

**LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President, Patti Nussbaum, who explained that the December 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 Kris McMillan, Sheila Dershowitz and Randy Bishop.

President's Report – Patti Nussbaum reported:

- Thank you to Yvonne Oberle for running the December PTA meeting in Patti's absence.
- Thank you to Becky Gardner, Pam Smith, Janet Gentile, Sandy Smith and Gina Hixson for the Staff Holiday Breakfast.
- Thank you to Micki Olin for coordinating the donations to the Ninth District PTA Holiday service project for the Harbor School.
- Thank you to Armida Polkinhorn and Barbara Batterson-Rossi for coordinating the evaluators for the Senior Exhibitions. The roster is full.
- Thank you to Christina Orcioli for coordinating the CPR classes.
- The LJHS Alumni Association has an Administrative Position available.
- The annual Rotary fundraiser, "Stars In Our Eyes" will take place Friday, February 4 in Parker Auditorium.
- The Ninth District PTA annual Founders Day brunch will take place Wednesday, February 16. The PTA will pay for attendees. Please contact Patti if you have an interest in attending.
- For parents of students who graduated in 2004, there are extra copies of the senior issue of the High Tide available.
- Reminder for parents to check the school website and read the bulletin, and don't hesitate to call Patti Nussbaum with questions or concerns.

Nurse's Report – Nurse Lisa Erlichman stopped in to thank the PTA for their support. Parents have donated needed items to the nurse's office and they are currently well stocked. She will send out another e-mail when the need for more items arises.

Financial Reports – Amy Cheshire noted that all fundraisers to date have exceeded expectations. The PTA currently has \$33,000 in its account, and will be adding to that with money from last year's After Prom. It was noted that the After Prom overage will be kept as an After Prom line item, and will be disbursed a bit at a time over the next several years. Last year's Grad Night overage will also stay with Grad Night. The executive board will hold a meeting later this month and begin discussing recommendations for spending funds. Amy presented financial report and read the list of checks written, which is attached to these minutes. Randy Bishop moved to ratify the checks. It was seconded and approved by the membership.

Programs – Jamie Ginsberg reported that there will be three Principal's Chats coming up. The first one will be on Wednesday, January 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Zoe Gharamani, 7366 Fairway Road. The next principal's chat is scheduled for February 1 at Memorial Junior High, 2850 Logan Avenue. At this winter chat, traditionally families of VEEP students are given information about financial aid for college, so this event was not combined with LJHS families and held at LJHS as was previously planned. The third chat will be on March 8, at 7:00 pm in Parker Auditorium.

Ways and Means – Betsy Klene read the Mini Grant requests from teachers. There were only two

requests this month (listing attached to these minutes). Cheryl McCarthy moved to approve the mini grant requests. It was seconded and approved by the membership.

Membership – Bee Mittermiller reported that we have received 8 new memberships plus \$80 in donations, for a year-to-date total of 619 members with dues totaling \$9,285 and \$5,455 in donations.

We discussed the percentage of parents and teachers who are members; it was suggested that an e-mail be sent out to our large list gently asking those who receive the e-mail to join PTA. We will explore having on-line membership sign-up. Tony Farwell, new Foundation chair, will assist.

Also discussed was the “Super PTA Form” which we are working on to go in next year’s student registration packet, so that parents can write one check to cover membership, grade level dinners, etc.

Parliamentarian – Micki Olin solicited 5 volunteers and two alternates to be on the nominating committee. Volunteers were Kris McMillan, Yvonne Oberle, Wyndham Jackson, Angie Preisendorfer, Jeanette Wright with Christina Orciuoli and Bee Mittermiller as alternates.

Micki also reported on the PTA Ninth District’s holiday drive to support the Harbor School downtown, a school for homeless children. La Jolla High parents donated generously, and Micki delivered a station wagon full of sweatshirts, \$800 in cash and \$100 in gift certificates. Administrators at Harbor School were most grateful. Micki thanked the members for their generosity.

AP Workshop – Julie Skrdla (with pictures of her darling grandkids, Jack and Abby) thanked the AP Workshop volunteers and noted that the event netted \$5,639.

CPR – Christina Orciuoli reported that parent volunteers are still needed to assist with CPR classes (no experience required). She showed the newly purchased adult manikins (20 were purchased) and infants (12 were purchased). Work continues on offering a Saturday class, possibly in April. Also noted that the PE department is incorporating a nutrition unit which will be taught while ½ the class gets CPR training.

Senior Exhibitions – Volunteer roster is all full.

Foundation Report – Bee Mittermiller introduced the new Foundation Chair, Tony Farwell, and heartily thanked him for taking on the job. She mentioned that SOS tickets are being sold for the Buick Golf Tournament. Tony Farwell spoke and thanked the PTA members for all they do, and spoke about the PTA and Foundation working together for the benefit of our students. He mentioned that the next Foundation meeting is January 26 at 7:00 am, and for anyone interested, there is a binder with minutes and financial statements of the Foundation available for anyone to review, located in Sandi Pawl’s office.

Jackie Helm reported on a new fundraiser – recycling printer cartridges. A recycling container will be placed in the office and hopefully a second one in the library. She will send out an e-mail with information about recycling and again reminding about e-scrip.

The date for Mardi Gras in May is Saturday, May 18, and Candy Satterlee is recruiting volunteers.

GATE – Jamie Ginsberg reported that representatives from various schools are participating in a cluster task force for the district, regarding GATE cluster delivery, which she and Michelle Ganon are attending. The committee is looking for more teacher representatives, so if anyone knows of a teacher who might be interested in serving, please contact Jamie. There will be a GATE parent meeting in the library on February 23 at 6:30 pm.

Parent Prep – College night is scheduled for February 16 at 6:30 in the auditorium. Parents of juniors are encouraged to attend, and parents of sophomores might find it helpful as well. Students are welcome, but it is mostly parents who attend. The Parent Prep committee will meet on Thursday, February 24 at

2:00 pm at Linda Kalkstein's house. The purpose of this group is to provide information and support to parents and students as they navigate the college application process.

Governance – Linda Dowley noted that the December meeting was cancelled. School start times were briefly discussed (this will be a topic at next week's District Parent Congress meeting). The next Governance meeting will be January 19 at 2:30 in room 513, and parents who have issues they would like brought up before Governance are urged to contact Governance parent representatives Linda Dowley, Jamie Ginsberg, Joan Hiser, Liz Lindenfeld or Patti Nussbaum.

Legislation Chair – Mary Fisher gave a report on various legislative issues going on at the state level, and PTA's stance. She mentioned a new motor vehicle law which took effect January 1, 2005, where if windshield wipers are engaged, headlights must be on. Students should be made aware of this new law. Questions were raised about the Governor's new budget, as it relates to education and the impact it will have at the local level. This will be revisited next month.

Grade Level Reports:

12th Grade - Lisa Barkett displayed sweatshirts for sale and noted several important dates of which seniors should be aware.

11th Grade – Candace Person recommended that students in their junior year focus on the SAT's and SAT II's. March is the next testing date. Juniors are selling refreshments at basketball games and are looking for volunteers.

10th Grade – Susan Sparks reporting – sophomores are busy making money. PSAT test results are in and students can pick up their results in the counseling office. The sophomores are making a video interviewing kids with special talents.

9th Grade – Cheryl McCarthy reported that the freshmen are having a bake sale next week and are looking for volunteers to help.

Special Presentation – A certificate of appreciation was presented to Frances O'Neill Zimmerman for eight years of outstanding service to the La Jolla schools, and all schools in San Diego during her tenure as School Board member.

Principal's Report – Dana reported on several school awards: LJHS received the Blood Bank Award for outstanding high school blood drive. Thanks go to Mr. Teachworth for his work on this annual event. La Jolla High received an award for Best Academic Practice from the Urban League for having the best practices for African-American students. It was noted that although we have a small population of black students, they do quite well.

In other news:

- The band is in Costa Rica participating in a festival with the new band teacher.
- Academic League will be filmed in competition on March 1 in Parker Auditorium.
- ASB and various clubs are raising funds to aid tsunami victims.
- Sunday, February 27 there will be a WASC Parent/Community meeting from 3:00 – 4:30pm in the library. WASC is the Western Association of Schools and Colleges which accredits schools. The accreditation process takes place every five years and is going on currently. They are looking for parent input.
- "Stars In Our Eyes" is a Rotary Club benefit which will take place on Friday, February 4 in Parker Auditorium. Tickets are \$25 each and will be available in the office. Students from the three La Jolla high schools (LJHS, Bishops and Country Day) perform musical, dramatic and dance numbers, and there is a display of student art in the cafeteria. Funds raised go to the schools' arts departments and to scholarships for students.

- A question was raised about the possibility of a 9th grade parent night, similar to the 10th grade Parent night that was held in December. No such event is planned, but counselors will be going in to 9th grade English classes with information on course selection. Students need to be aware that 9th grade does “count” in terms of both high school graduation and credits needed to graduate and college admissions. Class rank was discussed as were PSAT results, which showed that LJHS has 17 National Merit semi-finalists this year.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Dowley, Recording Secretary