

**LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
November 1, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President, Jamie Ginsberg. October 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, Sheila Dershowitz and Barbara Hoffman.

Introductions: Principal Dana Shelburne introduced John de Beck, of the San Diego Unified School District Board of Education, who represents La Jolla High School. Mr. de Beck spoke briefly, and mentioned that the new superintendent, Dr. Carl Cohn was planning on attending the night's meeting as well, but was unable to at the last minute. Mr. de Beck spoke highly of the new superintendent.

Special Presentation: Membership Chairs, Bee Mittermiller and Liz Lindenfeld announced that we now have more than 1,000 PTA members. Our 1,000th member, Mindy Frederick, was given a certificate of recognition.

Program: Mr. Shelburne introduced Christine Hazelton from Interquest Detection Canines and her detection dog, Merlin. Ms. Hazelton gave an explanation of the Interquest program, noting that the students have already had a similar assembly and were treated to a demonstration of Merlin's amazing detection abilities. It was noted that the goal of this program is a safe campus. It is meant to deter students from bringing drugs or alcohol to school. A discussion with questions was held, which included the role of the school in following up with parents and the background of the dog handlers who come to campus. Further information regarding the program can be found on the web at interquestk9.com.

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 including AP workshop and Homecoming.
- Noted calendar change – January 3 is the first day back to school after winter break, and February 10 is a regular school day (not a staff development day).
- Reminded members to vote on November 8.
- Noted that all 150 Moneybooks have been sold – thank you to Gina Hixson.
- Volunteers will be needed to help with 10th grade CPR and PTA State Convention (as 9th District is one of the Convention hosts). Those interested in volunteering for CPR should contact Christina Orciuoli, and anyone interested in attending or volunteering at PTA Convention should contact Jamie Ginsberg.

Principal's Report:

- Mentioned a recent eblast regarding homeless on campus. Explained about one confrontation, (police were called) and explained that students have been asked to walk away and inform an adult if homeless are seen on campus.
- Discussed reconfigured grade point averages. After the decision was made by the district to weigh certain honors courses, any student having taken these courses was given retroactive credit for a weighted grade.
- Noted that the Naviance computer software is now up and running and all parents should have received a notice from the school with your student's password. It was requested that seniors be allowed to use the software first.
- Class rank for seniors, and whether to express it as a number or a percentage, was discussed at Governance. College recruiters were asked their preference, and they said there was no difference, so it is currently being left numeric.

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

Programs – Linda Kalkstein reported that the first Principal's Chat was held on October 11 at the La Jolla United Methodist Church. The next Principal's Chat will be in January 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Candy Satterlee,

2021 Olite Court.

Ways and Means –Betsy Klene presented the four Mini Grant requests. Mrs. Benito had a request for \$130 last month, so her current request will be reduced to \$220 to keep within the \$350 limit. There was discussion regarding the request by Ms. Lyon for a video camera for the Cheerleading Squad, and it was discussed whether cheer is a class or a club. It was noted that all requests are approved by the principal, and apparently LJHS's cheer squad is one of the very few which is not able to videotape their practices and competitions in order to improve. It was suggested that the executive board discuss parameters for mini grant requests, as they might relate to clubs and sports. It was further noted that Kathy Randa will be inventorying all a/v equipment to keep better track of the whereabouts and state of repair.

Two votes were held: Patti Nussbaum moved to approve the Mini Grant requests for Brammer, Nurse Lisa and the amended amount for Benito – it was seconded and approved. Michael Briggs moved to approve the request by Lyon for the video camera for cheer, it was seconded and with no further discussion, approved.

Membership – Liz Lindenfeld and Bee Mittermiller were given certificates of appreciation for the wonderful job they continue to do, breaking records for our membership numbers. Bee gave an update – we currently have 26 new members, bringing our total to 1,014 members with a year-to-date total of \$15,210 in membership dues, \$9,923 in donations for a total income of \$25,133. Liz wanted to make sure that everyone understands that there is a lag time with newsletter deadlines, so that the members names published in the newsletter will not represent all of those who have currently joined. We will keep reporting on members in future newsletters.

Historian – Venzel Hammershaimb asked volunteers to report their hours, as it helps the PTA retain its non-profit status.

Parliamentarian – Joan Hiser reported that she and Patti Nussbaum attended a bylaws workshop, and bylaws changes from district are being incorporated into our unit's bylaws.

CPR – Chair, Christina Orciuoli was not present, but parents were urged to volunteer.

Family Directories – Candy Satterlee reported that the directories have been sent out and should have been received by parents. Extra copies will be available for purchase at PTA meetings.

Lockers – Candy Satterlee reported that every student who wants a locker has one (this has not been the case in the past). The locker donation request was increased to \$20.00, which brought in approximately \$20,000 which was spent on new lockers on campus.

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

AP Workshop – Sarah Schrier (event chair) gave a recap of the event and thanked the volunteers who participated. Left over food was donated to area shelters. Net income was approximately \$4,600.

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 Reps – Isabel Vega reported that there had been complaints from several VEEP parents about not receiving return phone calls from teachers and counselors. There will be a Principal's Chat coming up at Memorial, and VP Mr. Fairley is working on finalizing the details. Diana Sonderegger noted that she is taking a one year leave from LJHS (as VEEP Rep) to work for the NTSA in Washington, D.C., although her son will remain at LJHS. She thanked local parents for their support.

GATE DAC – Michelle Ganon reported that there is extensive GATE information in the newsletter and asked parents to please read it. She also noted that Gloria McMillan, director of the GATE department at the district has retired, and her replacement has yet to be named.

Library Tribute – Michelle Ganon reported that \$920 has been raised this year, and asked parents to contribute!

SAT Prep Classes – Sheila Dershowitz noted that the PTA Executive Board decided to offer partial scholarships to the SAT Prep classes, funded from the proceeds that PTA receives. Beth Behnke and the counselors determine recipients. There will be four SAT Prep Classes offered in March for the April 1 SAT.

Foundation – Tony Farwell noted that The Taste of La Jolla was a success. Spoke about the Naviance software program, and asked parents to sign up for e-scrip. Candy Satterlee reported that Mardi Gras in May has been renamed “Off the Wall” and will take place on May 20. The next planning meeting will be next Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the auditorium.

Homecoming – Candace Person reported that the Homecoming game was an exciting football game where the Vikings were victorious, and that the Homecoming dance was very well attended with 875 kids.

Grade Level Reports –

12th Grade – Candace Person gave brief information about upcoming college application deadlines, and noted that we will be looking for volunteers to help with senior exhibitions. Planning for the Prom and After Prom is coming along.

11th Grade – Susan Sparks noted that SATs and ACTs are coming up. There is a dance sponsored by the junior class coming up in January – date to be determined.

10th Grade – Sarah Schrier reported that the grade level reps had met with the ASB advisors. The sophomore class is working on goals, and is fundraising by selling towels and girls’ shorts.

9th Grade – Pam Zuckerman outlined some of the freshman class fundraisers and thanked those who helped locate a truck for the freshman homecoming float.

Announcements – Mr. Del Rio gave an announcement about the Argentina trip this summer. There will be an informational meeting on Thursday night.

Tony Farwell thanked Jamie Ginsberg for all of her hard work!

Isabel Vega brought special bread for Dia de los Muertos, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Linda Dowley