

# **LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 05/23/21**

A meeting of the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association (“LVHSAA”) Board of Directors was held at Patty Haack’s home. Directors Ronnie Blomgren Wilson, Allen Kaercher, Sam Thomas and Laura Ungaro were not able to attend. The following directors, representing a quorum, were in attendance:

Laura Beverlin Chadburn	Bruce Langson
Patty Haack	Crystal Latham Beville
Maria Konold	David Williams

Historian Joe Thomson was also present. Guests in attendance were Senator Richard Bryan (Class of 1955), Linda Rankin Givens (Class of 1958), Diane Striegel (LVHS Principal’s Secretary), Alvin Dizon (LVHS Assistant Principal), Jakke Cline-Hicks Farley (class of 2000) and Margie Babcock (LVHS Faculty). President Bruce Langson opened the meeting and then asked Patty Haack, Secretary/Treasurer, to conduct the remainder of the meeting. The following items were discussed:

### **Replacement of Board Member**

A motion was made and unanimously approved by the board to add Diane Striegel to the board, to replace Rollie Gibbs who resigned recently. Welcome Diane!!

### **Minutes of Prior Meeting**

The minutes of the April 18, 2021 meeting were approved.

### **Financial Reports**

- Income and Expenses since 04/18/21 were reviewed and approved.
- The Balance Sheet for 04/18/21 was reviewed and approved.
- There were no unpaid expenses.

### **Budget**

The 2021 budget was reviewed and approved.

### **Succession Planning**

Crystal and Patty met on April 21 and reviewed additional procedures. They will meet again in the near future and will concentrate on the Wildcat Reunion procedures.

## **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **Fund Raising (Laura Ungaro & Allen)**

The possibility of a fund raiser on Laura Chadburn’s downtown property with food trucks and in conjunction with the City of Las Vegas First Friday was discussed, including the possibility of having the LVHS Mariachi Band and Cheerleaders for entertainment. Bruce will verify whether the city would be OK with us doing that and whether there would be any permits or fees required.

### **Membership (Laura Chadburn)**

Since the last meeting:

- The school again sent our letter offering free memberships to all 2021 seniors.
- 3 new annual memberships were received (including 1 free 2021 grad).
- 2 members died
- 29 members renewed (10 were expired in 2020 or prior)
- Overall paid membership increased from 498 to 510.
- We have a total of 560 members in good standing (up from 547).

### **Scholarships (Patty)**

- Counsellor Christina Robles provided red bags and presented our framed certificates, congratulatory letter and a letter and \$25 gift card from Senator Bryan to our scholarship recipients at Senior Awards night on April 28.

### **Wildcat Reunion 2021 (Patty & Bruce)**

- Will be held on Saturday, October 16
- Committee meeting was held immediately after the board meeting
- Will be listed on CCSD website

## **PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND GOALS**

### **Class Reunions (Patty)**

- Reunions are being planned by classes that had to cancel their reunions last year, plus those due for reunions this year.
- So far we've heard from 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1960, 1961, 1965, 1970, 1971, 1981 and 2000.
- Reunions are posted on our website as we hear about them.

### **Grants (LVHSAA and Donor) (Jill)**

We recently donated \$1000 for 20 yearbooks for needy students.

### **LVA Legacy Project (Allen and Bruce)**

Some of the bronze plaques have been installed in the front of the Performing Arts Center (auditorium). The rest will be installed in the next week or so.

### **Senior Squares**

Maria will drive by the LV Academy to see if the light has been repaired or replaced.

### **Website**

Dave added an announcement about the 2021 Wildcat Reunion at the top of the Home Page and updated the class reunion page.

### **Wildcat Float (Bruce)**

We are still looking for a place to store the float. It was suggested that we try to find an alumni with a large warehouse. It was suggested that Patty contact Joyce Ahern, class of 1959, to see if her family (Ahern Rentals) has a warehouse available.

### **Updates were not given on the following topics:**

- Historian Update (Joe)
- Homeless and Needy Students
- Memorabilia Display at Las Vegas Academy (Joe)
- Newsletters (Patty)
- Scholarship Mentoring
- Vehicle Donation Program (Bruce)

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Free Memberships for LVHS Staff**

Sam will look into this further and report at our next meeting.

### **Meeting at LVHS Twice a Year**

We decided to hold a "Get to Know Your Alumni Association" after school starts in the Fall of this year in the school cafeteria. Alvin is in charge of activities at the school and will check on an available date. We will invite faculty, seniors and their parents and have refreshments.

### **Teacher of the Year**

The board approved presenting two teachers, recommended by the school, with our first annual "Teacher of the Year" award. They will be given a framed certificate, \$100 for personal or classroom use, and a lifetime membership in the LVHSAA. Bruce will participate in the presentation which will be done virtually on May 26. Alvin will pick up and take the certificates and checks to the teachers before the end of this school year.

### **Wildcat Lair & Alumni Museum**

Patty and Bruce met with Principal Ron Guerzon on April 21. He was very receptive to the idea of having an alumni building on the school campus. Bruce presented some ideas which we will discuss at future meetings.

### **Yearbooks**

The very first yearbook was published in 1921 – 100 years ago!

- We now have 26 yearbooks available for sale.
- We need 10 yearbooks to complete our library.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Alumni Businesses**

It was decided that we will let alumni know in our next Wildcat Tales newsletter that they can list their businesses on our website and in future newsletters.

## **RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS**

All actions taken since our last meeting were approved by the board.

## **NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

The next board meeting will be on Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Patty's home.

Respectfully submitted,

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LVHS Alumni Association