

**LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
December 7, 2007**

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

President's Report –Bee announced the following:

- Venzel Hammershaimb, Linda Dowley and Amy Cheshire volunteered to read and comment upon the draft version of the minutes from this meeting.
- Bee encouraged attendees to sign-up as volunteers for upcoming events, including the following:
 - Attending Senior Exhibitions, which commence in January 2008;
 - Providing refreshments for the Holiday Breakfast for LJHS faculty and staff on December 21st; and
 - CPR instruction and training for all LJHS sophomore students during their P.E. classes. Parent volunteers are needed to assist while the P.E. teachers provide instructions. The sessions will be held on Wednesday - Friday, January 9 – 11, 2008 and Monday – Wednesday, January 14 – 16, 2008.

Treasurer's Report –Sarah Schrier presented the Treasurer's Report, including a schedule of 2007-2008 budget to actual amounts and itemized journal entries, all included in the PTA's 2007-2008 budget. Sarah explained that the AP Workshop funds had been received as well as a very generous donation of \$1,000. Sarah displayed the table showing interest earned in the PTA savings account. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and ratify the checks that were written was seconded and carried. (Note: the actual report is filed with Minutes.)

ASB Report

- ASB President Whitney Wing announced that a "PowderPuff Football Game" will be held next Friday during 5th period. It will be a fundraiser for the junior class. Students must pay to attend, however parents may attend for free.
- Delaney Maher announced that LJHS has been selected as a participant in the Hurley Fashion Show with three other San Diego high schools to be held at the House of Blues on January 25, 2008. LJHS will present a 5-minute runway show containing 20-25 LJHS models. The students seek assistance from experienced choreographers, music mixers and other skills. The winner of the show will be awarded \$5,000.
- Madison Pelky, ASB Merchandise Chair, discussed efforts to select a design for LJHS women's blouses. Linda Rutgard volunteered to work with Madison in selecting a style of blouse.

Library/Media Center – Steve Grant, Library Media Teacher, discussed the following:

- The library resources program on databases available from the LJHS Media/Library Center and the San Diego Public Library drew a crowd of 50 attendees. An encore program will be held at 9:00 am one day after the first of January, 2008.
- Log-in sheets to on-line research resources are available at the front desk of the LJHS Media/Library Center.
- Steve intends to ask the LJHS Foundation for additional funds for library books because the SDUSD placed no funds in the current budget. In concluding, he encouraged donations to the Library Tribute Fund.

Rotary Club of La Jolla – Bee introduced Davis Cracroft, President of the Rotary Club of La Jolla, who discussed the following:

- Davis described some of the accomplishments of Rotary Club, including the following:
 - wide-spread elimination of polio from almost all countries of the world;
 - micro-loans to entrepreneurs (most of whom are women); and
 - support to the Riford Senior Center.
- Davis acknowledged the excellent work by Cal Mann for the Rotary Club of La Jolla and the Interact Club at LJHS.
- Davis distributed a handout that described some of the programs of the Rotary Club of La Jolla that benefit LJHS, including the following:
 - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference;
 - College Scholarship Program and
 - Stars in Our Eyes.

Cal Mann indicated that volunteers would be filling baskets with gifts and food for needy families this weekend at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, and that additional volunteers would be very welcome.

Programs – Tina Greenberg reported as follows:

- The next Principal's Chat will be hosted at Tina's home on January 24, 2008.
- A drug awareness program is being planned with a Phoenix House volunteer as speaker. The speaker would discuss the pharmacology of drugs and some of the activities in which students are engaging. Tina explained that 40% of the residents of Phoenix House are from LJHS. The possible program date is Wednesday, February 27, 2008. Tina indicated that when families have dinner together, the teenage children show lower levels of illegal drug usage.
- A College Night is being planned for the spring.
- An Eating Disorders Program is also being considered, possibly with parents from Muirlands Middle School.

Membership – Betsy Klene thanked attendees for joining the LJHS PTA and announced that no new members had joined during the prior month. Betsy indicated that the non-member teachers at LJHS would be solicited by letter in the near future. In addition, she noted that parents of freshmen students have a participation rate only ½ of the other classes. She reiterated that March 1, 2008 is the cut-off date for joining the LJHS PTA during the current school year.

Ways and Means – Micki Olin reported that she had received no new mini-grant requests from teachers, so she will send reminders.

Hospitality – Although no representative was present, Bee reminded attendees to sign up to bring a food dish for the upcoming Holiday Breakfast.

GATE/DAC – Linda Dowley stated that no SDUSD District Advisory Council (DAC) meeting had been held since the most recent LJHS PTA meeting. She reported that a meeting regarding the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program at LJHS for parents was held on November 15, 2007, and that SDUSD Board Member John de Beck attended. Academic activities were discussed, and Linda indicated that she would post her notes from the meeting on the LJHS website.

Historian – Linda Dowley reported for LJHS Historian Pam Zuckerman and encouraged volunteers to record their volunteer hours either on the Historian’s clipboard or by sending an e-mail to Pam.

Library Tribute Fund – Gillian Moss reiterated Steve Grant’s message that more funds are needed for LJHS library books. She suggested that parents consider making a donation to the Library Tribute Fund in the name of a LJHS teacher who writes a letter of recommendation for a student.

Governance – Michael Briggs, Governance Chairperson, reported that the LJHS Site Governance Committee continued its exploration of ways to increase the number of students participating in the LJHS choral and instrumental music programs, and that Principal Dana Shelburne planned to meet with the principals of Muirlands Middle School, Torrey Pines Elementary School, La Jolla Elementary School and Bird Rock Elementary School on the subject. Second, he indicated that a discussion of LJHS Foundation financial aid available for teachers’ assistants resulted in representatives from the mathematics, science and social science departments indicating that they would discuss possible opportunities for assistance within their departments. Finally, Michael stated that legacy test scores for LJHS students from 1999 to the present had been compiled in the California Standards Test subjects as well as API scores, and that those statistics were available to anyone who was interested.

Senior Exhibitions – Kathy Marsh encouraged attendees to sign-up as volunteers to judge senior exhibitions by LJHS students, which will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning in January 2008. She stated that the diverse interests of LJHS students are displayed in this graduation requirement, and she thanked Cal Mann for providing volunteers from the Rotary Club of La Jolla as volunteer judges.

VEEP Reps – Isabel Vega thanked attendees for providing donations of food, school supplies and other items for raffles at the Principal’s Chat. She reported that some very good questions were presented by interested parents. Bee mentioned that she also attended the recent meeting, and again encouraged that donations for future raffles be given to Mr. Fairley, Vice Principal.

Grade Level Reports –
12th, 11th and 9th Grades – No report.

10th Grade – Tina Greenberg reported that members of the sophomore class will offering a gift-wrapping service on Girard Street in La Jolla Village on Saturday, December 15th. She encouraged that donations of wrapping paper be made in the main office. She stated that an e-blast will be provided to parents with more details.

LJHS Foundation – No report.

Announcements:

Bif Buchen, Teen Life Coordinator from the YMCA, attended and announced the following:

- Fun Days during the upcoming Winter Break are being planned, including ski trips to Bear Mountain (from 6:00 AM till 8:00 PM for \$100, which includes transportation and a ski pass), Knott’s Berry Farm and the Irvine Spectrum with ice skating and shopping.
- Surf Series program is in full-swing, with a surfing contest scheduled for Saturday, December 1.
- YMCA will host an Open House on Saturday, December 15th.

Additional Announcements –

- LJHS girls soccer team has a record of 5-0.
- LJHS boys cross country team was Western League Co-Champion and finished 19th in the State Finals held in Fresno, California.
- LJHS is looking for a field hockey coach.
- LJHS wrestling team beat San Diego High School.
- LJHS girls volleyball team finished second in the CIF tournament and lost to the #1 team in the state in the state tournament.
- LJHS football team advanced to the semi-finals in the CIF playoffs.

Bee announced that Principal Dana Shelburne was ill and could not attend the meeting.

With no further questions or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Minutes submitted by Michael Briggs, Recording Secretary