing Muirlands Middle School.
- At the March meeting, the PTA took up a collection to make a donation in memory of sophomore Lane Lyon. The total sent was \$657 and we received a thank you letter from the Make a Wish Foundation.

Financial Reports – Amy Cheshire reported on checks written and Randy Bishop moved to ratify the checks. This was seconded and approved. Amy discussed the budget and would like to roll money into a money market account. Randy Bishop moved to open a Money Market account which best serves the needs of the PTA. This was seconded and approved. The PTA Executive Board will meet next Friday to develop a proposal for use of excess funds, and since our checking account is approaching \$20,000, we will have excess funds to spend. A vote on the proposal will be taken at the May meeting.

Programs – Jamie Ginsberg reported on the first evening Principal's Chat held on March 8. It was successful and another evening chat would be recommended. On April 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Parker Auditorium, there will be a program on teen alcohol abuse, similar to the panel presentation on teen drug abuse held last year.

Ways and Means – Betsy Klene reported that we are over budget on Mini Grants, but the subsequent discussion noted that this is a worthwhile way to spend PTA funds. Betsy presented five Mini Grant requests, which would bring us close to paying out \$10,000, when \$8,000 was budgeted. It was noted that all Mini Grant requests are passed first through the department head, and then approved by the principal. Randy Bishop made a motion that since funds are available, these Mini Grant requests be approved. It was seconded and the motion was passed.

Membership – Bee Mittermiller reported that we have received 5 new memberships in March with \$75 in dues and \$20 in donations for a total of 630 members, year to date \$9,450 in dues, \$5,610 in donations for a total of \$15,060.

Registration – Kate Potter reported on work being done to make registration run even more smoothly next fall. Currently, the library and overdue books are a log-jam, and this area is being addressed.

Nominating – Yvonne Oberle, Nominating Committee Chair presented the slate of officers: President – Jamie Ginsberg; Executive Vice President – Patti Nussbaum; V.P. Programs – Linda Kalkstein; V.P. Membership – Bee Mittermiller and Liz Lindenfeld; Treasurer – Amy Cheshire; Recording Secretary – Katya Newmark; Auditor – Barbara Hoffman; Historian – Venzel Hammershaimb. Susanna Flaster moved to elect this slate of officers for the 2005-2006 school year. It was seconded and approved. Committee Chair openings were mentioned: Grad Nite Chair, Newsletter Tech, Newsletter Mailing Chair and SAT Class Coordinator.

Student Planner – Karen Lawrence reported that we have student cover art for next year's planner, and it is the hope that planners will be delivered before the end of school.

CPR Saturday Class – Candace Person solicited sign ups for participation in the April 16 class. Candace also noted that the Mariner's Fashion Show is April 6 and parent volunteers are needed. Volunteers are also needed to

assemble STAR testing materials.

Lockers – Candy Satterlee reported that there will be a new system for distributing lockers for next year, and volunteers are needed to help prep lockers (aka clean them) during the summer.

Foundation – Bee Mittermiller reported on the May 20 golf tournament – get your reservations in now. In addition to the recycling of printer cartridges, you can donate old cell phones in the front office.

Mardi Gras in May – Candy Satterlee reported on the May 14 major fundraiser. Volunteers are needed to work during the event, and setting-up the day of the event. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. Jackie Helm is the volunteer coordinator – please see her if you can help. Students can volunteer to set-up, but cannot attend the event. The Foundation is striving to make this a community event, not just an LJHS fundraiser.

Tony Farwell, Foundation President, reported that the Foundation is looking for board members and outlined several committees.

GATE – Jamie Ginsberg reported on the parent cluster meeting on April 13, location TBA. Cherie Drummond will be speaking on the social and emotional needs of the gifted.

Parent Congress – Jamie Ginsberg reported that testing is being discussed. It is very important (especially at LJHS) for all students to participate in testing and work to the best of their abilities, as test scores are one portion of the equation that allows LJHS to remain autonomous.

Parent Prep – Patti Nussbaum for Linda Kalkstein – a reminder that Monday night, May 16 there will be a parent panel discussing the process of applying to colleges.

Governance – Linda Dowley gave a report about the March 16 meeting (attached to these minutes) If parents have issues they would like brought up before Governance, they are urged to contact Governance parent representatives Linda Dowley, Jamie Ginsberg, Joan Hiser, Liz Lindenfeld or Patti Nussbaum.

Legislation – Mary Fisher reported on the call in day to legislators, and said that the impact was felt. The Senate put items back in the budget such as PELL grants. The California PTA website under “Sacramento Update” has information worth reading.

Band Boosters – Mary Fisher thanked volunteers but noted that Saturday’s festival has been cancelled due to flooding in the auditorium. Hopefully the April 30 festival will be able to be held here.

12th Grade Report - After Prom/Grad Nite – Linda Dowley reported for the committees that the After Prom committee met March 12, and is looking for volunteers both to chair certain portions of the event and to chaperone. If you are interested in being in charge of decorations, phone bank or publicity, please contact Cindy Tindaro or Angie Preisendorfer. The After Prom has received approximately \$1,800 in underwriting and have traditionally received between \$5 – 7,000 so they are hoping for more donations. Grad Nite is also looking for chaperones. Information will be sent to seniors and tickets will be sold together with After Prom during the first two weeks of May.

11th Grade Report – the 11th Grade Dance will be held on April 8. Volunteers are needed for coat check.

10th Grade – T-shirts are being sold in memory of Lane Lyon, with proceeds going to Make-a-Wish.

9th Grade – No report.

Principal’s Report – There was a recent flood in the auditorium. An early morning delivery truck ran into a spigot in the side of the auditorium, resulting in a pipe broken within the wall. The broken pipe was leaking water into the auditorium at the rate of 2,000 gallons/minute and was broken for some 30 minutes before water began running out of the auditorium doors, alerting school personnel to the flood (this happened before the start of school). Repairs/drying etc. started immediately. The flood will delay some programs scheduled in the auditorium, such as the Madrigal Talent Show and the Mariners Fashion Show. The next in the Burnham Lecture

series, scheduled for next Tuesday should be able to continue. Repairs are estimated to take several weeks.

Congratulations to the NOBECHE Team who went to Orlando and won the national competition. They are now qualified to go to Washington DC to compete in a National Energy Competition later in April, under the leadership of Mr. Fairley.

The NOSB is heading to Biloxi, Mississippi to compete in the National Championship under the leadership of Mr. Decker.

Again, the difficulties in scheduling spring sports participation were discussed.

Standardized testing begins next month, and it is important for students to know how important their serious efforts are for La Jolla High. Fortunately, the state standardized tests will take place after AP exams this year.

Summer school for students needing remediation and the few additional summer school offerings were noted. Summer school will run for six weeks, beginning June 22.

It was noted that the on-campus theft situation is in the hands of City Schools police.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Dowley, Recording Secretary