**LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 07/19/15**

A meeting of the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association (“LVHSAA”) Board of Directors was held at Patty Haack’s home. The following board members were present, plus Historian Joe Thomson. Carole Inghram Montalto, Bruce Langson, Laura Ungaro and Dave Williams were unable to attend.

 Laura Beverlin Chadburn Kae Jones Bogdanovich

 Rollie Gibbs Matt Shlisky

 Patty Haack

Also in attendance was Lisa Ball Golden, class of 2001 and Head Cheer Coach at Las Vegas High School.

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

**Minutes of Prior Meeting**

The minutes of the June 7, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved by attending board members.

**Election of New Board Member**

The LVHSAA Bylaws allow the board to increase the number of Directors at any time by a two-thirds vote. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved by the board to increase our board from nine to ten Directors. A motion was then made to nominate and elect Lisa Ball Golden to be a member of the LVHSAA Board of Directors. Lisa’s nomination and election to the board were unanimously approved.

**Financial Report**

The LVHSAA Income and Expense Statements and Balance Sheet as of 07/19/15 were reviewed and unanimously approved by the board.

**2015 Budget**

The status of the 2015 budget was reviewed and unanimously approved by the board.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Fund Raising**

Fund Raising Chairperson Lisa Ungaro designed a flyer to solicit donations for our scholarship fund. The flyer was mailed to alumni along with the flyer for the Wildcat Reunion.

Lisa Ball Golden suggested that the LVHSAA kick-off the LVHS Homecoming Week on Sunday, September 27 by participating with LVHS students in some competitive-type games, with a minimal entry fee to participate. The board agreed to give this a try. Lisa will meet with the LVHS Student Council Advisor Nicole Capetillo and they will put together a plan. Lisa will get the word out to the younger alumni via social media, plus we will also post it on the LVHSAA website and Facebook page. The event will also be announced the night before at the Wildcat Reunion. LVHSAA memorabilia (such as license plate frames and lapel pins) will be available to attendees at the event for donations to the LVHSAA. Lisa also checked into fund raising methods used by UNLV. She reported that most ideas would not be feasible for the LVHSAA and that most of their funds are raised through large donations. She suggested that we might want to have LVHSAA memorabilia available for donations at the V-Game which is a highly-attended basketball game against Valley High School. She will let us know the date of the next game.

Patty reported that since March we have received over $6000 in donations to our scholarship fund, including those received along with Wildcat Reunion reservations. Some of our board members attend some of the upcoming class reunions to make LVHSAA memorabilia available for donations to the scholarship fund and to solicit new members.

**Membership**

Membership Chairperson Laura Beverlin Chadburn recently attended a reunion planning meeting with the class of 1975 to promote the LVHSAA. She also designed and sent a Membership Challenge flyer to all known class contacts to make them aware of the opportunity for their class to win a special award at the Wildcat Reunion for the class with the most LVHSAA members. Laura and Matt Shlisky will oversee a membership table in the ballroom at the Wildcat Reunion. All alumni joining the LVHSAA that night will be given some type of LVHSAA memento (possibly a pen/stylus), plus the winning class will be presented with a bottle of champagne along with an award (being made by Rollie and Joe) to be passed on to the winning class at the reunion each year. Lisa has a banner that was made for the football games that can be used above the table at the reunion. She will provide Patty with the exact dimensions.

Patty reported that we currently have 444 paid members (up by 3 from June), plus 33 honorary and scholarship winner members, for a total of 477 members in good standing. 13 of the 2015 graduates accepted our offer of free membership for one year, plus free one-year memberships were given to our 7 scholarship winners for this year.

**Scholarships**

Acceptance letters have been received from all of our 2015 scholarship winners and scholarship funds were sent to UNLV and CSN on June 23. We received an e-mail this week from one of our 2012 recipients letting us know that she has continued her education and is now in her senior year and finishing her pre-requisites for pharmacy school.

**Wildcat Reunion**

The mailing was sent out on June 30. To date we have received 93 reservations. The committee will be meeting next Tuesday, July 21. Lisa will post the reunion on social media.

**LVHS LIAISONS**

Matt Shlisky and Bruce Langson are the LVHSAA Liaisons with LVHS. Their main contacts are the Dean of Students, Student Council Advisor and Senior Counselors.

**Desert Breeze and Parent/Student Newsletter Articles**

Matt will have an article ready for publication in the first issues when school begins in the fall.

**Grants**

No activity to report. We will do another flyer for the teachers/administrators in August and in January to encourage them to apply for grants.

**Mentoring Program**

No activity to report. We will do another flyer for the teachers/administrators in August and in January to encourage them to apply for assistance.

**LAS VEGAS ACADEMY LIAISONS**

Carol Inghram Montalto and Joe Thomson are the LVHSAA Liaisons with the Las Vegas Academy.

**Art Contest for Las Vegas Academy Students**

Joe Thomson reported that the date has tentatively been set for Friday, November 6, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. We may include flyers in the packets given out at the Wildcat Reunion and/or mail them to all LVHSAA members. He is working on a write-up and waiting for final approvals.

**Memorabilia Display at Las Vegas Academy**

No update given. Senator Bryan was unable to locate the name of the company that made the display cabinets for the cafeteria at the E. Sahara campus.

**PROGRAMS AND GOALS**

**Class Reunions**

All known class reunions have been posted on our website. Classes of 1945, 1950, 1953, 1955, 1956, 1960, 1963 and 1965 are having their reunions on Friday, September 25. Class of 1970 is having their 45th reunion on October 10, class of 1975 is having their 40th reunion on September 4-6, and class of 1995 is planning their 20th reunion for October 2-3. Lisa will check on information for class of 2005.

**Homeless Students**

Nothing new to report.

**Vehicle Donation Program**

No new activity to report.

**HISTORIAN UPDATE**

Nothing new to report.

**WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK**

Dave recently added some photos to our website.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Football Field Banners**

Lisa found sponsors for the banners and they have been made.

**Most Spirited High School Program**

Lisa is working on an application for a $25,000 grant for LVHS from Varsity Brands, for “America’s Most Spirited High School”. She has been in touch with alumni Toni Basil (1961) who has agreed to help with a video. Lisa is asking for our help in getting recommendations from alumni community leaders.

**Homecoming Activities and Parade**

We will have the wildcat float in the next Homecoming parade, which is scheduled for Friday, October 2, 2015.

**LVHS Auditorium Renovation Project**

We are still holding the funds for this project.

**Nevada Pre-Paid Tuition Program**

Deferred to our next meeting. Matt will contact Dan Schwartz, Nevada State Treasurer about someone attending one of our meetings to explain this program and help us decide whether it is something we should participate in.

**Summerlin Patriotic Parade – July 4, 2015**

The Wildcat Float participated in this parade and won the first prize trophy in the non-commercial category. Rollie presented the trophy to Lisa Ball Golden so the cheerleaders can display it at the school. Approximately 40 cheerleaders rode or walked with the float in the parade.

**Wildcat Mascot**

We presented the mascot costume that we purchased to Lisa for use by the school. She raised funds and has purchased three additional mascot costumes, so there is now a Wildcat mascot family! They will all be at the Wildcat Reunion on September 26.

**NEW BUSINESS**

 **Senior Squares Update**

Rollie recently checked the monument and found no graffiti.

 **Senior Sunrise Breakfast**

 Lisa will handout LVHSAA brochures and promote LVHSAA membership to the Senior students at the annual Senior Sunrise Breakfast to be held on Friday, August 21.

**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING**

The next board meeting will be on Sunday, August 30, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Patty’s home.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Haack, Secretary/Treasurer

LVHS Alumni Association