LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - 06/09/19

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, Rollie Gibbs, Jill Leone, Laura Ungaro and David Williams were unable to attend. Historian Joe Thomson was also not able to attend. The following directors, representing a quorum, were in attendance:

Laura Beverlin Chadburn Maria Konold
Patty Haack Bruce Langson
Allen Kaercher Crystal Latham Beville

We were pleased to also have in attendance LVHS PAL Teacher and LVHSAA lifetime member Robert Bray.

Vice President Bruce Langson opened the meeting and then asked Patty Haack, Secretary/Treasurer, to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

Minutes of Prior Meeting

The minutes of April 28, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved by attending board members.

Financial Report

The LVHSAA Income and Expense Statements and Balance Sheets as of June 09, 2019 were reviewed and unanimously approved by the board. There were no unpaid expenses.

2019 Budget

The budget for 2019 was reviewed. There were no significant variances.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Fund Raising

Allen gave on update on plans for the October 17 fund raiser to be held at the Las Vegas Academy. Patty received confirmation that Larry Ruvo will be donating 3 cases of wine for the event. Allen presented the proof of a postcard invitation designed by the LV Academy that will be mailed out as a "save the date" notice by the end of July. Patty presented a suggested mailing list of alumni, to which attendees added a few more names. Then a letter will be sent by the end of August to attorneys, city and county government officials, etc. with details of the fundraiser, pavers, etc. The letter will include the breakdown of paver sizes and costs plus details of how many letters can fit on each size. Allen is working on the details to be included in the letter. Allen has confirmed attendance by Bill Boyd, Senator Richard Bryan, Dean Hamilton (UNLV Law School) and Scott Walker, LVA Principal and will be meeting with them to go over scripts for those speaking at the event. We will invite the new CCSD Superintendent, as this will be a good opportunity to illustrate the importance of the campus to the city and the importance of LVA. Bruce will check to see if Allen can attend the June meeting about the LVA Legacy project with Trustee Linda Young, CCSD Superintendent Jesus Jara, Senator Richard Bryan, Bob Stoldal and Bruce. This would be a good opportunity for Allen to discuss the fundraiser and what the LVHSAA is doing for the campus and why.

Membership

We gained one new member since our April 28 meeting. Two lifetime members passed away and we received 3 renewals. Our overall **paid** membership is up to 453 from 452 in April, including 272 annual members and 181 lifetime members. With 8 **honorary** and 21 **free** members, we have a total of 482 members in good standing (up from 481). We still have a total of 38 memberships that expired at the end of September, 2018 and have not yet been renewed. We will be including membership applications and information about the annual Membership Challenge along with the flyer for this year's Wildcat Reunion, to be mailed by June 28.

Scholarships

Jill Leone presented framed certificates to our recipients on Senior Awards night, April 30. Jill brought us a few copies of the program which listed our scholarship recipients. Senator Richard Bryan hosted a luncheon for the recipients on May 13.

Wildcat Reunion 2019

We have one paid reservation already! The flyers will be mailed to approximately 5500 alumni by June 28. Crystal, Maria, Miriam and Patty met again since the last board meeting to do further review and revisions to the door and raffle prize procedures. They will be doing a "walk through" on July 17.

A discussion was held on whether board and committee members should be included in the door prize drawing. A motion was made and approved by the majority of the board to include them in future.

Patty gave an update on the cheerleader coaches. Cristina Sa has moved out-of-state. The new assistant coach, Patty Del Rio Grass, will be meeting with the new cheer coach, Sorina Haddock, who is moving here from out-of-state, on June 17. Patty advised that there will be only 27 cheerleaders next school year. We will need 14 at the reunion. We discussed other possibilities as a back-up plan, such as PAL or Honor Students.

Patty has been advised that Evelyn Tudor Roberts, class of 1942, will be attending the reunion this year. She might be our second oldest alumni. The board approved recognizing her at the reunion with a special gift and including something about her in the printed program.

PROGRAMS AND GOALS

Class Reunions

We know of 11 classes that are planning reunions this year. Most will be holding them the same weekend as the Wildcat Reunion. Patty has offered help to each of them and has provided them with the mailing list that we have for their respective classes. We will invite class contacts to attend our future reunion committee meetings.

Grants

No new requests have been received. The Student Council Advisor requested a copy of our procedures for review and possible revisions to simplify the process as much as possible.

Homeless and Needy Students

Nothing to report.

LVHS Newsletters

Laura Ungaro's most recent article was published in the May issue of the Desert Breeze on the 3rd page below the list of 2019 graduates. Copies were made available to board members.

Scholarship Mentoring

Nothing to report.

Senior Squares

Nothing to report.

Vehicle Donation Program

Nothing to report.

Wildcat Float

The float was in the Helldorado parade on May 11 and will be in the Summerlin Patriotic Parade on July 4.

LAS VEGAS ACADEMY

Memorabilia Display at Las Vegas Academy

Nothing to report.

HISTORIAN UPDATE

Class of 1953 alumnus George Bogdanovich made a very interesting presentation about the village of Blue Diamond at Joe Thomson's May 14 luncheon at the Nevada State Museum.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Membership Meeting

Our Annual Membership Meeting was held in the LVHS Cafeteria on May 8. It began with a wonderful performance by the LVHS Spectrum song and dance group. We were pleased to meet the new LVHS Principal, Ronnie Guerzon who could only stop by for a few minutes as there were other functions going on at the school the same evening. Minutes of the meeting will be posted on our website.

Educational Trust Proposal (Bryce Harper)

Nothing to report.

Grad Lists

We still need to borrow yearbooks from the school for 1986 and 1998 so we can type the grad lists for those years. We have borrowed the 2003 yearbook from the school and will have to type the names on a MS Word document, as there is no index – only photos. Patty sent an email to the school requesting a digital listing of the 2018 grads, but hasn't had a response yet.

LVA Legacy Project

Bruce, along with Richard Bryan and Bob Stoldal, will be meeting with Linda Young and the new CCSD Superintenden Jesus Jara on June 25.

Mission Statement

Deferred to our next meeting.

UNLV Classes

Update deferred to our next meeting.

Urban League

Update deferred to our next meeting.

Yearbooks

We still need 18 yearbooks to complete our LVHSAA library. We have 75 yearbooks, from 1921 to 2018. Our 2019 yearbook is at the school. Robert Bray will bring it to our next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Summerlin Patriotic Parade - July 4

The Wildcat Float to be in the parade on Thursday, July 4, 2019. Mel Close (class of 1952), former Nevada Assembly and Senate member, and his wife will be our "celebrity" alumnus to ride the float.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The next meetings are scheduled for Sunday, July 21 and August 18 at 2 p.m.

Any corrections to these minutes will gladly be accepted at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

Patricia M. Haack, Secretary/Treasurer LVHS Alumni Association