

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

Executive Vice President, Patti Nussbaum called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., and asked for three readers for this month's minutes: Thank you Randy Bishop, Sheila Dershowitz and Madelyn Bennett.

President's Report – Patti reported for the absent Jamie Ginsberg:

Finance Secretary, Shirley Moak is leaving – please sign the poster wishing her well upon her departure.

Caroline Farwell is selling wine charms, and Family Directories are available for \$6.00.

Parents are asked again to NOT drop students in any teacher's parking lot. There are drop off areas on Draper and Nautilus.

Parents are asked not to drop in on teachers after school and expect a conference – please set up a conference through the counseling secretary in the office.

UCSD is hosting a college Expo on April 8 for students and parents. PTA will eblast the information to families.

Treasurer's Report –Amy Cheshire gave a financial update. Angie Preisendorfer moved to ratify the checks that have been recently written. The motion was seconded and carried.

Programs – Linda Kalkstein reported that on March 7 Steve Grant will hold a parent information evening "Beyond Google" outlining research tools available to students through LJHS. On March 16, the PTA will sponsor a panel on student alcohol and drug use. 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 –Linda Kalkstein, chair of the nominating committee reported that all is going well. Linda Rutgard has agreed to be After Prom Co-Chair. We still need a Grad Nite chair, and hope to get a junior parent to volunteer. Hospitality Chair position is still open. Also still needed is a newsletter editor, although a team is in place. 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.

Ways and Means –Betsy Klene reported that we have reached the end of our budget for Mini Grants. The Foundation also offers Mini Grants to teachers, and they will take over any more that are submitted this year. Venzel Hammershaimb moved to approve the final mini grant requests. It was seconded and approved.

Membership –Bee Mittermiller reported that we have 2 new members, bringing our total to 1,029 members, with a year-to-date total of \$15,435 in membership dues and \$15,153 in donations, for a total income of \$30,588.

Historian – Venzel Hammershaimb reported that we have over 4,000 volunteer hours so far this year and encouraged everyone to record their volunteer hours.

Parliamentarian – No report.

SAT Prep Classes – Sheila Dershowitz reported that the classes, which begin tomorrow, are full. We have 20 students attending on partial scholarship, and 60 full-paying students. Sheila noted that the teacher's pay has been historically based on the number of students (all of whom paid in full in the past) that we should pay them based on 80 full-paying students, so that the teachers don't sponsor the scholarship students, the PTA does. Treasurer Amy Cheshire said that she was planning to pay the teachers based on the full amount, but that this issue will be brought to the executive board to clarify the policy.

Mailing – Cheryl Stewart noted that the last mailing party had a "Jersey Boys" theme, with the upbeat tunes of

Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons inspiring the mailing team. She thanked all the mailing volunteers and noted that there will be only one more newsletter this year.

Governance – Liz Lindenfeld noted that the next Governance meeting is March 27, and read a report from the February 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 – There was a GATE articulation meeting on February 28 that was informative and well attended. Adalia Lavado is the new GATE department manager, and she has been invited to speak at our annual cluster GATE meeting on April 27. More information about that meeting will be forthcoming.

Registration – Elizabeth Allan reported that she got 35 8th grade parents to sign up to help with freshman registration in the fall. She noted that volunteers are needed every day, and urged parents to make every effort to have their students attend on their registration day. Yearbook photos and ID cards will be separate stations this year, which should alleviate some of the crowding experienced last year. Joyce Cary is volunteer coordinator. Elizabeth is looking for a co-chair to take over for 2007.

Foundation – Candy Satterlee gave a report on the upcoming fundraiser, “Off the Wall”. Bee Mittermiller is the ticket chair, or tickets can be purchased online. Cindy Haskett is the volunteer coordinator, and volunteers are needed to set-up and work during the event.

Tony Farwell reported on the upcoming wine tasting event at the La Jolla Country Club. He gave an update on the academic edge campaign which raised over \$110,000 which is most needed in light of upcoming district budget cuts. Nominations for the Foundation board are happening now, with Rod Coon as chair of the nominating committee. The baseball clubhouse named for LJHS grad, Brent Woodall who died on 9/11, happened last weekend and was a big success.

LJHS security cameras do not currently work and the foundation is continuing its efforts to get them repaired or replaced.

Tony noted that the Foundation has approved approximately \$6,000 in mini-grants and wants to make sure that faculty realize that money is available.

Lockers – Candy Satterlee reported that volunteers are needed to help clean lockers during the summer and noted that students who help get first choice of lockers when school starts.

Legislation – Mary Fisher noted that members from the 9th District PTA are heading to Sacramento to lobby for various things in our district. Mary recommended that anyone interested attend next year to see and participate in the process.

Band News – Instrumental music enrollment has been declining. If you have a student who would like to re-enter the band program, please contact Mr. Johnson the band teacher. During the summer, music camps will be offered, teaming with the swim camp program.

As a band fundraiser, spaghetti dinner tickets at Pernicano’s are being sold for \$10.00. Thank you to Pernicano’s for their ongoing support.

Grade Level Reports –

12th Grade – Kathy Marsh reported that there are some seniors who still need to complete their Senior Exhibitions, and parents are needed to volunteer to judge them. Various upcoming events and deadlines were outlined by Candace Person.

11th Grade – Madelyn Bennett reported that the junior class continues to be busy with money-making ventures. SAT deadlines were announced. Junior parents are needed to volunteer at the Prom and After Prom on June 9.

10th Grade – Sarah Schrier reported that the sophomore class continues with various sales.

Announcements –

- JV Boys' Soccer team won the CIF
- April 20 After Prom meeting at Angie Preisendorfer's

Principal's Report – Mr. Shelburne gave an update on the budget, with the projected 2.5% cut which would mean approximately \$140,000 less to LJHS next year. The current plan is to eliminate the library assistant, not refill a custodian job and limit the new finance clerk to seven hours a day.

Several LJHS academic competitive teams have done very well and several will go to national competition: the NOSB, NOBECHE and Academic League. Additionally, Girls Basketball had a very successful season. Spring sports are now beginning, so some class movement will be taking place for student athletes.

Questions were raised about reports of drug use on campus and Mr. Shelburne clarified consequences of possession or selling narcotics on campus. So far the drug-sniffing dog has been on campus three times and has found only cigarettes. The danger of prescription drugs such as Aterol and Ritalin which have become popular as weight-loss and study aids (as a stimulant) was discussed. Selling prescription drugs on campus is a zero tolerance offense.

The question was asked about banners in the gymnasium. Mr. Shelburne noted that to update the Western League Banners, 95 banners need to be made or updated, which is an expensive undertaking. Additionally, they are currently out of wall space in the gym, and discussions are underway to hang CIF banners on a cable across the gym, but it needs to be engineered so as not to interfere with sports. Mr. Shelburne will follow up.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.
Minutes submitted by Linda Dowley.