

**LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President, Patti Nussbaum. January 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 Madelyn Bennett, Linda Kalkstein and Barbara Hoffman. Guest observer Graham Tayler visiting from the United Kingdom was introduced and welcomed.

District Counselor, George Pentano spoke, gave a brief description of his job and explained the upcoming testing dates for standardized and AP testing. He is looking for volunteers to assist in collating testing materials.

President's Report – Patti Nussbaum reported:

- Thank you to Christina Orciuoli and many assistants for the delivery of CPR classes; and to Zoe Ghahremani for hosting the Principal's Chat.
- As part of the school's WASC Accreditation, there is a parent/community meeting on Sunday, February 27 at 3:30 pm in the Library. The WASC report to stakeholders will take place on Wednesday, March 2 at 2:30 pm in Parker Auditorium.
- There is a free FAFSA workshop being offered – a flyer was circulated with information.
- 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 - the Executive Board met to amend the budget. The After Prom account has been closed, and the balance of \$6878 has been transferred to the PTA account. An expense line item has been added to the PTA budget of \$15,000 for the After Prom, and a \$20,000 income line has also been added, which includes carry-forward income (the \$6878) from previous years. Amy explained that the \$1,000 line item that represented PTAs donation to the After Prom has been eliminated. Randy Bishop moved to approve the amended budget, and the motion was carried. Amy asked that checks be ratified, noting that the \$60 check for the Founder's Day Brunch was \$20 over the amount budgeted. Yvonne Oberle moved to ratify the checks, it was seconded and approved.

Barbara Hoffman, the Auditor, reported that she has examined the records of the PTA and all are in order. Jamie Ginsberg moved that the Auditor's Report be adopted. It was seconded and approved.

Programs – Jamie Ginsberg reported that there will be a Principal's Chat on March 8 at 7pm in Parker Auditorium. John DeBeck may attend late. On April 20 there will be a program on Alcohol abuse in Parker Auditorium. It is for parents, but students could certainly attend.

Ways and Means – Betsy Klene presented a single Mini Grant request. Barbara Hoffman moved to approve the Mini Grant. It was seconded and approved by the membership.

Membership – Bee Mittermiller reported that we have received 2 new memberships in January who donated \$85. The year-to-date total is 621 members with dues totaling \$9,350 and \$5,540 in donations, for a grand total of \$14,855.

Liz Lindenfeld spoke about the "PTA Superform" which will be in the registration packets in the fall. The form was presented to the Executive Board and is now being edited.

Nominating – Yvonne Oberle, Nominating Committee Chair reported that the committee met and has made great progress. Thank you to all who have stepped up. Noted remaining positions. She will present the slate in March for a vote in April.

CPR – Christina Orciuoli thanked the 45 parent volunteers who helped with CPR classes.

CPR Saturday Class – Candace Person is coordinating a class for the community and students on April 16 from 9-2. The cost is \$40 and will be presented by UCSD. On March 6, there will be a free course given by the Red Cross at the San Diego Concourse from 7am-1pm.

Legislation – Mary Fisher reported – presented highlights of the state budget which relate to education, and the repercussions of attempts to rewrite Proposition 98.

Foundation Report – Bee Mittermiller reported that the Foundation is also going through their nominating process, looking for new members. The date for Mardi Gras in May is Saturday, May 14, and Candy Satterlee is recruiting volunteers. Foundation Golf Tournament is being run by Gary Felt and is looking for players.

Foundation Chair Tony Farwell spoke about the Foundation's commitment to ongoing support for the counseling department. Gave an update on the school security camera system and efforts to repair same, and discussed new domain name – LaJollaHigh.org will be a direct link to the LJHS web site. Discussed Foundation's support of the English Department through funding of readers. Requested that everyone sign up for e-scrip.

GATE – Jamie Ginsberg reported that there will be a GATE parent meeting in the library on February 23 at 6:30 pm. April 13 will be a cluster meeting at 2:30pm at the LJHS Library. Eighth grade seminar students interested in applying for spots at LJHS – the deadline was last week.

Parent Prep – College night is scheduled for February 16 at 6:30 in the auditorium. The Parent Prep committee will meet on Thursday, February 24 at 2:00 pm at Linda Kalkstein's house to plan the May parent panel discussing the college application process.

Governance – Linda Dowley spoke about the Jan. 19 Governance meeting where the agenda items included the counseling department situation, dance policy, principal's review committee and Parent Visitation days. 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.

Grade Level Reports:

12th Grade - Lisa Barkett – towels are still available for purchase; Grad Night is looking for chaperones; After Prom is coming along.

11th Grade – Candace Person – Junior class dance will be school-wide on April 8. Noted there are reference books regarding testing and all manner of college information available in the counseling office.

10th Grade – Susan Sparks – 10th grade selling carnations for Valentine's Day, and selling coffee and cookies at College Night. Reminder – Feb. 17 is Air Band.

9th Grade – Sarah Schrier – Bake sales and popcorn sales are going on to meet financial goals for year-end.

Stars in our Eyes – Susan Lanci urged everyone to attend this wonderful Rotary Fundraiser that benefits students and drama, art, music and dance departments at all local high schools (LJHS, Bishops, Country Day).

Principal's Report – Dana Shelburne – Promoted Stars in our Eyes. Reminded about WASC visit on Feb. 27. In additional news:

- Outlined universal tardy policy, noting that previously there had been no consistency, and tardies had become a huge problem.
- Cafeteria has been closed due to unacceptable behavior.
- Lockers in the 800 building have not been relocated, and will not be. Students still needing lockers are urged to contact Susie Struhar. Repairs due to storm damage on the 800 building are estimated to take two months to complete.
- Was asked about having class sets of books to eliminate need for lockers.
- Instructional Autonomy status in light of the new school board was discussed –no indication seen of any changes to our agreement. Concern was raised by principals to board members that successful schools get less money, with all financial resources being reallocated to lowest performing schools.
- Was asked about Mr. Moore's retirement as a math teacher (he retired at the semester and wasn't replaced.) A financial decision – his students have been moved to other math classes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am. The next meeting will be on Friday, March 3, 2005 at 9:00 in the library.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Dowley, Recording Secretary