

**LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
February 3, 2006**

In honor of PTA Founder's Day, past LJHS PTA Presidents were invited to attend a reception prior to today's meeting. The past presidents, as well as two former LJHS principals, J.M. Tarvin and Charles Clapper were introduced and thanked for their many years of service.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Jamie Ginsberg. January 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 Maureen Lochtefeld, Sheila Dershowitz and Madelyn Bennett.

Drama teacher, Ann Boutelle, spoke about tonight's *Stars In Our Eyes* program, put on by the La Jolla Rotary Club. Proceeds are used by the Rotary to award money to the participating schools and to give scholarships to local students. The show is February 3, at UCSD's Mandeville auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

President Jamie Ginsberg welcomed everyone and introduced Gary Felt, board member of the La Jolla Aquatic Foundation. Mr. Felt gave a report on the issues surrounding the Coggan Family Aquatic Complex. The complex is widely used by school teams and LJHS and Muirlands PE classes. It is also host to boys and girls' CIF water polo tournaments and men's and women's Olympic training teams. It is a public pool, so it not subsidized -- it is owned and operated by the LJ Aquatic Foundation. Mr. Felt urged PTA members to support the pool through memberships and by encouraging younger students to take advantage of summer camps offered.

Treasurer's Report – Amy Cheshire gave a financial update. Patti Nussbaum moved to ratify the checks that have been recently written. The motion was seconded and carried. Amy noted that all is on track financially.

Auditor – Barbara Hoffman read the auditor's report. Patti Nussbaum moved to approve the report – it was seconded and carried.

President's Report – Jamie Ginsberg passed around "Professional Governance Standards" put forth by the PTA and adopted by the Executive Board. Jamie thanked Christina Orciuoli and all of the parent volunteers who assisted with CPR training; thanks to Isabel Vega for her help at the Principal's Chat last week at Memorial Academy; Thanks to Candy Satterlee, Linda Kalkstein and Georgia Hornback for the La Jolla Principal's chat; thank you to the nominating committee for all of their work. Jamie noted that the PTA is looking for volunteers for the state PTA convention in Anaheim, and Mary Fisher indicated that it is a good experience to attend, thus being able to see first hand some of the good things PTA is doing on a larger scale. Betsy Klene moved to adopt the Professional Governance Standards; it was seconded and approved.

Programs – Patti Nussbaum reported for Linda Kalkstein - on March 16, the PTA will sponsor a panel on student alcohol and drug use. Additionally, Steve Grant, our Library Media Teacher will give an evening presentation for parents regarding various database and other research programs to which the school subscribes. This meeting will be on March 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the LMC. On April 19, also at 7:00 p.m., there will be the final Principal's Chat – this one to be held in the cafeteria.

Nominating – Patti Nussbaum reported for Linda Kalkstein. The slate of proposed officers for next year was read: President – Bee Mittermiller; Executive VP – Jamie Ginsberg; VP Programs – Linda Kalkstein; VP Ways and Means – Micki Olin; VP Membership – Betsy Klene; VP Membership – Venzel Hammershaimb; Treasurer – Sarah Schrier; Corresponding Secretary – Linda Dowley; Recording Secretary – Sheila Dershowitz; Auditor – Sophia Wong; Historian – Pam Zuckerman; Parliamentarian – Joan Hiser. Elections for this slate will be held at our April meeting. Patti noted that there are still several unfilled committee chair positions including Registration Co-chair, After Prom Co-Chair, Grad Nite Chair, Grade Level Dinner chair, Hospitality Chair, Library Volunteer coordinator.

Additions to President's Report – Jamie mentioned that Dr. Cohn will not come and speak at our March meeting, but, we hope will come another time. Family directories are available for purchase for \$6.00. An

envelope was passed around for the family of a student whose mother was recently killed, and \$308 was collected.

Ways and Means –Betsy Klene introduced Diane Nichols and described the Life Skills Mini Grant request which will pay for business sized cards with photos of brains and information for students about the effects of alcohol and drug use on the human brain. On February 21, a presentation will be made to staff, and on February 23, cards will be passed out to students. Cards will be sent home to parents along with a description of the information being given to students – it will be attached to the next newsletter. Betsy presented the other Mini Grant requests. Michael Briggs moved to approve the mini grant requests. It was seconded and approved. It was noted that out of our \$10,000 Mini Grant budget, we have given away \$9,000 in Mini Grants.

Membership –Liz Lindenfeld reported that we have 1 new member, bringing our total to 1,027 members, with a year-to-date total of \$15,405 in membership dues and \$15,093 in donations, for a total income of \$30,498.

Historian – Venzel Hammershaimb encouraged everyone to record their volunteer hours.

Parliamentarian – No report.

SAT Prep Classes – Sheila Dershowitz reported that we will have 21 scholarship students for our March classes, 17 of whom have paid their \$10 partial fee. Beth Behnke helped all scholarship students sign up for the April 1 SAT test.

Mailing – Cheryl Stewart noted that the next mailing will be at the end of February, and there will be only one more newsletter after that. She thanked all the mailing volunteers.

VEEP – Isabel Vega introduced Manuel Gonzalez who will support VEEP communication.

Governance – Liz Lindenfeld noted that the next Governance meeting is February 27, and read a report from the January meeting. She encouraged parents with any issues to submit to Governance, to contact parent reps: Linda Dowley, Susanna Flaster, Jamie Ginsberg, Joan Hiser and Liz Lindenfeld.

GATE – Michelle Ganon reported that there will be a GATE articulation meeting on February 28 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in room 803, Mr. Del Rio's room.

Library Tribute – Michelle Ganon reported that there is no money available for the purchase of new books for the library, so parents are encouraged to donate to the Library Tribute Fund.

Registration – Elizabeth Allan gave dates for registration at the end of the summer: Friday, August 25 is Senior registration, Monday August 28 – Juniors, Tuesday, August 29 – Sophomores and Thursday, August 31 is Freshman. Many volunteers are needed to make this work, so parents are encouraged to volunteer.

Foundation – Tony Farwell reported on the success of the Academic Edge campaign. The goal was \$75,000 and receipts are close to \$90,000. 720 donations equaling 40% of families – up from 17% last year. He noted that there is an increasing list of things needed at the school that the Foundation is called upon to support. Two upcoming events: The Wine tasting on Friday, March 10 at the La Jolla Country Club – please buy tickets. The Off the Wall (formerly Mardi Gras in May) Committee has been meeting – headliner band is Three Dog Night. Additionally, Alicia Booth mentioned escrip as an easy fundraiser, and encouraged everyone to sign up.

Legislation – Mary Fisher gave a report on legislative issues and asked parents to read the recent article in the newsletter about the new driving laws for provisional driver.

Band News – The Tamir Hendleman concert was postponed. The band is going to San Francisco on March 19-21 for a competition. The band is selling tickets to dinner at Pernicano's – thank you to the Pernicano family for its continuing support.

Grade Level Reports –

12th Grade – Candace Person noted that it is the last day of the semester, and mid-year reports are due to colleges. CSF applications are available after the semester. AP exam fees are due March 1. FAFSA due March 2. Senior Exhibitions are going well – thank you to the parent volunteers who are helping. There is an After Prom meeting at Angie Preisendorfer's on February 7.

11th Grade – Susan Sparks reported that the junior class made approximately \$3,000 from the junior class dance – it was a big success. Cookies are needed to be sold at basketball games, so any parents in a baking mood should contact Susan. On Valentine's Day, the juniors will be selling carnations and roses. Parents are reminded that SAT's are offered on April 1 and the ASB Dance is also April 1.

Announcements –

- February 10 IS a school day.
- Kathy Marsh noted that there is a high incidence of seniors not showing up for their scheduled Senior Exhibition presentations.
- Airband – this year there will be two performances.
- Opening of the Brent Woodall Clubhouse (the new baseball clubhouse and locker room) at Muirlands will be on Feb. 25, followed by the alumni baseball game.
- Any students interested in performing with a string quartet should contact band teacher, Mr. Johnson.

Principal's Report – Mr. Shelburne gave his report. The new superintendent, Carl Cohn visited the school and was pleased to see vocational electives still in place (autoshop and woodshop). Budget situation is difficult – each school needs to submit a budget which shows a 2.5% decrease, which at LJHS would be \$140,000. Two years ago, 7% or \$427,000 was cut and that money has not been reinstated.

Mr. Shelburne informed parents about problems for seniors requesting mid-year transcripts. Since the semester ends so late, and since only the district can generate transcripts, the possibility exists that colleges will not receive transcripts by their February 15 deadline. Mr. Shelburne has been in touch with various people at the district to see what can be done about this problem (it has been discussed at Governance as well) since the same problem will exist next year. This led to a discussion about the school year calendar, and it was noted that the entire district will have the week of Thanksgiving off again next year.

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