

**LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 2007**

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

President's Report - Bee shared a thank you note for the Holiday Brunch from Lynn Dull. Bee requested readers for the minutes. Thanks to volunteers Linda Kalkstein, Michael Briggs, and Madelyn Bennett. Bee announced the following:

- For Pam Zuckerman, who is not present today, the latest number of volunteer hours, 497.
- Hand-out from State Bar of CA available on the back table
- Flowers sent with monies raised from contributions for junior class student w/family tragedy.
- After-Prom contract is ready to be signed. Linda Rutgard negotiated, Exec Board reviewed and recommended we sign it. Motion was made and approved to ratify decision of Executive Board to sign the contract.
- Bee will speak to junior class and advise juniors to begin work now, on raising money for events they will want next year.
- At Principal's Chat, discussion came up that there is a lost and found, and there are articles in it, so please check.
- Bulletin reading should be 2nd period. Dana wants to know name of teachers who are not reading it.
- PTA Website—are people using it? Bee asked for suggestions, particularly wondering about the Latest News and whether people check it.

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.)

Audit Report - Sophia Wong presented audit report. She has examined the books of LJHS PTA and found them to be correct. Motion to adopt report was seconded and passed.

Nominating Committee--Ellen Reardon announced positions not filled. She is seeking:

1. **AP Workshop Chair** (1)
2. **After Prom Co-Chairs** (2)
3. **Blast Off Co-Chairs** (2)
4. **CPR Co-Chair** (1)
5. **E-Blaster In Training** (1)
Patti Haig will be in charge of e-blast for 2007-2008, but we need someone Patti can train to step into the job for 2008-2009.
6. **Grad Night Chair** (1)
7. **Health Safety Liaison** (1)
8. **Hospitality** (2):
9. **Library Tribute Chair** (1)
10. **Library Volunteer Coordinator** (1)
11. **Newsletter Publisher** (1)
12. **Newsletter Mailing Co-Chair** (1)
13. **Publicity Chair** (1)
14. **SAT Classes Coordinator** (1)
15. **Senior Exhibitions** (1)
16. **Reflections** (1)
17. **Grade Level Reps**

Programs—Linda Kalkstein discussed the following:

- **RAFT Foundation** – Andrea Feinswog will send update email.
- Next **Principal's Chat** is scheduled for April 18. Last year, evening meeting was poorly attended, so there will be no evening meeting this year. Discussion about preference of morning time, 7:30am or 9:30am (traditional time). Informal vote indicated 9:30 was preferred, so April meeting will be at 9:30am.
- **Parent Program**: March 13, 7 pm in cafeteria: "What Every Parent Needs to Know about Student Drug Use." Speakers will feature John Lieberman, leader in addiction field with 20+ years experience, student

with addiction/ recovery experience, and others. Free of charge. Discussion about other possible speakers.

- Diane Nichols shared Youth Risk Survey for SDCS showing slight decline in drug activity over 10 year period (1995-2005). Alcohol still number one problem. Binge drinking 22% under national average. Marijuana use just under national average (39%) Cocaine use little higher than national average. Also shows statistics for steroid use, weapons, guns, sexual harassment, sexual intercourse, 4 or more sexual partners (9-12th grades) Condom use increased. On SDCS website.

Ways and Means—Micki Olin presented 4 requests for mini-grants, totally \$1,134.00, including:

- \$350.00 for C. O'Donahue, new English teacher, for grammar and writing texts
- \$162.00 for Patricia Vreeland, English Dept., for two sets of classroom books (novels)
- \$272.00 for David Mika, World History, for delivery of LA Times for seminar World History
- \$350.00 for Rachel Tannenbaum, Biology, for 2 sets of kits for students to study their own DNA.

Discussion about whether the books will be inventoried. A motion to fund the requests was seconded and carried.

Membership –Venzel Hammershaib announced membership is up to 1,018. Betsy Klene announced deadline to join PTA is next meeting.

Governance –Michael Briggs announced the next meeting will be Monday, 2:30 pm. Continue to discuss algebra scores, trying to get scores from other high schools for benchmarks. Academic- related teams need coaching: academic league, math team , speech/debate team. Anyone available to coach, either as volunteer or for part-time pay, would be welcome.

CPR and Health and Safety—Laura Wheeler had to leave, but Christine announced that CPR training is now finished and Laura did a great job.

VEEP – No report

GATE—Jamie Ginsberg announced a Seminar Steering Committee and that there also will be GATE Steering Committee. Upcoming meeting for La Jolla cluster will host Jose Flores.

Legislation—No report

After Prom –Linda Rutgard needs volunteers for After Prom Committee, and thanked everyone for the vote to sign the contract with Dave and Buster's.

Grad Night—Candy Satterlee announced we are going to Disneyland June 14, Thursday before graduation. Will send eblast for volunteers. Busses will be costly, so need to fundraise in order to get ticket down to \$60.00, instead of \$80.00. Announced beginning of fundraising with personal contribution. Also wants to promote family nights on graduation night (Tuesday).

SAT Prep Class—Sheila Dershowitz announced class is filled with 40 students, thanks to Patti Haig and Bee for quick response with e-blast. Ten students are partial scholarship students, all recommended by Beth Behnke.

Grade Level Reports –

12th Grade – Susan Sparks reported that senior class projects are underway. Still needs 3-4 photos per student for senior video.

11th Grade—Betsy Klene reported that junior dance will be rescheduled from tonight, Feb.2, due to conflict with *Stars in your Eyes*. Junior class dinner on Sunday night was well-attended. Money donated to Maggie Walsh's foundation.

10th Grade—No report

9th Grade-- 9th grade is working on Air Band, and needs participants.

Foundation—Jackie Helm thanked everyone for coming to Vines & Vintners, initial estimate \$26,000. Etched glasses for sale. Scarlet and Black Ball will be April 28. Next meeting is Feb. 26 counseling office conference room, and all are invited to attend.

La Jolla Rotary Club—Cal Mann reported that *Stars in Our Eyes* is tonight. On Feb. 24 they will be dedicating flagpole. Also going down to build another house in Tijuana. Exchange student is on plane back to France today, sorry to say.

Announcements – Reminder: next month’s meeting is 7:45 am.

Principal’s Report –

- Dana announced jazz band and madrigals perform tonight at Stars in Our Eyes.
- Last night Academic Team beat Bishops
- Air Band is coming up—two shows, 5:00pm and 7:30pm. Ran out of tickets last year.
- 8th grade retention policy passed Board—students with multiple F’s in core subjects will be retained or parents have option to request their student not be retained and then they come into 9th grade remediation program. \$1.25 million for all high schools will be made available for all high schools to divide for this remediation program. Summer school will be mandatory for these students, and it will be on middle school campus. Dana asked Supt. if he would consider similar program for 5th graders.
- We have a reading teacher at last. She is interviewing students, asking if they are interested in going to a reading class instead of elective. She would like to have 15 students per class.
- Too many blue slips are being called in. Should be for real need, not convenience.

Questions:

- What percentage of students qualify for this reading program? Dana believes 100 students.
- Re: senior projects, some students do not seem to be able to write or present a coherent presentation. How are they performing on SAT writing test? Dana is not sure. There is tutoring available.
- Heard Dana wants names of teachers who do not read the Bulletin. Parent reported one such teacher and others agreed.
- Parent said her students are dyslexic and could share reading information.
- Is staff development program next week about vertical teaming with Muirlands? Yes.
- Please comment on need for coaching for academic teams. Dana said Pat Thomas is coaching the math team. We need speech and debate.
- Do you have to be certified teacher to coach? Dana said we could find a way to pay someone.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Sheila Dershowitz, Recording Secretary