

**LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 2007**

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

President's Report - Bee announced the following:

- Sign up sheets in back for volunteers for STAR testing, Yearbook hand-out, and Registration. Please sign up.
- Article about mini dorms—See Betsy Klene if interested in this topic.
- Safety First is a publication by the Drug Policy Alliance
- Blast-Off has a co-chair, Molly Hagarty.
- Candy Satterlee needs student volunteers for locker clean up, beginning June 16. Students helping for 6 hours receive choice of locker plus a letter documenting community service.
- Grad Nite--252 tickets sold thus far.
- Passed around Cathy Zimmer's 'Thank you' note for mini grant.
- YMCA flyers for Youth in Government and high school readiness programs.

Bee asked for three readers for the minutes. Thanks to Linda Dowley, Linda Kalkstein, and Madelyn Bennett, for volunteering to read the minutes.

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.)

Testing Coordinator/Counselor-- Cathy Zimmer reminded parents that seniors do not need to participate in Star testing, but all others do, and encouraged parents to support students, be sure they get to school rested and prepared to do their best.

Library Media teacher-- Steve Grant reported that:

- 1) District continues to cut library staffing, not at LJHS, but 3 other schools, both Techs and Assistants have been cut.
- 2) Although Steve now has 3-hour per day assistant, 12:30-3:30, who is excellent, he is not able to teach 9th graders any more due to time constraints.
- 3) Check-out of textbooks—volunteers are needed. Steve will do training, to avoid problems that occurred last year. Training will be Wednesday, June 13, 4:00 pm. Senior check-out is June 14, others June 15 and 18th.

Nancy Dowlen, Attendance Officer, announced that she is retiring on June 30. She thanked the families, saying she has loved doing whatever she could for families of LJHS, especially praying for them all. Bee presented a tulip plant to Nancy.

Programs—Linda Kalkstein encouraged everyone to attend Parent Prep Program, May 24, 6:30 p.m. in auditorium. Committee has planned a great program with input from freshman, sophomore, junior and senior parents. Students are encouraged to attend this year, and friends with students in other schools are also welcome.

Ways and Means—Micki Olin presented the following mini-grants. First 3 clarify last month's grants and the next four are new. Previous month's grants:

- Shauna Brammer, Physiology, wishes to use money previously approved for other items to purchase DNA kits.
- Jewel Weien, English, was left off last month's list, but appears now.
- Aaron Quesnell, Biology, requests an additional \$2.17 for last month's approved grant for Apple software.

New grant requests:

- Alma Marin-Rodriguez, Spanish, \$33.20 for a reader to help meet standards
- Melanie Menders, Math, \$225.00 for a new generation graphing calculator that projects on a screen, including training session
- Ken Davis, Trans Tech, \$350.00 for tools to replace worn equipment and buy new tools for shop
- Girard Mattio, Indust & Const. Tech, \$350.00 to replace worn and broken tools for current curriculum

Motion that the mini-grants be approved was seconded and passed.

Governance –Michael Briggs announced the next meeting is Monday, May 7; everyone is welcome. He distributed copies of the form for principal's performance, due to compatibility issues with the online survey. Today is the deadline.

VEEP – No report

After Prom –Linda Rutgard announced that 30 tickets have been sold thus far. Tickets were \$25 in April, but are now \$35. An opportunity drawing suggested by Linda Kalkstein should encourage more students to buy tickets. Help is needed with transportation--checking ID's when they get on bus—and with chaperones. Reservations will be sold on May 17th. Also need more prizes. Please discourage parties, if you hear about any being planned. Fund-raising letter was received by senior parents and phone calls will follow.

Hospitality—Liz Lindenfeld announced:

- 1) Teacher Appreciation Week, May 7-11
- 2) Secretaries' Breakfast will take place at end of May, at the school's request.
- 3) Incoming – Outgoing Board Luncheon June 1st, 11:00 am. Thanks to Candy Satterlee for the use of her lovely backyard. Please sign up to bring salad, sandwich, fruit, or dessert. All PTA members are welcome, but RSVP to Gloria Bakst: BAKSTI@pacbell.net.

GATE -- Jamie Ginsberg thanked all who attended April 30 meeting, with Deputy Supt. Geno Flores. 80 people were present. Jamie expressed concern about GATE staffing. Board meeting will be telecast on channel 17, and she advises people to pay close attention.

Grade Level Reports –

12th Grade – No report, but Bee indicated that a packet was mailed home to senior parents outlining all senior events.

11th Grade—No report

10th Grade—Pam Zuckerman announced that they have collected \$3,400. Sweatshirts left to sell, but only size small.

9th Grade—Tina Greenberg announced they are selling Senior Good-bye Cards with Hershey kisses and towels.

Foundation – Jackie Helm announced:

- Golf Tournament, May 18
- Medical examinations, June 7, 5:30pm in the gym—\$25.00 for all LJHS students expecting to be on any sports team next year. She will work with Linda Dowley to contact Muirlands 8th graders via eblast.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with Scarlet and Black Ball—Conservatively, they collected \$100,000.

Announcements:

- Jane Pulliam, the new newsletter editor, reminded everyone that the newsletter deadline is tomorrow, May 5.
- Mary Fee passed around sign-up sheets for additional volunteers for Registration.

Principal's Report –

- Lee Decker's NOSB Team returned from national competition in Stony Brook, NY. finishing 9th in the nation. Very pleased with feedback about students, as most well-rounded and well-mannered students.
- Academic Team did very well, winning up to second round. New coaches are enthusiastic about continuing with the team.
- Statistics Team won SD County competition.
- Administration is currently working on two things: Master schedule and AP testing next week. Beth Behnke will send eblast, encouraging students to stay calm and rested.
- Thanks to those who are helping with STAR testing, which will take place right after the AP exams, May 17-24th. Calling system will remind parents of importance.
- Making final adjustments to student schedules, but when schedules arrive in the mail, there is a disclaimer. Example: AP Psych has enough requests for 5 classes, but can only provide two. Trying to give priority to students who are upper classmen who need them first.

Questions:

- Will you advise AP teachers not to load students up with work after AP exams? AP English is asking for assignments/projects next week, the same day as the AP exam.
- Do you want to know about students who are attending LJHS even though they do not belong in this school? Will confidentiality be protected? Dana said this will be turned over to school police, through Enrollment Office.
- Last meeting, you mentioned disparity with the budget of LJHS and other SDCS high schools. Dana said he is on Budget Committee and shared budget page. He is pushing this issue right now on the committee.
- How is budget for next year compared with this year? Dana said it is the same except for one-time reinstatement of teachers cut last year.
- News on State Grant for Arts and PE? Dana reported that half has come in—for PE. He met with PE staff and explained rules—must support equipment, not people, and not for permanent things like the track. Dana does not know about the art funds.
- Speaker for assembly before prom? Has a meeting today with a possible group, always does something about not drinking and driving. A wrecked car may be displayed.
- Jamie said she just received a recommendation from GATE Task Force of additional 19.6 CPU's. Do you think this will happen? Dana said he did not expect the additions, but thinks we will maintain what we have.

- How do you feel about the drug dog? Dana said it (drugs) is still around, but not as easy to find.
- Parent asked about a student drug arrest at Muirlands, and if there was any repercussion at the high school. Dana said he did follow up, and did some checking.
- What are the consequences?
First time--Suspension for 3 days; second time--5 days' suspension and out of athletics for one year; third time--can move for expulsion.
- If you are in possession for sale, is that different? Yes, School Police are called, and Board can move student to alternative school, the first time.

With no further questions or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Sheila Dershowitz, Recording Secretary