

**LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
December 2, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by President, Jamie Ginsberg. November minutes have been approved by the readers, and are posted on the school website. Jamie asked for three readers for this month's minutes: Thank you Patti Nussbaum, Michael Briggs and Madelyn Bennett.

President's Report:

- Jamie asked everyone to note the thank-yous on the back of the agenda, as many volunteers have helped at recent LJHS events.
- Gift to School – With our budget revision and hold over from last year, the PTA is in a position to give a \$20,000 gift to the school. A subcommittee comprised of Jamie Ginsberg, Patti Nussbaum, Micki Olin and Amy Cheshire, met with Tony Farwell and Dana Shelburne. They found that many teachers are in the process of installing technology stations (well secured) into their classrooms. These stations consist of speakers, tuners, and computer screens. Using the gift to school money to continue outfitting classrooms was approved by the Executive Board – approval by the general membership is now needed to finalize the process. Discussion ensued. The Foundation, in conjunction with the school administration, will administer the funds and oversee the outfitting process. Mr. Shelburne will prioritize the order of the work to be done, and the Foundation will contribute financially as well. Micki Olin moved to approve the expenditure of \$20,000 for the gift to the school. The motion was seconded and carried.
- Parents Aware – this position is not currently filled, and a description of the duties were given. Anyone interested should contact Jamie Ginsberg for more information.
- Teacher/home communication – Teachers should return calls and emails within 48 hours, and if parents do not receive return communication in a timely manner, they are urged to contact the principal.
- Newsletter deadline is January 4, 2006.
- NCAA meeting – There will be a meeting at lunchtime on Tuesday for junior students regarding NCAA college information.

Treasurer's Report – Amy Cheshire gave a financial update. Patti Nussbaum moved to ratify checks that were written. The motion was seconded and carried.

Programs – Linda Kalkstein reported that the next Principal's Chat will be in January 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Candy Satterlee, 2021 Olite Court. On March 16, the PTA will sponsor a panel on student alcohol and drug use. Students are welcome to attend this evening program.

Ways and Means –Betsy Klene presented the four Mini Grant requests. Discussion ensued regarding the total mini grant budget, which is \$10,000. Betsy has informed all teachers about the mini grant availability, and it was noted that the Foundation also provides mini grants to teachers. It was noted that the two math department requests appear to not have added tax to their request, so it was noted that those requests could be up to 10% more than noted on the sheet. Lee Trahan moved to approve the mini grant requests. It was seconded and approved.

Membership –Bee Mittermiller reported that we have 10 new members, bringing our total to 1,024 members with a year-to-date total of \$15,360 in membership dues, \$10,068 in donations for a total income of \$25,428. Liz reminded all committee chairs that they must be members, and noted that we have had a very generous donation of \$5,000, which actually brings our total donations to \$15,068.

Historian – Venzel Hammershaimb reported that we have approximately 3,700 hours so far this year, and asked

volunteers to report their hours, as it helps the PTA retain its non-profit status.

Parliamentarian – In January we will need to form our nominating committee. If there is a specific job that holds an interest for you, please let Jamie know. Executive Board positions are available if a member has served in that position for two years.

CPR – Chair, Christina Orciuoli described the CPR program, which is headed by our PE department, and is available to all sophomores through P.E. classes. Volunteers are needed to help with hands-on work, over the course of two weeks. LJHS is the only SD City School which offers this program. Students with sixth period PE don't receive this instruction, but Christina will talk to the coaches and Bob Allen to see if kids who are not specifically practicing for their sport during sixth period can participate.

Family Directories – Julie Matibag announced that anyone who had purchased a directory and not received one should please contact her.

Treasurer's Note – Amy Cheshire noted that anyone who has receipts are requested to turn them in by the end of the year, because the books will be going to the auditor.

Mailing – Cheryl Stewart thanked volunteers who worked last time and told everyone to watch for the next mailing date which should be towards the end of January and will be announced via eblast.

Moneybooks – Gina Hixson noted that we still have money books for sale.

Governance – Liz Lindenfeld gave an overview of items discussed at the last meeting, and encouraged parents with any issues to submit to Governance, to contact parent reps: Linda Dowley, Susanna Flaster, Jamie Ginsberg, Joan Hiser and Liz Lindenfeld.

VEEP Report – A principal's chat is being organized in the VEEP community. It was discussed that there are communication problems, and Isabel Vega could use help in calling parents to let them know about the Senior Exit Exam and college admission information.

GATE DAC – There will be a GATE steering committee meeting on December 8 to plan for GATE programs later this year. The last DAC meeting was held on November 14. Schools are working to finalize their GATE plans.

Library Tribute – Michelle Ganon reported that \$955 has been raised this year from 14 families, and encouraged parents to donate. A book plate is placed in front of the donated book – this makes a great gift in honor of a graduate or other person. A note is sent to both the donor and the honoree.

Foundation – Alicia Booth reported that we currently have 259 escrip supporters, and encouraged everyone to join. She described the escrip program and noted how easy it is to participate. The Foundation is also continuing to recycle toner cartridges. Tony Farwell reported on the Academic Edge campaign. He spoke about the support the Foundation gives to academics. He noted that a plan is needed for campus site improvements, and he is working with Dana Shelburne on a priority list. Candy Satterlee reported that Mardi Gras in May has been renamed "Off the Wall" and will take place on May 20.

Legislation – Mary Fisher reported about the state education budget which has not yet been approved, and that the state PTA has lobbied against.

Band Update – December 4 the LJHS Jazz band is playing in the La Jolla Christmas Parade. December 13 at 7 p.m. is the band's holiday concert.

Guest Speakers – The counselors spoke: Mrs. Behnke (A-Be), Mrs. Merron (Bf-Hd), Mr. Eveleth (He-Pi) and Mrs. Bennett (Pj-Z) plus Life Skills Counselor Ms. Nichols, District Counselor Mr. Pentano and College counselor Mrs. Shaler. Each counselor introduced themselves and gave a bit of personal background. They described some of the responsibilities of the counseling department.

Principal's Report – Mr. Shelburne discussed the arts and music program, noting that our new band director Mr. Johnson is doing a terrific job. Mr. Shelburne will be the Education Marshall at the La Jolla Christmas Parade. He noted some athletic kudos: the girls' tennis team won CIF, the girls' volleyball won CIF and boys and girls' cross country came in 2nd in CIF. He also noted that football playoffs are tonight at 7 p.m. in Valley Center. If they win tonight, they go to Qualcomm for the championship.

Grade Level Reports –

9th Grade – Pam Zuckerman thanked those parents who helped with the recent bake sale. Other fundraisers continue.

10th Grade – Sarah Schrier noted that the sophomore class is still selling shorts.

11th Grade – Susan Sparks spoke about the junior class dance in late January. Seat cushions are still for sale. Through history classes, juniors are writing letters to active duty military stationed overseas.

12th Grade – Yearbook ads are sold out; After Prom and Grad Nite are being worked on. Kathy Marsh spoke about senior exhibitions and solicited volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. Minutes submitted by Linda Dowley.