

LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 02/17/19

A meeting of the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association (“LVHSAA”) Board of Directors was held at Patty Haack’s home. Director Bruce Langson was unable to attend. The following directors, representing a quorum, were in attendance:

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

Historian Joe Thomson was also in attendance. There were no guests in attendance.

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 January 13, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved by attending board members.

Financial Report

The LVHSAA Income and Expense Statements and Balance Sheets as of 02/17/19 were reviewed and unanimously approved by the board. There were no unpaid expenses.

2019 Budget

The budget for 2019 was reviewed, and with a couple of revisions, was unanimously approved by the board. There were no significant variances.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Fund Raising

Allen and Ronnie met again recently with Jolene Mitchell at the Las Vegas Academy and have set the date of Thursday, October 17, 2019 for the “Have You Visited Your History Lately” fund raiser. Jolene is having the Academy prepare a flyer to be included with the Wildcat Reunion mailing in early July. The event will be a joint fund raiser for the LVHSAA and the Las Vegas Academy. Plans include selling bronze plaques that will be installed on the columns by the entrance to the Performing Arts Center. Patty provided costs of the bronze plaques that we purchased for the Senior Squares monument. Ronnie will check to see if there are local companies that we might be able to purchase plaques from. Since we cannot serve liquor on the school premises, we are considering holding a cocktail party at one of the attorney’s offices located near the PAC. The event might also include speakers and entertainment by students of LVHS and/or the LVA. Allen, Ronnie, Crystal and Maria will be meeting with Jolene again in the near future and will present updated plans at our next meeting. We will include a “Save the Date” notification in the March Wildcat Tales.

At our prior meeting, Laura Ungaro proposed a possible fund-raising idea where merchants would give a discount to alumni. Due to illnesses, Laura was not able to get together with Jill and Laura C. They will give an update at our next meeting.

Membership

We gained two new members since our last meeting. No members passed away since January. Postcard reminders were sent out in January and we have now received 44 renewals since our last meeting. Our overall paid membership is up to 409 from 366, including 227 annual members and 182 lifetime members. With 8 honorary and 11 free members, we have a total of 428 members in good standing (up from 385). We still have a total of 83 memberships that expired at the end of September and have not yet been renewed. Patty prepared letters to the LVHS staff member alumni, inviting them to join the LVHSAA. Jill will be delivering them to the school.

Scholarships

The board decided that we will offer additional scholarships to previous recipients, to be used for a second semester or second year. Jill developed criteria for qualifications and a form to be completed by applicants, which the board unanimously approved. All scholarship applications are due to us by March 1. Jill will pick up the applications from the school during the week of March 4 and the committee will review them on March 13.

Wildcat Reunion 2019

The first 2019 committee meeting will be on March 31, immediately following the Board Meeting. Cristina Sa has informed us that she will not be the cheer coach next year. She will let us know as soon as she knows who her replacement will be.

PROGRAMS AND GOALS

Class Reunions

Classes of 1953, 1954, 1956, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1979, 1989 and 1999 have starting planning their 2019 reunions. We have not heard from 1949, 1974 1984, 1994 or 2004 and don't have contact names for some of those classes. Dave will put a message on our Facebook page asking for contacts from those classes.

Grants

We have not received any new requests for assistance.

Ronnie mentioned a grant program called Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). Laura Ungaro volunteered to look into this program and will provide details at our next meeting.

Homeless and Needy Students

No update. Jill will talk to the school counselors to be sure they keep our grant program in mind.

LVHS Newsletters

Laura U. wrote an article which will be published in the March issue of the Desert Breeze. The Desert Breeze Advisor, Julie Wilde, sent us copies of the December issue. A motion was made and unanimously approved by the board to make a donation of \$100 to help with future mailing costs of this publication.

Scholarship Mentoring

Jill will contact some of our previous scholarship recipients to see how they are doing or have done with their studies and to encourage them to stay in touch with us. Patty read an email received recently from one of our 2013 recipients and will include his update in the next Wildcat Tales newsletter.

Senior Squares

Nothing to report.

Vehicle Donation Program

No update.

Wildcat Float

Rollie advised that the float needs refurbishing. Patty will research possibilities and pricing on-line. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

LAS VEGAS ACADEMY

Juried Art Show

Due to their busy calendar, we will not be doing the Juried Art Show at the Las Vegas Academy this year.

Memorabilia Display at Las Vegas Academy

Joe will be changing the display in the near future.

Performing Arts Center Beautification Project

The board agreed to include a flyer about this project in our March Wildcat Tales mailing. LVA will provide the flyers.

Printing by the Las Vegas Academy

The LVA print shop does not have the capability to do our large printing and mailing jobs that require automated folding, stuffing, labeling and delivery to the post office to take advantage of our non-profit postage rate. However, we will use them in the future for smaller print jobs, such as flyers for the Wildcat Reunion, etc.

HISTORIAN UPDATE

No update.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Educational Trust Proposal (Bryce Harper)

No update.

Grad Lists

We still need grad lists for classes of 1986, 1998 and 2003 to complete the listings on our website. We will borrow those yearbooks from the school so we can type the grad lists. Jill will pick up the yearbooks from LVHS. Patty sent an email to the school requesting a digital listing of the 2018 grads, but hasn't had a response yet.

Homecoming

The date of the 2019 Homecoming game is not yet available.

LVA Legacy Project

No update.

Mission Statement

Laura Ungaro has worked on this and will email it to Patty so we can review it at our next meeting.

UNLV Classes

The board unanimously approved putting \$1000 in our 2019 budget for additional classes. Laura Ungaro is planning to attend additional classes in the near future.

Urban League

No update.

Yearbooks

We still need 18 yearbooks to complete our LVHSAA library. Two duplicates were sold recently. Patty researched with the Clark County Museum, Nevada State Museum and UNLV Special Collections and found that none of them have yearbooks for 1923 through 1927. It is possible that there were no yearbooks for those years. The Nevada State Museum has one yearbook that we are missing (1959), and we have 3 duplicates of other years that they are missing. They have offered to give us the one we are missing if we will give them the three duplicates that we have. The board approved only trading only one book to them if they get approval from their board to deaccession one of their 1959s.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held in the LVHS Cafeteria on May 8 at 6 p.m. Three of our current directors are due for re-election. Notice of the meeting and nomination forms will be sent to members with the March newsletter.

Principal Debbie Brockett

Debbie Brockett has been selected to be a Regional Superintendent of CCSD Region 2. It hasn't been determined yet when she will be leaving LVHS nor who her replacement will be.

Bronze Wildcat

We decided to wait until Debbie Brockett's replacement is on board before doing anything further on replacing the bronze wildcat (panther?) at the school.

UNR 1928 Yearbook

A 1928 yearbook from UNR was donated to us recently. We have decided to donate it to the Nevada State Museum.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The next meetings are scheduled for Sunday, Sunday, March 31 and Sunday, April 28.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Haack, Secretary/Treasurer
LVHS Alumni Association