

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President, Patti Nussbaum. February 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 Michael Briggs, Cheryl Stewart and Carole Balcombe.

President's Report – Patti Nussbaum reported:

- Thank you to Isabel Vega, VEEP Rep., for her work on the Principal's Chat at Memorial Academy; thank you to Candace Person for hosting the newsletter mailing party last week; thank you to Liz Lindenfeld for coordinating the development of the PTA Super Form for the registration mailing packet and thank you to Genie Bell for all her work during the WASC visitation week.
- Lane Lyon – We are sending a card from the PTA to the Lyon family to express our sympathy on the death of sophomore Lane Lyon. If you would like to make a donation in memory of Lane, the family suggests making donations to the Make a Wish Foundation, 5151 Murphy Canyon Road, #110, San Diego, CA 92123. Mrs. Dill, the ASB Advisor, informed Patti that the ASB is discussing setting up a fundraiser to make a donation in Lane's memory.
- Eagle Scout Project – Senior Matthew Tuszynski is working on his Eagle Scout project, and flyers with information are located in the back of the room.

Financial Reports – Amy Cheshire gave the financial report including checks to be ratified. Susanna Flaster moved to ratify the checks as written. It was seconded and approved. The executive board will meet to draft a proposal about how to spend excess funds. At the May PTA meeting the proposal will be reviewed and a vote taken.

Programs – Patti Nussbaum for Jamie Ginsberg, reported that the third and final Principal's Chat of the year will be held on March 8 at 7pm in Parker Auditorium. Additionally, there will be a parent program regarding alcohol use in teens on April 20.

Ways and Means – Betsy Klene presented nine Mini Grant requests (which are attached to the minutes). Elizabeth Allan moved to approve the Mini Grants, with the grant request by Mr. Quesnell being reduced to \$350 to remain within the mini grant limit. It was seconded and approved by the membership. Our Mini Grant budget is \$8,000 and we have reached that as of this vote. It was discussed how to proceed. Bee Mittermiller noted that any additional requests can be redirected to the Foundation, which also funds teacher mini grants. It was recommended that teachers who don't apply should be encouraged to do so in the future.

Membership – Bee Mittermiller reported that we have received 4 new memberships in February, totaling \$60 in dues and \$50 in donations. The year-to-date total is 625 members with dues totaling \$9,375 and \$5,590 in donations, for a grand total of \$14,965.

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 thanked the nominating committee and read the slate of officers which will be voted on at the April meeting: President – Jamie Ginsberg; Executive VP – Patti Nussbaum; VP Programs – Linda Kalkstein; VP Ways and Means – Betsy Klene; VP Membership – Bee Mittermiller and Liz Lindenfeld; Corresponding Secretary – Micki Olin;

Recording Secretary – Katya Newmark; Historian – Venzel Hammershaimb and Treasurer – Amy Cheshire.

Yvonne mentioned a few openings for committee chair positions – those interested should contact her.

Registration – Elizabeth Allan noted dates for summer registration: Seniors – Fri., Aug. 26, Juniors – Monday, August 29, Sophomores – Tuesday, August 30 and Freshman – Thursday, September 1. Many volunteers are needed to make registration run smoothly, so please help out on any day. Joyce Carry is the volunteer coordinator.

Student Planners – Karen Lawrence reported that planners for next year are being ordered, with the per unit cost supposedly being raised, but thanks to Karen's keen negotiating, our cost will remain the same. The student cover contest is currently under way.

Newsletter – The final issue is coming up, and the deadline for submissions is March 28.

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.

Foundation Report – Candy Satterlee gave a presentation on Mardi Gras in May which will take place May 14 from 6-11:30 pm. Volunteers are needed.

Tony Farwell spoke about Foundation support for the counseling department through funding Mrs. Shaler's salary, and \$16,000 for a "COW" (Computer on Wheels) for the science department, and additional Foundation support of the nurse, buildings and grounds, academics and athletics. The Foundation always welcomes parent donations.

GATE – Patti Nussbaum, reporting for Jamie Ginsberg, noted that there will be a GATE cluster meeting on April 13 at 2:30pm at the LJHS Library. Sherrie Drummond will speak about the social and emotional needs of gifted students.

Parent Prep – Linda Kalkstein reported that the committee is still finalizing a date for the panel of parents and seniors to discuss the college application process.

Governance – Linda Dowley spoke about the Feb. 16 Governance meeting where the agenda items included the counseling department situation, dance policy, principal's review committee and students process for choosing classes for next year. 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 – Informed parents about a national call-in day (March 8) where parents can call their legislators with concerns about education. The number is 800-247-2971.

#### Grade Level Reports:

12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Linda Dowley for Lisa Barkett – towels are still available for purchase; Grad Night is looking for chaperones; After Prom is coming along, with Angie Preisendorfer reporting that volunteers are needed, and anyone interested in helping should meet at her home on Saturday March 12 at 4pm to discuss the evening.

11<sup>th</sup> Grade – Candace Person – Junior class dance will be school-wide on April 8. Mentioned upcoming AP tests, SAT 1 and SAT II tests.

10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Susan Sparks – 10<sup>th</sup> grade made approximately \$300 by selling carnations for Valentine's Day.

Mr. Rodriguez, the band teacher, spoke about upcoming events in April, where LJHS is hosting two music festivals. Volunteers are needed to help out on April 2 and April 30.

Principal's Report –

- Parking around campus was discussed.
- WASC final report was supportive and positive and we will know the final outcome in late April. We are hoping for a six-year accreditation.
- NOBCHE won first place in a recent regional competition and will be going to Orlando to compete at the next level.
- NOSB placed first for the fifth year in a row in their recent competition and will progress on to the next level of competition in Biloxi, Mississippi.
- ITV was here last week filming the Academic League competition between LJHS and Francis Parker (LJHS won!)
- The Urban League recognized LJHS for its outstanding efforts and achievements by black students.
- Report on flooding – meeting with city to discuss storm drain issues, and drywall will not be replaced (since this is the second flooding this year) until the issue is resolved. The weight room repairs will be completed this summer.
- 6<sup>th</sup> period PE was discussed, as this year's spring sports caused more students than ever to require 6<sup>th</sup> period PE, which created problems in a domino effect throughout the school day.
- Discussion of new tardy policy and the exact definition of "tardy".
- Question arose about when school nurse may share student information with parents.
- Concerns raised about recent rash of thefts on campus – school police believe they have identified the culpable person. The Foundation is supporting the repair of campus security cameras.
- Concern voiced by an 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent about timeline for paperwork for students matriculating to the high school – was referred to the counseling office, both at LJHS and at Muirlands.

Two students from the media department showed their award-winning film.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The next meeting will be on April 1 at 9 a.m.  
Minutes submitted by Linda Dowley, Recording Secretary.