

LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 01/05/20

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, Bruce Langson, and Laura Ungaro were unable to attend. The following directors, representing a quorum, were in attendance:

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

Historian Joe Thomson was also in attendance. One guest, Steve Nollner, member from class of 1956, also attended.

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 November 10, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved by attending board members.

Financial Report

The LVHSAA Income and Expense Statements and Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2019 were reviewed and unanimously approved by the board. We still have not received an invoice from the school for the TV for the choir raffle.

2019 Budget

The final status of the 2019 budget was reviewed.

2020 Budget

The proposed budget for 2020 was reviewed and approved.

Succession Planning

Assistance from PAL students was discussed. PAL students go to a workplace once a week. Because they would have to come to Patty’s house to help with LVHSAA office functions, it was agreed that would not be feasible; however, we will definitely use their help at the Wildcat Reunions. Patty suggested that we find someone that knows how to use Quick Books and MS Access (or willing to take a class on them). Volunteers are needed to assume some of the LVHSAA responsibilities currently being done by Patty. This will be discussed further at our next meeting. We will continue discussions on this issue at future meetings.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Committee chairpersons for 2020 were confirmed and are shown below.

Fund Raising (Laura Ungaro & Allen Kaercher)

Three additional Legacy Plaques were sold since the last meeting, bringing the total gross sales to \$33,750. After expenses and sharing 50% of the net proceeds with the LV Academy, the LVHSAA will net over \$10,000. Allen will be scheduling a date, possibly later in January, to present the funds to the LV Academy and possibly have TV and newspaper coverage.

Allen presented an idea he has for a fund raiser this year, possibly a concert in the LVA Performing Arts Center by some of our well-known, local entertainers. Allen will gather more information so we can discuss this further at our next meeting.

Laura Ungaro was unable to attend. She was planning to get together with Laura Chadburn, Jill Leone and Robert Bray (LVHS) to discuss fund raising ideas and will give an update at our next meeting.

Membership (Laura Chadburn)

Since our November 10 meeting, we did not gain any new members and five members passed away. We received 104 renewals, 3 renewing as lifetime members. We still have 53 memberships that expired 09/30/19. Our overall **paid** membership is up to 433 (from 335), including 187 lifetime members. With 8 **honorary** and 10 **free** (scholarship recipients) members, we have a total of 451 (up from 353) members in good standing

Laura Chadburn and Laura Ungaro met recently to put together a plan to host a “get-together”, to get class contacts more involved, concentrating on the “new” school grads (classes of 1994 and after). We hope to familiarize them with what the LVHSAA does and to get them more involved in supporting our efforts and in getting new members. We also would offer them assistance in planning for their class reunions. Maria suggested a possible location for this event. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.

Scholarships (Jill Leone)

We had one 2019 recipient that we approved holding funds until the second semester. Due to family circumstances, he will not be able to enroll, so we will not be awarding his scholarship. After reviewing comments from LVHS counselors, the board decided to not pursue giving scholarships to trade schools. The board approved giving “Continuing Scholarships” to prior year’s recipients. Forms for new and continuing scholarships will be reviewed and updated by Jill and Patty and sent to the school counselors for their input. Final versions will be sent to the counselors in early January. Applications for 2020 scholarships will be due by March 4 and will be reviewed by our Scholarship Committee on March 21. Recipients will be notified before Spring Break (which begins April 4). Framed certificates will be presented to recipients at the Senior Awards Night on April 28.

Wildcat Reunion 2020 (Patty Haack & Rollie Gibbs)

The first 2020 committee meeting will be held immediately following the board meeting on March 29.

PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND GOALS

Program chairpersons for 2020 were confirmed and are shown below.

Class Reunions (Patty Haack)

So far we are aware of eight class reunions scheduled for this year. The school will be hosting a luncheon for the Golden Grads (class of 1970) on May 21 (verified the date after this meeting) and they will be honored as Golden Grads as part of the LVHS Graduation ceremonies on May 22.

Grants (Jill Leone)

One new request, to pay for dual credit fees, has been received. We need more information before forwarding this request to our donor for funding. Jill and Patty will be meeting with LVHS Principal Ron Guerzon and two of the counselors on January 17 to review that request and discuss simplifying the procedures for requesting assistance in the future.

Historian Update (Joe Thomson)

Joe talked about his upcoming Pioneering Las Vegas program on “Shopping in Las Vegas in the 50s” at the Nevada State Museum on January 6. Five LVHS alumni will be on the panel.

Homeless and Needy Students (Jill Leone)

Nothing to report.

LVA Legacy Project (Bruce Langson)

Bruce was unable to attend the meeting, but reported that Senator Richard Bryan has scheduled a meeting with our representatives and CCSD Trustee Linda Young for January 11 to get an update on CCSD’s plans for funding of the restoration, remediation and general upgrading of the old LVHS campus.

LVHS Newsletters (Patty Haack)

Laura Ungaro’s article was finally published (on line only). The school recently revised their website (lvwildcats.com) and the Desert Breeze is now only being published on-line. Patty will determine the submission deadline for the next edition.

Memorabilia Display at Las Vegas Academy (Joe Thomson)

The display was updated just before the Wildcat Reunion in September.

Scholarship Mentoring (Jill Leone)

Jill has contacted some of our prior recipients and has received very positive responses from four so far.

Senior Squares (Rollie Gibbs)

Nothing to report.

Vehicle Donation Program (Bruce Langson)

Nothing to report.

Wildcat Float (Rollie Gibbs)

LVHS Principal Ron Guerzon is checking into whether there is a CCSD storage facility available that could house the Wildcat.

OLD BUSINESS**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. Assistant Principal Christopher Welsh has promised to send Patty digital listings of the 2018 and 2019 grads so we can add them to the listings on our website.

Back-Up Plan for Future Wildcat Reunions

No update. Ronnie is planning to talk to Bill Boyd's daughter.

UNLV Classes

Laura Ungaro will let us know at our next meeting which classes she would like to attend next year, related to fundraising.

Yearbooks

We still need 18 yearbooks to complete our library. We currently have 76 yearbooks, from 1921 to 2019.

NEW BUSINESS**Annual Membership Meeting**

The 2020 Annual Membership Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, in the LVHS Library.

Helldorado Parade – May 9, 2020

The board decided not to participate in the 2020 Helldorado Parade. (**Note:** that decision has since been reversed).

Old Timers Party – 2020

This has been scheduled for October 4, 2020 – approximately two weeks before the Wildcat Reunion.

Wildcat Tales Newsletter

Next issue will be sent by March 25 along with a letter and nomination form for the Annual Membership Meeting. Board members were asked to contribute articles.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The next two board meetings will be on Sunday, February 16 and March 29 at 2 p.m. at Patty's home.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Haack, Secretary/Treasurer
LVHS Alumni Association