

**LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
December 1, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Bee Mittermiller.

President's Report - Bee read Patti Nussbaum's thank you note. Bee asked that people volunteer for next year for: 1) Newsletter, and 2) Nominating committee forming in January. She requested readers for the minutes. Thanks to volunteers Madelyn Bennett, Pam Zuckerman, and Liz Lindenfeld.

Treasurer's Report –Sarah Schrier presented treasurer's report. A motion to ratify recent checks and approve the report was seconded and carried.

Programs – Linda Kalkstein announced:

- 1) **RAFT, Resources for Assisting Families in Trouble**, new parent network to support families in crisis, started by Andrea Feinswog.
- 2) The committee is collaborating with Diane Nichols, life skills resource teacher, on:
 - Senior meeting before prom w/speaker on alcohol and drug abuse
 - New parent tutoring program
 - Planned health fair with centers re: nutrition, alcohol and drugs, eating disorders, for same week in March as 10th / 11th grade assembly on HIV and sexually transmitted diseases. Linda asked for volunteers to assist with logistics and phone calls.
- 3) Principal's Chat will take place Jan. 18th and a Parent Program is slated for March 13th.

Ways and Means—Micki Olin presented one request for mini-grants, from Ann Boutelle, drama department, for \$79.88 for two books to teach scene painting and lighting. A motion to fund the request was seconded and carried.

Membership –Venzel Hammershaimb announced membership is now up to 1014. He and Betsy will be reminding teachers to join. Betsy Klene provided PTA cards.

Historian—Pam Zuckerman announced that a new monthly eblast will be sent, as many more volunteer hours are reported this way.

Hospitality— Georgia Hornback announced she needs volunteers to prepare food for the Holiday Breakfast Buffet for Teachers and Staff, Dec. 15 at 6:30am. Georgia will be at front office beginning 6:00 am on the day of the event, for drop-offs. If she gets enough volunteers, might provide curb service., Carolyn Kelner announced that she has a freezer full of cookie dough which she would be happy to deliver to anyone who wants to make cookies for this event.

Governance –Jamie Ginsberg announced the next meeting will be Monday Dec. 4, 2:30 pm, room 304, and everyone is invited. Governance is responsible for the Principal's appraisal, and she is open to suggestions. Discussion of how parents could submit input, including email link to website. Jamie shared how the \$85,000 bloc grant for lowest performing students will be allocated:

- Staff—\$18,000, including \$8,500 for clerical plus \$10,500 for reading teacher
- Computers for math lab-- 40 new Macs (the class size) plus 8 additional computers
- Replacement for Scantron

Also discussed at last Governance meeting:

- Placement of students, esp. students with learning differences
- Naviance for transcript requests, and the new College Handbook on the website

Anyone with questions may contact members of the Governance board. Reminder that at Roundtable at the end of each meeting, non members are invited to participate, but only members can vote. Agenda is posted on Governance site on website.

VEEP – Manuel Gonzalez announced the date Dec 7th, 6:00 pm for the VEEP Chat at Memorial High School.

CPR and Health and Safety—Christine Orciuoli announced (for Laura Wheeler) that CPR training will take place January 16 – 19 and 22 – 25. She requested parent volunteers.

GATE—Jamie Ginsberg announced a Seminar Task Force on January 11th. LJHS has 1/5 of all seminar students in the district, so she will argue that we should have 1/5 of the funds. Dana will accompany her, and she will let parents know how they can support.

Legislation--Mary Fisher reported that cell phone numbers may now be used by telemarketers, advised parents to call the National Do Not Call Number 1-888-382-1222 from your cell phone or online www.donotcall.gov. Mary distributed a brochure called *OK to Play*, with a rating system for videogames. Certain games can be online, and thus enhanced far beyond the rating, especially with downloadable mods. Proposed to scan this brochure and put it online for all parents.

Reflections—Mary Fisher reported they had some nice entries for this contest.

After Prom –Linda Rutgard announced that After Prom will be June 2nd at Dave and Buster's, midnight until 3:00 am. Estimated cost per student --\$43, if we get 300 students. Includes \$30 Power Card, buffet, welcome drink, DJ. This is an expensive venue, so need to raise \$10,000 to cover costs. Discussion about raising all funds in advance. 'Spa-sampler' fund-raiser planned for Friday evening, May 11th at Candy Satterlee's, with spa treatments, light refreshments \$100 per person to attend. Limited number of tickets (100) will be available.

Discussion about transportation, because typically After-Prom bus has gone from the prom venue (this year Prado) to After-Prom, but not home at 3:00 am. Discussion of 10:00pm curfew.

Music/ Choir Dept Director--Brenda Henderson shared that the Music Department has 14 performances on its holiday calendar, including the Holiday parade, Madrigals on KPBS, and annual concert at La Valencia on Dec 11, 7-8:00 pm. Madrigals were chosen to sing at the Holiday Bowl at Qualcomm, on Dec 28th, the 3rd bowl game.

Senior Exhibitions: Kathy Marsh asked for volunteers for the panel. An orientation meeting will take place Thursday, Jan 4, 2:30. This is a graduation requirement; exhibitions begin Jan. 9th and run Tuesdays and Thursdays through March, in rooms 305, 306, 308.

Grade Level Reports –

12th Grade – Susan Sparks reported that Grad Night will take place at Party Pals in Sorrento Valley, June 19th. 10:00pm-3:00am. They probably will have buses. Still working on senior video, so you can still submit photos. Reminder that PTA offers graduating senior scholarships, available in counseling office; must be a member of PTA.

11th Grade—Betsy Klene reported for Julie Matibag: Dinner originally planned for Sunday, Dec. 3 will be rescheduled to after Christmas. Powder Puff Football is planned—girls play and boys cheer, with senior varsity boys coaching. Junior class is also selling license plates.

9th Grade--Tina Greenberg announced 9th grade President is recovering from shoulder surgery so will send a card. They are planning a Valentine's Day spaghetti dinner.

Foundation – Jackie Helm thanked everyone for Taste of La Jolla, and encouraged supporting businesses that gave donations. Upcoming fundraisers:

1. Jan 22-28, SOS- \$15.00, all money goes back to Foundation
2. Sat, Jan 27-Vines and Vintners at La Jolla Country Club, \$55. She needs donations for silent auctions, and underwriting.
3. April 28, instead of Off the Wall, going back to traditional dinner dance at Hyatt.

Additional Foundation Announcements:

1. Committee meeting for Alumni Weekend, Dec 6, 7:30 am, in counseling conference center.
2. Pennants have all been bought and will be up by January.

3. Membership—everyone is encouraged to join Foundation. Welcomes new members

La Jolla Rotary Club—

InterAct Club--President Allen d'Escragnolle announced the group plans to build 2 more houses in Mexico this year, and needs more students. Video of house built in October by LJHS students.

Stars in Our Eyes – Patricia Lynch and Michelle Serafini announced the date -- Feb. 2, 2007 at Mandeville Theater. This is the 5th year, it provides need-based scholarships, and is only event for all 4 secondary schools in La Jolla. Looking for students who do any form of performance.

Announcements – Cookie sales for band today.

Principal's Report –

- Dana reported that the math team tied for first place in the State—3 students had perfect scores in math test. Ms. Thomas has taken over from Ms. Wainscott.
- Winter sports have started and classes are being balanced as a result.
- Muirlands clubhouse--handicapped accessible walkways will be put in to clubhouse. Howard Frank, in charge of this committee, would welcome support.
- Banners will be taken down and re-hung in chronological order, starting with the 1950's which is first one found. Will not interfere with line of sight. Need volunteers.
- \$84,000—met with Apple and will be buying 43 comps, replacing IMacs.
- Summerbridge will be here this summer, in the 300 bldg. The program for impoverished students will be taught by program graduates. Ours will be in 900 building.

Questions:

- Did cross country go to CIF? No. Dana said we lost in play-offs.
- Some (4 or 5) students are riding down from Muirlands on bicycles every afternoon, into the direction of traffic, and it is very dangerous. Dana will contact Muirlands.
- Start of school—will there be any change? No.
- At Principal's Chat, there was discussion about the top 200 list, because it did not report SAT's this year. Will that be done? Discussion that it is not helpful without those scores.
- It's Academic—Mrs. Irwin is doing this.
- Please comment on class size, when another teacher is brought in? Dana said the formula the District gives us is 35:1, so if any class is lower than 35, another class will be larger. Across the board, average is 35 or 36, except period 6, smaller because of athletics.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.
Minutes submitted by Sheila Dershowitz, Recording Secretary