

**LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
May 6, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President, Patti Nussbaum. April 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 Liz Lindenfeld, Madelyn Bennett and Mary Fisher.

District Counselor George Pentano spoke explaining the process for students to receive a work permit. Candace Person asked for volunteers to help Mr. Pentano collate materials for spring STAR testing.

**President's Report** – Patti Nussbaum reported:

- The district calendar for the 2005-2006 school year is available online at [www.sandi.net](http://www.sandi.net).
- Thank yous to Candace Person and Christina Orciuoli for organizing and teaching the Saturday CPR class on April 16; and to Jamie Ginsberg for arranging the Parent Program on Teen Alcohol Use and Abuse on April 20.
- Notebooks and folders of current officers/committee chairs should be turned over to successors in those positions or to Patti.

**Excess Funds:** The Executive Board discussed funds that are considered "excess". This includes money budgeted but not spent and extra net profit made on programs. There was discussion at the Executive Board supporting efforts related to improving Counseling, safety on campus and other ideas. The Executive Board passed a motion to recommend that we carry over all funds until the fall when we will have a clearer idea about specific needs on campus.

There was also discussion about doing a parent survey to give feedback on this year's programs and activities and help set priorities for next year. It would give guidance to the PTA for spending, and the cost would come out of the Gift to School expense line item. The cost to print and mail a survey to all parents (one survey per student) is estimated to be between \$800 and \$1,200. The Executive Board passed a motion to develop and mail a parent survey, and has formed a committee to draft the survey. The survey will be approved by Mr. Shelburne before being mailed.

Angie Preisendorfer moved to spend up to \$1,200 printing and mailing the parent survey. It was seconded, and discussion ensued about emailing the survey, but decided that was not feasible. The motion was carried.

Jamie Ginsberg made a motion to carry excess funds over to the fall, when a vote will be taken regarding disbursement. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Financial Reports** – Amy Cheshire reported on checks written and Susanna Flaster moved to ratify the checks. This was seconded and approved. Amy noted that the newsletter mailing expense is over budget. She explained that the expense for one newsletter mailing needs to be kept in the bulk mail permit account to ensure the summer newsletter has adequate funds to be mailed. Jamie Ginsberg moved to approve this mailing account overage. It was seconded and approved. Amy noted that the parent survey should be helpful in setting budgets for the 2005-2006 school year.

**Programs** – Jamie Ginsberg reported on the April 20 program on teen alcohol abuse. It was well attended and hopefully helpful to parents.

**Ways and Means** – Betsy Klene reported on the five mini-grants approved by Mr. Shelburne (sheet attached). Venzel Hammershaimb moved to approve all five. The motion was seconded and carried.

Three additional mini-grant requests came in and have not yet been approved by Mr. Shelburne. They were discussed and it was suggested that they be voted on subject to approval by Mr. Shelburne. The items with conditional approval are: a request from Mrs. Henderson, the choral teacher, for a \$232 portable cd/cassett/pta system (Angie Preisendorfer moved to approve – it was seconded and carried); Mr. Rodriguez's request for \$350

for a conductor's podium for Parker Auditorium (Sarah Schrier moved, it was seconded and carried); and a \$162 request from Nurse Lisa for a text and professional newsletter on legal/medical issues (motion from Maureen Lochtefeld, seconded and carried).

Betsy Klene noted that mini-grants are an extremely important function of PTA and we have exceeded our budget of \$8,000. It was suggested that this be publicized to parents so that they can be more aware that their PTA donations go directly toward classroom enrichment through our mini-grants.

**Membership** – Bee Mittermiller reported that we have received 6 new memberships in April with \$90 in dues and \$50 in donations for a total of 636 members, year to date \$9,540 in dues, \$5,660 in donations for a total of \$15,200.

**Registration** – There are new stations being added this year, making a **daily** need of 55 volunteers. Jill Ayling needs volunteers to help with text book check-in during the last week of school.

**Hospitality** – Becky Gardner reported that the teachers were given t-shirts (made by our own graphic arts department) during the teacher appreciation breakfast today – and the shirts were a big hit! Last week, for Secretary's Day, plants and breakfast were provided for staff. Kudos were given to Becky and the hospitality committee for their terrific job.

**Foundation** – Tony Farwell reported on Mardi Gras in May coming up on May 14. Tickets are on sale online. Ticket sales are currently ahead of last year.

On campus security cameras have been repaired (except for the camera which was stolen – note the irony). With the district budget situation dire, we will be losing Cindy Villasenor, our lone campus security person. Mentioned alleged cocaine use on campus in girls' bathrooms and noted the importance of campus security.

The Foundation is looking to fund one to 1.5 counseling positions for next year. We currently have 2.8 counselors (with Ty Eveleth working a .8 position). The goal is to have 4 full time counselors plus the district counselor when school begins in September.

The new slate of Foundation officers will be announced at a later date.

The May 20 golf tournament is oversold – thanks to all who support this event.

Tony discussed Naviance computer software (for counseling department) which helps students search for colleges, and allows counseling staff to track their progress. It is currently being used at Bishops School, Francis Parker and Country Day. The Foundation will fund purchase of this software upon approval from the counseling department. Estimated time for installation and usage by students was discussed (it could be in place for the fall).

Funding has been approved to replace lockers in the 900 building, and replacement for lockers in the 300 building is being explored to see if funding exists to complete this project. The locker donation by parents was discussed, and noted that this must be a "donation" since as a public school, we can't charge a "fee" for locker use.

**GATE** – Jamie Ginsberg reported that the district GATE task force will be giving a report of its year-long review to the school board in late may. She noted that the parent portion of our upcoming school survey will contain questions about the GATE programs, and that all parents are encouraged to respond.

**Parent Prep** – Linda Kalkstein reminded 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 April 20 meeting (attached to these minutes). Additional items of interest: Open House will be on Sept. 29 next year at 6:30, and Grade Level dinners will be on Sept. 20 (for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade) and 22<sup>nd</sup> (for 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades). 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 that the state PTA convention was last weekend. Mentioned that various topics and legislative issues were discussed at the convention and that platform statements regarding sun safety and video game violence were issued.

**Band Boosters** – Mary Fisher thanked volunteers who helped at the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association competition. Our band was a sponsor and the competition was held in Parker Auditorium. Mary noted that we received several compliments on our facility.

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade Report** – Lisa Barkett reported on 12<sup>th</sup> Grade year-end activities, noting senior dues of \$42 are due now. Elizabeth Allen will take over as Grad Nite chair for next year, and chaperones are still needed for this year's event. Angie Preisendorfer noted that After Prom planning and ticket sales are coming along.

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Report** – There will be a grade-level meeting on May 15 at Candace Person's home. Encouraged attendance by senior parents at grade level dinners in the fall.

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

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade** – No report.

**Principal's Report** –

- Thank you for t-shirts and breakfast for staff this morning. Both were greatly appreciated.
- AP testing is currently happening with over 1,000 exams being given.
- CA Standards testing is beginning next week. This year's timing (after AP exams) was most helpful, as these tests are important to our school, and determine our API ranking. Students are encouraged to do their best.
- Our long-time custodian will retire at the end of this year, and he will be missed. Mr. Shelburne noted there will be no teacher retirements next year, although a few staff are enlarging their families (Rodriguez and Savoia) which will necessitate some time off for them.

**Announcements**

- May 18 Band Concert, 7pm Parker Auditorium
- June 1 Choral Concert – Choir, Madrigals and the Jazz Ensemble will perform. 7pm, Parker Aud.
- Boys Track & Field were League Champions for the second year in a row

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Dowley, Recording Secretary