

**LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
January 6, 2006**

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 Venzel Hammershaimb, Sheila Dershowitz and Madelyn Bennett.

**President's Report:**

- Jamie noted that Senior Class President Abi Bock is selling tickets to a senior dinner for parents.
  - Jamie asked everyone to note the thank-yous on the back of the agenda, as many volunteers have helped at recent LJHS events.
  - Newsletter deadline is February 8, 2006.
  - There is a PTA Founder's Day Brunch in February – anyone interested in attending should contact Jamie.
  - State PTA Convention is May 10-13 in Anaheim, and the National PTA convention is June 24-26. Anyone interested in attending can get more information on the PTA website.
  - New superintendent Dr. Carl Cohn will come to our April PTA meeting – for the coffee beforehand from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come meet the new superintendent.
  - Reminder that the next two meetings, February and March, we will be in the other side of the library, due to some life skills courses being taught in our usual space.

**Treasurer's Report** – Barbara Hoffman reported for Amy Cheshire and gave a financial update. Four checks were written, and Patti Nussbaum moved to ratify them. The motion was seconded and carried. A new budget was circulated which reflected the PTA's \$20,000 gift to the school.

**Executive Vice President** – Patti Nussbaum reported that the PTA was founded in February of 1897. The Founders' Day observance at LJHS will take place prior to our February PTA meeting, from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Past PTA presidents all the way back to 1985 have been invited to attend the social hour.

**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. 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. The date for this evening program will be announced at the next meeting.

**Ways and Means** – Betsy Klene presented the four Mini Grant requests. Patti Nussbaum moved to approve the mini grant requests. It was seconded and approved.

**Membership** – Bee Mittermiller reported that we have 2 new members, bringing our total to 1,026 members with a year-to-date total of \$15,390 in membership dues, \$15,078 in donations for a total income of \$30,468.

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

**Parliamentarian** – Joan Hiser presented information regarding the nominating committee, noting that they are responsible for recruiting new offices and presenting the slate to the general membership for a vote. Volunteers for the nominating committee are: Patti Nussbaum, Sheila Dershowitz, Venzel Hammershaimb, Pam Zuckerman and Linda Kalkstein. Alternates are Mary Fisher and Bee Mittermiller. Linda Dowley moved to approve the nominating committee. It was seconded and approved.

Newsletter – Gail Trimble noted that the newsletter deadline for February has been moved, and the new deadline is February 8.

**CPR** – Chair, Christina Orciuoli showed a video and 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, and Christina would like a co-chair for next year – someone who would eventually take over as CPR Chair. It was noted that the Red Cross is sponsoring a CPR class – free – on March 18. Students who miss the school's CPR training due to sports should consider attending.

**Family Directories** – Jamie reported for Julie Matibag and noted that anyone interested in purchasing a directory should contact Julie.

**SAT Prep Class** – Sheila Dershowitz reported that the class is being offered four Saturdays in March beginning March 4 – and is great prep for the April 1 SAT. Approximately 20 students are registered. Sheila is working with Ms. Behnke to identify students needing partial scholarships. It was discussed offering a future session of Prep classes on a Sunday for students who are involved in Saturday sports.

**VEEP** – Our wonderful VEEP Rep, Isobel Vega, was introduced.

**Senior Exhibitions** – Kathy Marsh noted that Mrs. Greco lead the orientation for parents. Volunteer spots for judging senior exhibitions are full, but substitutes are always needed. Contact Kathy if you would like to get on the substitute list.

**Publicity** – Kathy Marsh noted that if students do great things with school clubs, sports or activities, she would like to report the information to the local media. Please email her at [kmarsh1@san.rr.com](mailto:kmarsh1@san.rr.com) and please include the name of the sponsoring teacher, since the local media like to contact the teachers if more information is needed.

**Hospitality** – Jamie thanked the hospitality crew for putting on a wonderful holiday breakfast for the teachers in December.

**Governance** – Liz Lindenfeld noted that our next meeting is January 23, and there was no December 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.

**Foundation** – Alicia Booth presented information about escrip with Albertson's and urged parents to sign up for this painless fundraiser. Jackie Helm noted that there will be a meeting for Off the Wall volunteers on January 23. The Foundation will match the PTA's \$20,000 gift to school in support of teaching stations in classrooms. They have also given \$50,000 toward the new counseling position. The Academic Edge campaign was very successful and raised over \$75,000. There will be a wine tasting fundraiser on March 10 – more information will follow. Thanks to Gail Trimble for her help with Foundation information in the newsletters.

**Legislation** – Mary Fisher reported about new driving laws which effect primarily students with provisional licenses. She will look for clarification of all aspects of both driving laws and legislation regarding the sale of violent video games, which went into effect on January 1, 2006.

**Band Update** – On March 17, jazz pianist Tomar Handleman will give a concert benefiting the LJHS band. More information will follow. On December 9, the band and chorus attended competitions in Palm Springs and did well.

**After Prom** – Candace Person reported that there will be a volunteer meeting on February 7 at the home of Angie Preisendorfer.

**Registration** – Elizabeth Allan reported that work has already begun on next year's registration. They are looking for more volunteers, and especially need people who can work all four days.

**Grad Nite** – Disneyland is not available this year, as graduation is on a Tuesday. This year's group is working on

other possibilities.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 –**

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

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Sarah Schrier noted that the sophomore class is still selling shorts.

**11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**12<sup>th</sup> 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.