

**LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Bee Mittermiller. Bee welcomed everyone, saying we are all here to help provide students the best educational experience. Bee requested 3 readers for the minutes. Thank you Linda Dowley, Denise Trapp, and Madelyn Bennett for volunteering.

**President's Report** –Bee Mittermiller stated that we will have a faculty representative at every PTA meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** –Sarah Schrier presented 3 reports: proposed and actual budgets, treasurer's report and check register report. Pam Zuckerman moved to accept the proposed budget and ratify all recent checks. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Auditor's Report** – Sophia Wong read the auditor's report prepared by Barbara Hoffman, indicating that all books were in order for 2005-2006. Liz Lindenfeld moved to approve the auditor's report. The motion was seconded and passed.

**ASB Faculty Advisor-** Kerry Dill described plans for Blast-Off. Grade-level competition is planned among the classes. ASB is looking for freshmen representation. ASB is starting the process early for senior rings. Lunch meeting today for those who want to start new clubs. Parents were encouraged to bring questions about ASB or clubs to Kerry Dill by email.

**Programs** – Linda Kalkstein is looking for a committee of 2 or 3 parents to help with programs such as Principal's Chats. The first one will take place at United Methodist Church Tuesday, October 10, 7:30 am. She also arranges panels of experts for parent programs. Thursday evening, the topic is "Parenting the Difficult Child." Linda encouraged parents to attend the Parent Prep program in the spring. Requested a trifold proofreader for Monday or Tuesday.

**Ways and Means**—Micki Olin reported she has a \$10,000 budget for mini grants. Teachers may apply on pink forms available in their mailboxes and on the website.

**Membership** –Last year's co-chairs, Liz Lindenfeld and Bee Mittermiller received a trophy for having over 1,000 members, but must return it at year's end. Betsy Klene and Venzel Hammershaimb reported that we are already close to that number this year.

Bee explained the role of corresponding secretary, Sandra Sloan –'Thank you's' and other correspondence, as needed, and compiling the roster. Bee asked all officers and committee chairs to review the draft roster in the back of the room, and make additions or changes as needed.

**Historian** – Pamela Zuckerman emphasized the importance of recording volunteer hours.

**Registration** – Elizabeth Allan thanked the volunteers for the successful registration last week; people contributed more than 1000 hours in 4 days. Joyce Cary was acknowledged for recruiting all 250 volunteers and grade level coordinators, recruiting 60 volunteers per day. Special recognition went to Candy Satterlee for untold hours this summer providing lockers for all students. Elizabeth will be stepping down next year.

**Blast Off** – Jamie Zebrowski credited her co-chairs, and said students are asked to wear their class colors: black for seniors, red for juniors, white for sophomores, and grey for freshmen. Students who wear their colors Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> can receive raffle tickets.

**Grade Level Dinners--** Pamela Zuckerman reminded everyone that Friday morning is the deadline date for the freshman dinner on Tuesday, 9/19. Dinner for grades 10, 11, and 12 is scheduled for Thursday, 9/ 21.

**Family Directory**—Candy Satterlee reminded everyone to fill out the Superform and *sign it* in order to be in the directory. Regarding lockers, Candy said we do have new lockers, and over 100 are still available. This year for

first time, every student has a locker. Candy is also chairing Grad Night and would love help. Candy is not doing Off the Wall which made almost \$130,000 last year and needs a new chair.

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

**Newsletter**—Cheryl Stewart reported that Debbie Pastor is this year's new editor; we will need a new person next year. Mailing is an issue, so Cheryl proposed that people be able to opt out of receiving the newsletter by mail, and just get it online. Mailing costs \$300 per issue. Deadline for the Oct./Nov. newsletter is September 9. Betsy Klene asked if an e-blast could go out every time the newsletter goes on line. Cheryl agreed, if Patti Haig is willing.

**E-Blast**—Patti Haig asked if there was anyone present who was not on the email list. Every eblast that goes out is pre-approved by our President.

**Library Volunteers** – Carla Mercer said the library is closed right now, except for textbooks. Help is needed, especially during lunchtime, because we lost our library assistant.

Bee mentioned that Michele Gannon has provided flyers, for those wishing to contribute to the library.

**Moneybook**—Pam Smith has them up front, for sale now.

**Hospitality**—Liz Lindenfeld has a committee for 8 different events this year. Special thanks to Mary Fisher and Denise Ferraro-Trapp for the 'Welcome Back' for teachers. Volunteers are needed for coffees, principal's chats, holiday party, secretary's day, teacher appreciation, etc.

**AP Workshop**– Sarah Schrier encouraged people to volunteer for this event which provides teachers AP training, scheduled for October 14. Sarah will send out flyers.

**Governance** – Liz Lindenfeld said this year's committee consists of Michael Briggs, Linda Dowley, Jamie Ginsberg, and Pam Zuckerman. First meeting is Tuesday, 2:30, and the first order of business will be to elect new officers. Contact any committee member with concerns. Governance meetings are open to all and Liz encouraged anyone interested to attend.

**VEEP** – Manuel Gonzalez and Isabel Vega invite everyone to a Principal's chat in their area, but no dates yet. Would appreciate donations— school supplies, LJHS clothes, review books.

**Health/Safety**—Christina Orciuoli said LJHS is the only school with a CPR class, offered during PE to every sophomore not in a winter sport. A more detailed presentation will be made later in the year.

**GATE**—Jamie Ginsberg reported that a seminar task force will meet at the Ballard Center in Old Town on 9/16. Parents of seminar-identified students are encouraged to attend. Important funding issues will be addressed.

**SAT Prep Classes** – Sheila Dershowitz distributed an updated flyer for the fall class, beginning on 9/16, at 8:30 (not 8:00) am. No classes on Sept. 23. Students in both math and verbal will need to bring lunch on 9/30. Confirmation postcards will be mailed out next week.

**Legislation**—Mary Fisher referred people to the upcoming newsletter regarding 3 pieces of legislation on which PTA has taken a stand. Mary also mentioned a PTA Membership survey which she cautioned everyone **NOT** to take, because it will foul up your computer. \$105 million has been earmarked for arts education, in addition to new grant money for the arts; Mary will ask for help with Reflections, a PTA-sponsored fine arts program.

**Foundation** – Jackie Helm reported the first Viking Day at the Races netted nearly \$3,000. Taste of La Jolla is coming up on 10/16—eblast will go out. Jackie encouraged everyone to sign up for escrip. The Foundation is still collecting cell phones and cartridges. Next Foundation meeting will be 9/20, 7 am, in the library. The Foundation is under pressure from the district to help with budget woes, and already agreed to fund \$350,000. Importance of cooperation between the Foundation and the PTA was emphasized. All are welcome to attend Foundation

meetings.

**Aquatics Complex**—Gary Felt, President of the Aquatics Complex, said Splash-Bash, scheduled for Sunday, 10/8, is the major fund-raiser for the pool, which is not funded by either county or city. An endowment started last year is expected to grow and ultimately cover the pool's annual deficit. Teachers and faculty will be in the splash tank. Admission is \$5.00, and the Coogan family will match every dollar collected. Sponsors, swimmers and volunteers are needed.

Discussion followed, regarding membership—there are fees for walk-ins (\$10.00) as well as family memberships, annual, monthly, quarterly memberships.

### **Grade Level Reports –**

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Susan Sparks reported she is looking for help with Snack Shack, a senior fund-raiser. Someone needs to coordinate scheduling people to work at every game. A clip board circulated for After –Prom, which will be chaired by Linda Rutgard. Susan also needs help with elementary school reunions in May—Jamie is doing Bird Rock. Betsy Chadwick needs help with Homecoming, especially with floats. Grad Nite will take place at Knotts' Berry Farm. Contact Susan to help with any of these. Susan thanked all senior volunteers, and announced a Kick-off dinner on Sunday, Oct. 22 at her home for all senior parents.

Re: Senior video, Susan is negotiating right now with someone who did this before. Seat cushions and tee shirts are available for \$20.00.

**11<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> Grades** -- Julie Matibag, Pam Zuckerman, Tina Greenberg had nothing to report.

### **Announcements –**

Sarah Schrier asked that everyone save receipts if they spend money on anything, in order to be reimbursed.

### **Principal's Report –**

- Dana thanked everyone for help with registration and for the luncheon for teachers.
- Dana said if you missed Day at the Races, you should not have; it was great.
- Auto-dialer is now up and running, and will start with reporting full-day absences. In the future, it may go to absences of one period, but for now, they will be reporting absences of 4 or more periods. Between 6:30-8:30 or 9:00 pm, a call will come in saying your child was absent. You will need to call the school and it is important to speak to your child if you thought he was in school.
- We now have a gardener, Jim, on board 3 days per week. Thanks to Ann Peterson and her group who did a great job of gardening in the absence of this position.
- API (Academic Performance Index)—822. That is down 12 points, but still above the 800 margin. Our high was 834.
- Enrollment is 1700. Last year, we started at 1710. We always experience attrition. Class size is an issue, as we do not have class averages above 37, but some classes such as AP Stats and AP Calculus are overcrowded.
- The state has now decided that you do not have to take world history in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

Questions:

- Are there plans for Academic League? Dana said, “Yes, trying to identify someone for this.” Mr. Stotts decided to pursue his dream of being a novelist.
- Have you found a freshman English teacher? Mrs. Lipton will be teaching 3 periods.
- Counseling office situation? Dana reported that we lost Mrs. Burnett to Mira Mesa, but are expecting to receive a list of people who are qualified shortly.
- For seniors who had Mrs. Burnett, what should they do? Pat Shaler is filling in until we find a replacement.
- Who will do the college counseling piece? There is a plan is to place someone in that capacity. Advised that parents speak with Beth about this.

Bee added that she has spoken with Beth and if you need to communicate with your counselor, email is best except for Pat Shaler who does not have email yet. Dana informed everyone that the counseling office will be closed at 3:00, to deal with email requests.

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