# LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING May 08, 2019 Las Vegas High School Cafeteria – 5:00 p.m.

The annual meeting of members of the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association ("LVHSAA") was held in the cafeteria at Las Vegas High School, 6500 E. Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas. Director Bruce Langson was unable to attend. The following board members, representing a quorum, were present:

Laura Beverlin Chadburn Ronnie Blomgren Rollie Gibbs Patty Haack Allen Kaercher Maria Konold Crystal Latham Beville Jill Leone Laura Ungaro David Williams

Historian Joe Thomson was also in attendance.

The meeting was also attended by the following LVHSAA members:

Robert Bray (LVHS Staff) John Gibson (1955) Naomi Lytle Gibbs (1954)

In addition, we were honored to meet the new LVHS Principal Ronnie Guerzon and Assistant Principal Savanh Skrarek, who were able to stop by for a while. LVHS Student Council Advisor Nicole and Football Coach Erick Capetillo also attended. We were also very pleased to have all of the Student Body Officers and 7 of the 2019 scholarship recipients in attendance. We were extremely pleased with the participation of the students in attendance.

The Las Vegas High School Spectrum group started off the meeting with a wonderful performance. Student Council Adviser Nicole Capetillo and Student Council members arranged and served a light dinner.

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

### **Scholarships**

Jill Leone announced that the LVHSAA awarded ten scholarships this year for a total of \$22,000 and introduced the recipients in attendance. Recipients were presented with framed certificates from the LVHSAA at the Senior Awards Night on May 1. We were presented with thank you notes from several of the recipients.

### Membership

Laura Chadburn gave an update on LVHSAA membership. The LVHSAA currently has 454 paid members and 29 honorary and free memberships, for a total of 483 members in good standing. Laura will be overseeing our 5th annual Membership Challenge at the Wildcat Reunion in September.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the May 10, 2018 Annual Membership Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes.

# Annual Election of Board of Directors

The LVHSAA Bylaws require 10% of the membership for a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the members, and that valid proxies are counted in the number of votes made on any action. As of the date of the mailing of ballots, we had a total of 457 paid members and needed a minimum of 46 members to vote, either in person or by mailed-in proxy, for the election of the board. We received 154 (34%) proxy votes. Congratulations were given to the three board members (Allen Kaercher, Maria Konold and Jill Leone) that were unanimously re-elected to the board for three year terms.

## **Financial Reports**

Patty gave a review of all income and expenses since the 2018 annual meeting and since inception of the LVHSAA in 2008. The major portion of our income is from membership dues and scholarship fund donations, proceeds from raffle ticket sales at the Wildcat Reunions, sales from donated vehicles, Wildcat Reunion program ads, sale of memorabilia and raffle of yearbooks. The major expenses since inception were operating expenses (office supplies, computer, fees, directors' insurance, grants to the school and students, and scholarships). The association currently has a balance of \$77,572 in their interest-bearing checking account and \$20,535 in a CD, with total assets of \$98,108 and \$22,000 in liabilities (for the 2019 scholarships not yet disbursed), for a net worth of \$76,108.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed by attending members to approve the financial reports.

## Preservation of Historic Buildings on LVA Campus

Joe Thomson gave a brief recap of the LVHSAA efforts to assure the preservation of the five historic buildings currently used by the Las Vegas Academy.

### Review of LVHSAA Accomplishments since 2018 and Since Inception (2008) and Future Plans/Goals

Patty gave a recap of LVHSAA support provided to LVHS students and faculty, which totaled \$12,922 plus \$22,000 for scholarships since 2018 for a total of \$55,254 plus \$133,000 for scholarships since inception, for a grand total of \$188,244 since inception. Included over the last year were cheer costs, gift cards and bus passes, yearbooks, course fees and STUCO packs for less fortunate students, plus assistance with costs of uniforms for the new Mariachi band and 10 Chromebooks for graduating students.

Other accomplishments for the past year included raising funds for scholarships, providing articles for LVHS publications, maintaining the LVHSAA website and social media, having the Wildcat float participate in the Summerlin Patriotic Parade, Veterans Day Parade and LVHS Homecoming Parade, holding the annual all-class Wildcat Reunion and publishing two Wildcat Tales newsletters.

Patty gave a review of the 2019 Wildcat Reunion which honored alumni from classes of 1956 through 1959.

### **Future Plans/Goals**

Patty gave a recap of the future plans and goals of the LVHSAA, which included:

- \* Increase total dollar amount of scholarships awarded annually
- \* Support LVHS students and faculty with grants and donations
- \* Provide assistance for homeless and less fortunate students
- \* Increase LVHSAA membership, concentrating on younger classes
- \* Hold at least one fund-raising event annually for the Scholarship Fund
- \* Coordinate program for donations of vehicles and other items of value to benefit the LVHSAA Scholarship Fund.
- \* Collect and maintain library of all LVHS yearbooks
- \* Maintain senior squares monument at old LVHS (Las Vegas Academy)
- \* Hold annual Wildcat Reunion for all alumni
- \* Maintain Wildcat Alumni database
- \* Provide information to class contacts to assist in planning their reunions.
- \* Maintain the LVHS Alumni website
- \* Participate in the Helldorado, Summerlin Patriotic (July 4), Veterans and Homecoming parades
- \* Publish Wildcat Tales Newsletters semi-annually
- \* Establish an Alumni Museum for LVHS memorabilia
- \* Maintain relationship with the Las Vegas Academy
- \* Collect memorabilia and maintain display at LV Academy
- \* Work with Las Vegas Academy and Clark County School District to assure the preservation of the historic buildings on their campus

## **Ratification of Corporate Actions**

A motion was made and seconded, and unanimously approved by all attending members that all activities and transactions reported by the LVHSAA Board of Directors and reflected on the books and records of the LVHSAA to date are deemed to have been taken in the best interest of the corporation and are hereby ratified, affirmed and approved.

# 2020 Annual Membership Meeting

The next Annual Membership Meeting will be held in May, 2020 in the LVHS Cafeteria. The exact date will be announced at a later date.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Any corrections to these minutes will gladly be accepted. Please note that these minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next Annual Membership Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Haack, Secretary/Treasurer LVHS Alumni Association