

**LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2007**

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

President's Report - Bee announced that during holidays Crown Point Tree Clippers trimmed trees on campus, as service to school. She called for brief discussion re: request that PTA meetings start earlier and said we will revisit this. Bee requested readers for the minutes; thanks to volunteers Mary Fisher, Pam Zuckerman, and Linda Dowley.

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.)

Foundation – Jackie Helm announced \$55 tickets are still available for Sat, Jan 27th -Vines and Vintners, at La Jolla Country Club. Baskets will be auctioned off. She encouraged everyone to attend.

Department Chair—Claire Summer, chair of World Languages Dept., who teaches Spanish and French, described student support of an orphanage in Tijuana, including pen pal letters and Santa visit last month.

Media Specialist—Steve Grant announced that, on Thursday Jan. 25th 7:00 pm, he will be presenting new databases which provide quality research options for students and parents, with log-in information.

Parliamentarian—Linda Dowley announced that the Nominating Committee must begin and requested 5 members and 2 alternates. Volunteers included Patty Cohen, Karen Davis Kathy Edwards, Jamie Ginsberg, Ellen Riordan, with Betsy Klene and Liz Lindenfeld as alternates. Motion to accept the slate was seconded and passed.

Ways and Means—Micki Olin presented 4 requests for mini-grants, totally \$936.73, including:

- \$ 1.73 adjustment (shipping and taxes) for Ann Boutelle's minigrant last month
- \$265.00 for Shauna Brammer, Science Dept., for specimens for biology and physiology
- \$350.00 for Davis/Marcus, Auto Shop and Ceramics teachers, for TV/VCR
- \$320.00 for Claire Summer, World Languages Dept. for VCR and replacement of whiteboard

A motion to fund these requests was seconded and carried.

Membership –Betsy Klene announced membership is up to 1,019. She and Venzel will be reminding teachers to join. She provided PTA cards. Betsy also announced Buick Open is Jan.22-28.

Hospitality— Liz Lindenfeld thanked everyone for help, esp. Georgia Hornback, for the successful Holiday Breakfast Buffet for Teachers and Staff.

Historian—Pam Zuckerman reported there were 930 volunteer hours last month.

Governance –Michael Briggs announced the next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 8, 2:30 pm, room 304. Last meeting included a discussion on cheating policy and he reported that teachers present indicated it is widespread. Discussion of how to proceed with Principal's appraisal, and reviewed dissemination options: paper, email, website, multiple submissions. Based on an informal hand vote, multiple submissions was strong favorite.

VEEP – Isabel Vega announced that Mr. Fairley attended last meeting and she is concerned about report of increased drug use. Agreed to discuss with Dana.

CPR and Health and Safety—Laura Wheeler announced she is impressed with responsiveness of entire community for CPR training scheduled for January 16 – 19 and 22 – 25. Passed around clipboard for corrections

or additions.

GATE—Jamie Ginsberg announced that at the Seminar Task Force on January 11th, she plans to argue for more GATE money. LJHS has 1/5 of all seminar students in the district, but receives 1/11th of the money.

Legislation--Mary Fisher reported on many new laws which went into effect on January 1st. She will write an article for newsletter, or people may check this week's listing in the Union-Tribune.

Reflections—Mary Fisher reported that one student entry has been selected to go on to next level.

After Prom –Linda Rutgard needs volunteers for After Prom Committee. AP will be June 2nd, hopefully at Dave and Buster's, midnight until 3:00 am.

Grade Level Reports –

12th Grade – Linda Kalkstein reported that the senior class is working with Linda Rutgard on After Prom.

11th Grade—**Sarah Schrier** reported for Julie Matibag that a dance is planned for junior class on Feb.2.

10th Grade—**Pam Zuckerman** announced many fund-raising activities, inc. sweatshirt sales.

9th Grade--**Tina Greenberg** said 9th grade is working on Air Band, and needs participants. ASB President was really pleased to receive our card and is doing well.

La Jolla Rotary Club—**Cal Mann** recommended Leadership Camp, with 300 students from all over the county, for juniors who would benefit from a leadership experience. Applications due Jan. 15, and will accept 2 students from LJHS.

Mike Frager described plan to donate flag pole for the new Spellman Field. Dedication ceremony will be opening day. *Stars in Our Eyes*, major fundraiser for Rotary will be Friday, Feb. 2, 2007 at Mandeville Theater. Tickets are available @ \$25.00.

Announcements –

- Micki Olin, as amendment to minigrants, shared that the school will accept donations of VCR's and TV's, so long as they are combination VCR/DVD's and TV's are at least 27".
- Cold Stone Creamery was vandalized, owners are a lovely couple, 2 time Iraq veteran.
- Sheila Dershowitz announced SAT Prep Classes will begin earlier than last year, Jan. 27.
- Senior Exhibitions will begin Jan. 9th and run Tuesdays and Thursdays through March.
- Note from Nancy Dowlen, thanking PTA for Holiday Breakfast.

Principal's Report –

- Dana announced a new District program for 'Super Service.' Forms are available for parents who wish to commend someone on campus.
- Congratulations to Madrigals who performed at Qualcomm.
- Bands were permitted to practice over the holidays as community service. Dana apologizes if it inconvenienced anyone.
- Natalie Snowden is new intern in counseling department, and is working with counselors to develop career exploration activities, including career fair this spring. Also a new counselor has been hired with funds for at-risk students (credit deficient). She was an intern last year, and brought us Spark Award for Counseling. She is spear-heading our application for this award.
- Kudos to Crown Point Clippers who volunteered to come in over break and trimmed the Canary Pines. This was last done 9 years ago. Also Jim, new gardener, is a grand addition.
- Thanks to Howard Frank and his committee, new clubhouse looks great and flagpole will be good addition.
- Martin Teachworth received science teachers' award which gave him the opportunity to experience weightlessness.

Questions:

- At VEEP meeting, drugs were reported to be a big issue. Dana said this is contrary to his understanding. He believes it is much harder to get drugs on this campus than it used to be. Discussion about the drug dog, making sure dog visits every area, including wood shop. Also discussed the difficulty of preventing students from text messaging each other when dog is on campus. Suggestion was made that the dogs comes on two consecutive days, and Dana said he would check on the possibility. Incident in this week's news was discussed – students at UCHS and PHHS were arrested by undercover police. Dana said principal would have no idea if there is such undercover police work at LJHS, or any school.
- Some substitutes are showing R-rated films without using the policy or form required. Request that staff is reminded of the policy and importance of support to students who opt out of watching. Dana said he needs to know who the subs are, and they will not be hired.
- Office staff members have been observed being rude to students, including staff laughing at a student with Asperger's. Concern about retaliation if Dana is informed. Dana asked to be informed and said he will respect the parent's confidentiality, saying he heard the inappropriate remarks himself.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Sheila Dershowitz, Recording Secretary