

# **LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 01/10/16**

A meeting of the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association (“LVHSAA”) Board of Directors was held at Patty Haack’s home. Directors Lisa Ball Golden and Kae Jones Boganovich were unable to attend. The following board members, representing a quorum, were present.

Laura Beverlin Chadburn	Bruce Langson
Rollie Gibbs	Matt Shlisky
Patty Haack	Laura Ungaro
Carole Inghram Montalto	David Williams

Historian Joe Thomson was also in attendance. Guests in attendance included Brandon Singleton, LVHS JAG Specialist, Christopher Welch, LVHS Assistant Principal, Academic Achievement/Technology & Communication, and Alejandro Aguayo-Flores, LVHS Senior Student.

President Rollie Gibbs opened the meeting and then asked Patty Haack, Secretary/Treasurer, to conduct the remainder of the meeting. Our guests were asked to give their presentations first.

### **LVHS JAG (Jobs for America’s Graduates) Program**

Brandon Singleton, LVHS JAG Specialist, gave a presentation on the Jobs for Nevada’s Graduates Program. This is a highly effective, multi-year program designed to prevent dropouts among young people who are most at risk and to raise graduation rates by preparing participant’s skills for college, vocational school or jobs. More information is available on their website: [jagnv.org](http://jagnv.org). There are currently 19 schools in Clark County participating in this program (a total of 37 in Nevada). LVHS currently has 42 students (17 Juniors and 25 Seniors) participating in the program.

### **Congress of Future Medical Leaders**

The LVHSAA recently awarded a grant to Alejandro Aguayo-Flores, an LVHS Senior and Chapter Vice President of Leadership Development in the LVHS JAG program, to help with his expenses to represent the State of Nevada as a delegate at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Boston. The congress is a highly selective national program honoring academically superior high school students dedicated to the service of humanity through medicine. A student has to be nominated for this program. Alejandro talked about the program and about his desire to go to medical school. His future plans include being the first student enrolled in the new UNLV pre-med program and to eventually practice in Nevada. Alejandro has been an outstanding student and has maintained a GPA of 4.0. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for him.

### **Innovation Team**

Christopher Welch, LVHS Vice Principal, talked about the newly formed LVHS Innovation Team. They are hoping to “re-invent” high school, to help better prepare students for their college and career pathways after graduation. They are getting input from students and also getting community members involved. They invited us to attend their once-a-week meetings at LVHS on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Library.

Christopher also mentioned that LVHS is now publishing an on-line newsletter once a week and invited us to submit articles. He promised to e-mail a copy to all of our board members.

### **Minutes of Prior Meeting**

The minutes of the November 8, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved by attending board members.

### **Financial Report**

The LVHSAA Income and Expense Statements and Balance Sheet as of 12/31/15 were reviewed and unanimously approved by the board.

### **2015 Budget**

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

### **2016 Budget**

The proposed 2016 Budget was reviewed and a few changes were made. The 2016 Budget will be reviewed and approved at our next meeting.

## **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **Fund Raising**

Chairperson Laura Ungaro will present some ideas at our next meeting. Patty gave an update on the sale of the pewter plates. We have recovered our entire costs and made over \$1500 so far for our scholarship fund. All the 4<sup>th</sup> Street School plates have been sold. We still have 13 LVHS plates available. Patty reported that we received \$2025 in scholarship fund donations since our last meeting.

### **Membership**

Renewal reminder postcards were sent on January 17 to 123 members whose memberships expired in 2014 and 2015. Since our last meeting we gained 4 new members (1 lifetime), had 14 expired memberships renewed (2 as lifetime) and 10 non-expired membership renewals. We currently have 266 paid annual members and 145 lifetime members. We have a total of 442 members in good standing (an increase of 18).

Discussion of ideas for increasing memberships was deferred to our next meeting.

### **Scholarships**

Matt has been able to make contact with some of our prior recipients. Dave will see if he can find those we have been unable to contact on Facebook. We finalized the scholarship budget for 2016 and appointed the 2016 Scholarship Committee members (Matt Shlisky, Chairman, Patty Haack, Carole Inghram Montalto, Bruce Langson, and Laura Ungaro). Suggestions submitted by Miriam O'Donnell Pemberton (1955) were reviewed and will be taken into consideration.

### **Wildcat Reunion**

The first 2016 committee meeting will be scheduled in March, 2016.

## **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**

The LVHSAA donated \$300 to help with publication costs of the Desert Breeze on January 8.

### **Grants**

We recently approved grants to two students to help with their costs to attend the 2016 Close-Up Program.

### **Yearbook Ad**

We sent a check on January 8 to LVHS for an LVHSAA ad in the 2016 yearbook.

## **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**

Congratulations to our Historian Joe Thomson on the successful (and under budget!) juried art show that he coordinated with the Las Vegas Academy on December 4, 2015. The show was a big success, with awards presented to 22 students. The interaction of the LVHSAA with the Academy staff and students definitely seemed successful in establishing a relationship between the LVHSAA and the LVA and in developing a better understanding of the history and significance of the "old" LVHS building.

### **Memorabilia Display at Las Vegas Academy**

Due to time restraints, discussion was deferred to our next meeting. Joe and Rollie have been working on the display cabinet which will be installed this in the main building during the 2016 spring break. The LVHSAA will be responsible for obtaining and maintaining memorabilia to be displayed.

## **PROGRAMS AND GOALS**

### **Class Reunions**

2016 reunion information for classes of 1954, 1956, 1961 and 1966 has been posted on our website.

### **Vehicle Donation Program**

No new activity to report.

## **HISTORIAN UPDATE**

We recently received a donation of a copy of the first Parent Newsletter from 1989.

## **WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK**

Dave continues to update our website almost daily.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **2016 Annual Membership Meeting**

The Annual Membership Meeting date has been rescheduled to Tuesday, May 17 due to availability of the LVHS cafeteria. Initial notice of the meeting will be sent with the next Wildcat Tales newsletter in early April.

### **Auditorium Renovation Update**

The school is looking into the possible purchase of a new sound system from the Dixie College in St. George, UT. We hope to have further information by our next meeting.

### **Close-Up Program**

We will ask the two students that we sponsored for this year's program to give a presentation on their experience at one of our future meetings. The discussion on establishing criteria for future requests was deferred to our next meeting.

### **Nevada Pre-Paid Tuition Program**

After reviewing a booklet on this program, it appears that the LVHSAA may not be able to participate since it requires a designated person or trust. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

### **Wildcat Tales #14 and #15**

Wildcat Tales #15 will be mailed by no later than April 1, 2016 and will include the initial notification of our Annual Membership Meeting. Matt and Laura Ungaro volunteered to submit articles.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Amazon Smile Program**

We have enrolled the LVHSAA in the Amazon Smile Program. We will receive .5% of all sales made on behalf of the LVHSAA 45 days after each quarter end. This will benefit our scholarship fund.

### **LVHSAA Sponsored Program to Expose Students to Local and State Government**

Due to time constraints, discussion was deferred to our next meeting.

### **Mugs Available on Website**

It was agreed to that we make the LVHSAA mugs available on our website.

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

The next board meeting will be on Sunday, February 28, 2016 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