

**LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2007**

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

Network System Media Support Technician--Kathy Renda demonstrated the high quality of 3-camera system used for Airband video, and indicated that this and other excellent videos are available for sale.

President's Report - Bee announced the following:

- RAFT Committee is working to support Laura Lynn, single LJHS mom who is also a special ed aide and battling breast cancer.
- PTA Newsletter again won best in district!!
- Bee asked for 3 volunteers to read the minutes. Thanks to volunteers Michael Briggs, Jamie Ginsberg, and Liz Lindenfeld.
- Thank you note for flowers and support from Yitong, Lungung, and Daisy
- Last month, 588 hours logged by PTA volunteers.
- LJ Village News has article re: graffiti and mentioned LJHS and how effective we have been reporting.
- Christie Wagon, YMCA Teen Coordinator, is organizing summer college tour. Call 453-3483 ext 41

Treasurer's Report --Sarah Schrier presented treasurer's report. A motion to ratify recent checks and approve the report was seconded and carried. (Note: the actual report is filed with minutes.)

Nominating Committee—Patty Cohen presented the proposed slate of officers for 2007-08:

President-Bee Mittermiller

VP Programs-Tina Greenberg

VP Ways and Means-Micki Olin

VP Membership-Betsy Klene

VP Membership- Venzel Hammershaimb

Corresponding Secretary-Sandra Sloan

Recording Secretary-Michael Briggs

Historian-Pam Zuckerman

Treasurer-Sarah Schrier

Financial Secretary-Anna Marie Cameron

Auditor-Sophia Wong

Parliamentarian-Linda Dowley

Nominations were invited from the floor. With no additional nominations, a motion to approve the slate was seconded and unanimously approved.

Only 2 positions remain: Publicity Chair, SAT Class Coordinator

Ways and Means—Micki Olin presented the following requests for mini-grants:

- \$ 2.50 for Cathy Zimmer, Counseling, adjustment from last month's Filemaker Pro.
- \$350.00 for Michel Bertier, Chemistry, for 2 hot plates to replace broken equipment
- \$140.00 for Shauna Brammer, Biology, for 8 stop watches for lab use/experiments, biology

- \$300.00 for Martin Teachworth, Physics, for Pasco Dynamics rack for motion, energy, and momentum units, allowing students to work in groups of 3-4 instead of 7 in Physics
- \$320.00 for Aaron Quesnell, Biology, for Apple Remote Desktop 3 software to allow one to monitor and install programs in student computers (upgrade over 2.2)
- \$350.00 for Patricia Vreeland, English, for 50 copies of Plato's *Republic* to replace 1966 set
- \$350.00 for Mary McBride, English, for 50 copies of Plato's *Republic* to replace 1966 set
- \$350.00 for Jewel Weien, Adv/AP English, for memory for 5 computers to update mini computer lab
- \$351.63 for Alma Marin-Rodriguez, World Languages, for 12 books and workbooks to meet standards for foreign language learning
- \$109.83 for Ann Boutelle, Drama, for 7 musical/theatre videos to illustrate choreographic concepts
- \$350.00 for Kari Tapia/Matt Olson, Math, for lock for Doc camera, TV, DVD/VCR to allow use of TI, to show instructional films on how math is used in real life
- \$350.00 for Mullens/Frank, Physical Ed, for DVD/VCR & TV, used in small gym for student

Discussion about how the last two coordinate with teacher stations. Tentative decision to go ahead with TV and hold on the DVD/VCR until next month. Also will advise those teachers to apply for teacher stations. Motion that the mini-grants be approved with exception of VCR/DVD was seconded and passed. (See below.)

Registration--Mary Fee requested additional volunteers and passed around sign-up sheets. She indicated that many incoming 8th grade parents have volunteered.

Parliamentarian—Linda Dowley explained that PTA requires certain updates in by-laws. She has revised the by-laws accordingly, and will post on the website.

Programs—Linda Kalkstein encouraged everyone to participate in:

- Principal's Chat April 18, 9:30 a.m.
- Parent Prep Program, May 24, 6:30 p.m. in auditorium --4th year we have offered college application process w/ senior parent panel

Legislation—Mary Fisher announced:

- A new bill for large funding increase
- Survey of principals indicated that fund-raising is a large source of school resources nationwide, but this is not how it should be—mandated state responsibility to fund education, and we should let our representatives know our expectations
- Disposable batteries must be recycled.
- Alcohol on the beach—Task Force is considering this issue. Mary asked if PTA would be in favor of sending a letter to Kevin Falconer, who is in favor of keeping alcohol on the beach, to let him know that parents may not agree. Discussion resulted in decision to send eblast to gain other members' perspectives.

RAFT Program—Laura Lynn and Kathy Marron, Counselor, thanked everyone for support from RAFT and PTA.

Governance –Michael Briggs announced that Governance is responsible for evaluating principal’s performance. Eblast will be sent to help people access the survey-- form is online. Input must be completed by end of April.

After Prom –Linda Rutgard announced more volunteers are needed, especially at lunch and at the event itself, at Dave and Buster’s.

Hospitality—Liz Lindenfeld announced:

- 1) National Administrative Assistants’ Day, April 25
- 2) Teacher Appreciation Week, May 7-11
- 3) Incoming – Outgoing Board Luncheon June 1st, 11:00 am

GATE -- Jamie Ginsberg reported that the annual La Jolla Area GATE Parent meeting will take place April 30th 2:30 at LJHS; Deputy Supt Geno Flores will speak and GATE manager, Adalia Lavado, will report on the Seminar Task Force which met this year.

Foundation – Jackie Helm announced major fund-raising event, Scarlet and Black Ball, April 28. Excellent items for auction. She encouraged support and participation.

Additional Announcements: If interested in buying any of the videos mentioned at the start of the meeting, they are available.

Grade Level Reports –

12th Grade – Jamie Ginsberg reported

- Caps and gowns have been ordered.
- Students have heard from prospective colleges. Acceptances need to be made by May 1st. Also recommends informing colleges they are declining.
- Seniors only assembly- date TBA
- Prom, June 1 at the Prado; After-prom already discussed
- Yearbook signing party, June 12
- Grad night--June 14 --Disneyland (8:30 pm– 7:30 am 6/15)
Grad night tickets on sale Tuesdays at lunch time. Students must have a current student ID to purchase tickets and board buses. Must have parent signature *even if they are 18*. Permission forms (3 pp) available on the LJHS website or picked up in school office or ASB room. Bus preferences on first come, first serve basis.
- Mandatory school day, June 15--3 hours, 7:30-10:30a.m.—right after they get off the bus
- Senior Breakfast--June 18
- Graduation--June 19

11th Grade—no report

10th Grade— no report

9th Grade— no report

Principal’s Report –

- Dana praised positive senior class activities--holiday decorations before Christmas and Easter. So he is optimistic Senior prank will be in same spirit--something that makes people smile.
- Rachel Tannenbaum received award for excellence in teaching (second time).
- Mr. Teachworth \$15,000 award for the school to design and build alternative fuel car

- All banners are up in the gym. Really impressive. This year's will be added, and will continue annually. Great evidence of the tradition of the school.
- NOSB Team heading to Stony Brook, NY for national competition
- Choir competing in Disneyland in May.
- New English teacher, Candace Hamilton, has been hired. Chemistry position re-posted.
- Madrigals and Jazz Band will perform at Scarlett and Black. Cheerleaders will help in reception area.
- Testing is coming up; participation of students is important, especially AP students. A ASB Ball was very positive.

Questions:

- Will you advise AP teachers not to load students up with work after AP exams? That would help greatly with participation of AP students in State exams.
- Re: mini-grant—Will equipment interface with the teacher stations?
Yes and they need the equipment this summer. Time is of the essence.
- Can we move the mini-grant back to the original request? Motion seconded and passed.
- Dates of testing—first week of May, AP's, 4 days of testing. AP Latin, Virgil, and AP Spanish Literature have been postponed to May 18th.
- Are students allowed to speak to their counselor without a pass? The bulletin announcement makes it sound as if they are not welcome.
Yes, but counselors are very busy, so only in an emergency. Suggestion by parent that the announcement be re-worded to be less negative.

With no further questions or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Sheila Dershowitz, Recording Secretary