

LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2009 7:30 am

Readers of minutes: Linda Dowley, Teri Newlee, Sarah Schrier

President's Report - Sarah Schrier

*Starting second semester the newsletter will no longer be mailed to households. It will be available online. The PTA will continue to send out announcements when the newsletter is posted on the website. We will print some copies and have them available in the office and Library Media Center. This is largely a cost savings measure for the PTA and the school. We greatly appreciate all the volunteer hours that people put into newsletter mailing and hope they will continue to donate their time on other projects.

*There is a Principal's Chat on October 15 from 7:30 –9:30 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall of La Jolla Methodist Church.

*The Principal's Chats at Memorial Academy are scheduled for the following dates: November 5, 2009, February 11, 2010, and May 11, 2010. These meetings will begin at 6:30 P.M.

*La Jolla High School Counselors will be available to meet with students and parents at Memorial Academy on the following three Saturdays: November 7, 2009, February 27, 2010, April 24, 2010. Please contact the Counseling Office for more information or to schedule an appointment.

* Mock ACT and SAT exams will be given at La Jolla High on Saturday November 11. There is a \$10 fee. Students must pick one of the two exams to take. On December 1, there will be a review session covering how to interpret the score report and general information about the tests. Later this school year Mock exams will be offered again. Information for how to sign up will be sent by email and is also available in the Counseling Office. Sign ups begin October 26.

*Carpool group has 59 members now, but very few people have actually posted that they are interested in ride sharing. If you want to find a carpool, in addition to joining, you must post a message stating your neighborhood and your availability.

*Senior Exhibition and VEEP Representative chairs are still needed.

Financial Report- Amy Heap

The following Treasurer's report was presented (see attached Budget v. Actuals report):

Checking Account balance on hand 8/31/09

\$6,092.33

Income				
Date		Definition/Destination	Category/Description	Amount
9/4/09	Deposit	Membership, Donations, Directory	mem-\$2,895, don-\$1,235, dir-\$618	\$4,748.00
9/4/09	Deposit	Memberhips, Donations, Directory	mem-\$2,910, don-\$1,027, dir-\$678	\$4,615.06
9/10/09	Deposit	Membership, Donations, Directory	mem-\$3,165, don-\$1,778, dir-\$816	\$5,759.00
9/11/09	Deposit	Donations, WBD	don-\$40, WBD-\$45	\$85.00
9/11/09	Deposit	Tote Bags	Tote Bags - income	\$38.75
9/11/09	Deposit	Donations, WBD	don-\$20, WBD-\$285	\$305.00
9/11/09	Deposit	Senior Disney Grad Night 2009 Refund	Senior Disney Grad Night 2009 Refund - buses	\$11,100.00
9/15/09	Deposit	Library Tribute Fund	Library Tribute Fund - income	\$270.00
9/15/09	Deposit	Blast Off Concession Change	Blast Off Concession Change	\$1,200.00
9/15/09	Deposit	Blast Off	Blast Off - income	\$1,820.80
9/16/09	Deposit	Membership, Donations, Directory	mem-\$720, don-\$15	\$735.00
9/16/09	Deposit	Membership, Donations, Directory	mem-\$210, don-\$29, dir-\$54	\$293.00
9/17/09	Deposit	Membership, Donations, Directory	mem-2,850, don-\$2,263, dir-\$822	\$5,935.00
9/23/09	Deposit	SAT Prep	SAT Prep - Tuition	\$2,800.00

9/23/09	Deposit	Welcome Back Dinner	Welcome Back Dinner - deposit	\$1,800.00
9/23/09	Deposit	Library Tribute Fund	Library Tribute Fund - income	\$95.00
9/30/09	Deposit	Membership, Donations, Directory	mem-\$630, don-\$488, dir-\$120	\$1,238.00

Total Income \$42,837.61

Expenses

Date	ck #/other	Destination	Description	Amount
9/10/09	3818	Karen Feeney	Hospitality - Teachers' Luncheon	(\$332.55)
9/10/09	3819	Baskin Robbins	Blast Off - expense	(\$170.00)
9/10/09	3820	Cash	Blast Off Concession Change	(\$1,200.00)
9/10/09	Returned Check	Membership, Donations, Directory	mem-\$15	(\$15.00)
9/11/09	3821	Sarah Schrier	SAT Prep - expense	(\$100.00)
9/11/09	3822	Linda Dowley	Hospitality - Teachers' Luncheon	(\$41.90)
9/11/09	3823	Sarah Schrier	Registration - expense	(\$44.57)
9/11/09	3824	LJHS	Senior Disney Grad Night 2009 Refund - buses	(\$11,100.00)
9/14/09	3825	Vanessa Ratliff	Blast Off - expense	(\$429.40)
9/15/09	3826	Teri Newlee	Welcome Back Dinner - reimbursement caterer dep.	(\$1,000.00)
9/15/09	Returned Check	Membership, Donations, Directory	mem-\$15, dir-\$6	(\$21.00)
9/21/09	3827	Pat Pickett Guerrero	Hospitality - Registration	(\$140.94)
9/21/09	Returned Check	Membership, Donations, Directory	mem-\$15	(\$15.00)
9/23/09	3828	Russell Ingledew, CPA	Administration - Tax Preparation	(\$350.00)
9/23/09	3829	Susan Saeed	SAT Prep - Books	(\$451.85)
9/23/09	3830	LJHS	SAT Prep - Teachers' Payment	(\$2,068.16)
9/23/09	3831	Cal Mann	Registration - supplies	(\$154.08)
9/28/09	3832	Contemporary Catering	Welcome Back Dinner - balance	(\$1,254.82)
9/28/09	3833	USPS	Newsletter - mailing	(\$400.00)
9/28/09	Returned Check	Welcome Back Dinner	WBD-\$15	(\$15.00)

Total Expenses (\$19,304.27)

Checking Account Balance on Hand 9/30/09 \$29,625.67

Savings Account Balance on Hand 8/31/09 \$10,553.35

Income

Date	Source		Amount
9/30/09		Interest	\$4.77

Savings Account Balance on Hand 9/30/09 \$10,558.12

*Linda Dowley moved that we ratify the checks as written, seconded and approved by all.

Officer's Reports

Executive VP – Linda Dowley – Community Halloween Information

*Linda Dowley reported that the San Diego Police Department is working in conjunction with the Bird Rock Community Council to ensure a safe and family friendly Halloween in the Bird Rock neighborhood. In past years, middle and high-school-aged kids have created difficulties in that neighborhood (vandalism, fighting, drinking), and the community has been working hard to “take back” Halloween for young children. There will be a strong police presence in the neighborhood, and trick-or-treating will take place between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. After 8:00, residents are urged to turn off

lights to discourage continued gathering on the streets. Police will not tolerate vandalism (including the destruction of decorations/property) or any public drinking by teens OR adults. Adults are urged to be informed about the Social Host Ordinance which holds responsible any adult who serves alcohol to a minor. With Halloween falling on a Saturday this year, parents are urged to talk to their children about appropriate behavior in any and all neighborhoods. The goal is to have a fun, safe Halloween.

Ways and Means- Cal Mann

*The following PTA Mini-Grants were proposed:

Robin Visconti, English, \$350 for 25 copies Seamus Heaney's translation of Beowulf

Greg Volger, Computer Science, \$335 for headphones for the computer lab

Kenneth Martin, Foreign Language, \$110 for a book on the history of language

Dave James, Science, \$350 for CD-ROMs and hydroponic kits

Jill Zagami, Library/Media Center, \$319 for 2 LG flat-screen monitors for circulation counter computers

Christina Chute, Nurse, \$350 for nursing care and personal hygiene supplies

*Linda Dowley moved that we approve the mini grants as presented, seconded and approved by all.

Membership - Margaret Ohara

*PTA membership is currently at 890, well below our target membership of 1,000.

Please encourage all to join. The benefits of PTA membership for our school include greater support from the national PTA organization, and more power in achieving our goals.

Historian- Sandra Sloan (presented by Amy Heap)

*We now have a link on the PTA page of the website for reporting volunteer hours. Reminders about reporting the hours will be sent out by eBlast each month. Please remember to report your PTA volunteer hours each month, as the more hours we have the more power we have in garnering support and attention for school. In addition to reporting hours spent planning and participating in PTA projects and at meetings, please include hours spent working at school including transporting students to events.

AP Workshop- Jeannie Needham

*The AP Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, October 10th and we are still in need of volunteers to help. Please see Jeannie.

Blast Off/Grad Night- Vanessa Ratliff

* Blast-off was a huge success, thank you to all the volunteers. We were able to raise a small amount of money, but as our goal was to foster community ties, the event succeeded there as well. Vanessa will be chairing Blast-off for one more year.

*Grad Night will be June 17th and we'll need volunteers for the all night trip to Disneyland.

Family Directory- Ellen Brice

*We still have too many people that have asked for a directory, but have not included their information on line. We will be opening up the on line sign up forms again to encourage all to participate in having their names and numbers in the Family Directory. An email will go out with information, so those that want to be included can be.

GATE/DAC- Lee Trahan

*The school had a GATE meeting on September 29th that was attended by 13 parents and 29 teachers. The teachers discussed how GATE policies are implemented in the classes here at La Jolla High.

*The district also holds monthly GATE/DAC meetings that can be attended by all.

Anyone with questions can contact Lee Trahan for more information.

*Due to budget constraints, the district is considering the enlargement of seminar classes from a maximum of 25 students to 30 or more.. No decision has been made yet.

If the budget constraints continue the district may have to cancel the seminar program, but hopefully that will never happen.

Governance - Linda Dowley

* Our first meeting of the school year will be held on Monday, October 5 at 2:30 p.m. in room 302. Meetings are open to all parents, but in order to put an item on the agenda for a meeting, please contact one of the parent representatives at least one week prior to the meeting date. Parent reps are David Bark, John Brice, Linda Dowley, Mary Jane Linsky and Sandra Sloan.

Grade Level Rep Coordinator- Anna Marie Cameron

*Susanne Scherman has volunteered to be the Freshman class head grade level parent rep.

*Grade Level Rep Reports- Be looking for emails for your class parent dinners. Also, try to support the fundraisers of each class, all money raised goes toward senior dues and will save money in the long run.

Health and Safety- Pat Robbins

*The district has a swine flu outbreak policy on line, but as of now, there have been no outbreaks or H1N1 at either La Jolla High School or Muirlands Middle School.

*The nurse is currently assessing her needs for a wish list, but has nothing at this time.

Legislation- David Bark

*There are no legislative issues on the table at this time. However, there is information regarding the Swine Flu (H1N1 virus) on the PTA website, and protocol is being established for schools to deal with outbreaks should they occur.

*The Social Host Ordinance (referred to in Linda Dowley's Halloween report) allows for criminal prosecution of a parent/adult who serves alcohol to a minor. This is not only a civil issue

Moneybooks/SAT Prep Class- Susan Saeed

*Moneybooks are still on sale for \$25.00 (\$12.50 goes to the school)

*SAT Prep class on its last Saturday.

*Susan presented a list of free on line resources for SAT preparation. They will be sent out by eBlast .

* The school will be adopting a new SAT/ACT prep class run by Revolution Prep. This program has been selected by the Counseling Department. It is also used at several SDUSD schools. The company also has a contract with SDUSD helping students prepare for the High School exit exam. The SAT and ACT classes consist of 6 classes (3 hours each) and 5 practice exams (4 hours each). Class sizes are kept between 5 and 20 students. The cost is \$499 per student with a \$50 discount to PTA members. \$50 also

will go to the PTA, but we may try to just reduce the cost for the students. Revolution has a generous financial aid program allowing students with free-lunch and reduced-lunch to take the class for \$75 and \$99 respectively. They also have financial aid available to other students who apply. The company gave 1.6 million dollars of its 10 million dollar profit to financial aid last year. Revolution Prep handles the processing of the students.

Reflections- Martha Ready (presented by Sarah Schrier)

The Reflections program to encourage art participation by our students has started and announcements have been made in all art related classes. The theme is "Beauty Is..." and all students who participate will earn a gift certificate.

Tote Bag Sales- Karen Davis

*These great reusable bags are on sale for \$15.00 (\$7.50 goes to the PTA).

Interact Club- Cal Mann

*Reported that the club has lots of volunteer opportunities for students including home-building trips to Tijuana. The club web site is www.LJInteract.org

Foundation of La Jolla High School-Vera Pitrofsky

* Splash Bash is October 11th from 1-4pm. Please support our swimmers in their efforts to raise money.

*Taste of La Jolla is Monday, October 12th from 5:30-8:30. Volunteer opportunities are still available. Tickets are on sale for \$40 now, but they will be \$50.00 at the door.

Check-in will be in front of The Cottage.

Principal's Report- Dana Shelburne

* Enrollment numbers were significantly lower after the first week of school than they were before school started. There was a 70 student difference, so we cannot afford to keep one Math teacher. This teacher has already been reassigned within the district, and the students formerly in her classes have been absorbed by other classes. There was an attempt to make as few changes to student's schedules as possible, and no grades will be adversely affected if a student is with a new teacher. This situation was completely out of the school's control.

*Turf It! has raised enough money to break ground on the field at Muirlands. High school students will also benefit from this project as we use the field for athletics.

\$70,000.00 is still needed for the running track and fitness station.

Meeting adjourned 9:02 a.m.

*Attached: Budget v Actuals presented by Treasurer- Amy Heap

	Approved Budget	Actual 8/31/09
Beginning Cash Balance - Savings	\$10,543.51	\$10,543.51
Interest	\$51.00	\$14.61
Ending Cash Balance - Savings	\$10,594.51	\$10,558.12
Beginning Cash Balance - Checking	\$5,726.22	\$5,726.22
Income		
AP Conference Host	\$8,000.00	
Blast Off	\$4,500.00	\$1,820.80
Blast Off Concession Change	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
E-Waste Program	\$1,000.00	
Family Directory	\$3,600.00	\$3,102.00
Library Tribute Fund	\$1,000.00	\$365.00
Membership Donations	\$8,000.00	\$6,895.06
Membership Dues	\$13,500.00	\$13,335.00
Moneybooks	\$2,000.00	
SAT Prep Class	\$15,000.00	\$10,880.00
Senior Disney Grad Night 2009 Refund	\$11,100.00	\$11,100.00
Senior Disney Grad Night 2010	\$26,000.00	
Tote Bags	\$1,600.00	\$38.75
Welcome Back Dinner	\$4,000.00	\$2,115.00
Total Income	\$100,500.00	\$50,851.61
Income + Balance Brought Forward	\$106,226.22	\$56,577.83
Expense		
Administrative (supplies,copying)	\$1,700.00	\$674.29
AP Conference Host	\$4,800.00	
Blast Off	\$3,000.00	\$599.40
Blast Off Concession Change	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
E-Waste Program	\$1,100.00	
Family Directory	\$2,000.00	
Gift to School	\$7,376.22	
Graduation (decorations, refreshments)	\$500.00	
Health & Safety	\$3,000.00	
Hospitality	\$2,000.00	\$515.39
Library Tribute Fund	\$1,000.00	
Mini Grants	\$10,000.00	
Moneybooks	\$1,000.00	
Newsletter	\$2,500.00	\$400.00
Parent Programs	\$400.00	
Registration	\$1,000.00	\$316.25
SAT Prep Class	\$13,500.00	\$9,892.01
SD PTA (membership, ins, assessment)	\$4,450.00	
Senior Disney Grad Night 2009 Refund	\$11,100.00	\$11,100.00
Senior Disney Grad Night 2010	\$26,000.00	
Student Planner	\$3,800.00	
Tote Bags	\$800.00	
Welcome Back Dinner	\$4,000.00	\$2,254.82
Total Expense	\$106,226.22	\$26,952.16
Income - Expense	-\$5,726.22	\$23,899.45
Ending Cash Balance	0.00	\$29,625.67