

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Bee Mittermiller. Bee requested 3 readers for the minutes, and thanked Madelyn Bennett, Mary Fisher, and Terry ___ for volunteering.

President's Report –Bee Mittermiller distributed flyers for Eagle Scout project to beautify campus, an insurance letter from National PTA, and planned police presence for Bird Rock on Halloween, and shared apology email from manager of hotel that spammed PTA roster. Manager pledges donation to LJHS Foundation.

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

Programs – Madelyn Bennett announced upcoming topics:

- Teen activities which are actually crimes (toilet papering house, egging)
- Domestic violence
- AIDS

Plans for a new program of volunteer parents to tutor at-risk students. Discussion re: qualifications of tutors and possible times for tutoring.

Principal's Report –

- Dana presented early due to a conflict at his regular time. Dana's secretary will be leaving, going to Ed Center, and there is a new finance clerk.
- Counseling: We will receive additional \$80 per student--\$135,000 which equals approx 2 counselors.
- Other additional funds:
 - One time per pupil library grant of \$15.00 per pupil = \$25,000
 - Per pupil art, music, PE grant totaling \$25,000
 - English Language Learner grant--\$19.00 per student
 - Additional \$80,000 – possible uses include: part-time library asst; adding to teacher stations; ScanTron replacement machine; resurface 1st three lanes of the track.
- Waiting for reconstructed carts for teacher stations, but system will function well.
- Football team raised money for Brawley student and coach who passed away. Donation table available at game.

Questions:

- Some freshmen volleyball players do not have PE lockers. Dana will check on this.
- For parent tutoring, request permission to pull students from class. Dana said we do not pull from class for tutoring.
- Ms. Wainscott-- Dana reported that she is still experiencing pain, post-surgery, and will have MRI.
- What about library equipment that does not work? Mr. Grant should prepare a list for some of the \$15.00 per pupil library grant.
- Some textbooks are badly marked up. Is there a policy to inform students? Yes-students receiving books w/lots of marking should report it within 2 weeks. If they are found with books marked up later on, they are asked to pay for it. This policy is enforced.

Aquatics Complex—Randy Franke, Aquatics Complex Director, announced Splash-Bash scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 8. Bee will participate. Donor sign-up sheet available.

Ways and Means—Micki Olin presented 4 requests for mini-grants: Textbooks for Ms. Visconti and Mr. Fournier, English teachers (\$700); Videos and instructional materials for Ms. Nichols, re: drug and alcohol and sex ed; Registration fee for Ms. Menders for So. CA math teachers conference. A motion to fund all 4 requests was seconded and carried. Discussion about funding policy for mini grants.

Bee announced that parents should not park in teachers' parking places.

Membership –Betsy Klene encouraged joining and announced 1,004 members as of today.

Historian – Pamela Zuckerman announced 3,280 volunteer hours last month, and emphasized the importance of recording volunteer hours.

Blast Off – Gabrielle Goodman reported a big success.

English Dept. Chair—Carole Le Cren described the largest dept in LJHS, emphasizing coordination of curriculum with Muirlands to expose all students to core pieces of literature. SAT writing prompt's 6 point rubric is used, with goal to improve SAT verbal scores. Help with college essays is provided in senior year.

Family Directory—Candy Satterlee reminded everyone to fill out the Superform and *sign it* in order to be in the directory.

Bee added that we need a committee for Grad Night and After-Prom.

Hospitality— Lee Trahan reported that the first Principals Chat is Tuesday, Oct. 10 at LJ Methodist Church and food is needed.

Newsletter—Lee Trahan encouraged everyone to get articles in on time. She emphasized the importance of reducing costs by opting out of mailing and just receiving newsletter online. Someone w/database skill will need to administer a list of those who receive online only.

GATE—GATE review will occur this year. Support is needed, especially because we have new leadership and Superintendent. Contacts include Dorothy and John De Beck. Distinguished Lecturer Series begins on Nov. 15, 7:00-8:30pm at Ed Center.

La Jolla Rotary Club—Kaye Woltman, Rotary President, described support to LJHS: Speech contest, Halloween party, Scholarships, Stars-in-Your-Eyes, funds for Aquatic Center, new flagpole, Band, Interact, Project Mercy. Allan d'Escagnolle, senior, showed slides of Interact's project building houses in Mexico, and received great applause. Discussion of how other students can participate.

VEEP – Manuel Gonzalez encouraged parents to become involved in Speech and Debate, which he is coaching this year.

AP Workshop– Sarah Schrier encouraged people to volunteer to help on October 14 with teachers AP training workshop.

Governance – Michael Briggs reported meetings take place 1st Monday of every month when school is in session. Civic values are a focus, following campus vandalism and events around standardized tests last year.

Parents Aware—Catherine Shafer asked for clarification of the new program, and was referred to Nurse Lisa. She requested input for first article, and safe driving was suggested.

Reflections—Mary Fisher reported on program celebrating the arts; Nov. 10th is deadline for entries, and theme is “My favorite place.”

Grade Level Reports –

12th Grade – Madelyn Bennett said volunteers are needed for Homecoming. Deadline for Senior Ads is Nov. 1. Senior dinner on Oct. 27 at Sparks is adults only. College reps will be on campus Oct and Nov. Deadlines for SAT - Oct. 14, for ACT - Oct 28. Re: Senior video, Susan is negotiating with someone.

11th Julie Matibag – Dinner on Sun. Dec. 3 is also parents only.

10th Fund-raising dinner also planned.

9th Grade - nothing to report.

Foundation – Jackie Helm encouraged everyone to sign up for Taste of La Jolla, Oct. 16. It was difficult getting restaurants this year, due to competition. Everyone is encouraged to volunteer and to buy tickets. Moneybooks are available in the office.

Announcements –

High Tide forms are available. Senior tee shirts and socks available for sale.

With no further announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.
Minutes submitted by Sheila Dershowitz, Recording Secretary