**LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 02/18/15**

A meeting of the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association (“LVHSAA”) Board of Directors was held at Patty Haack’s home. Six board members were present, plus Historian Joe Thomson. Board members Jeff Harmon, Michael Hogan, and Kae Jones Bogdanovich were unable to attend. The following board members were present:

Rollie Gibbs Bruce Langson

Patty Haack Matt Shlisky

Carole Inghram Montalto David Williams

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 November 17, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved by attending board members.

**Financial Report**

The LVHSAA Income and Expense Statements and Balance Sheets as of 12/31/14 and 02/18/15 were reviewed and unanimously approved by attending board members. Expenses since the last meeting were reviewed and approved. There were no unpaid expenses. We discussed the association’s CD which rolled over in January.

**2014 & 2015 Budgets**

The status of the 2014 budget was reviewed and unanimously approved by the board. The proposed 2015 budget was reviewed and unanimously approved by the board.

**Board Member Resignations**

The board was sorry to accept the resignations of directors Michael Hogan and Jeff Harmon, who found it necessary to resign from the LVHSAA board due to other obligations. The board will search for two new board members. In the meantime, we will continue with seven board members which is in compliance with our Bylaws. Many thanks to Michael and Jeff for their contributions to the LVHSAA over the past year.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Fund Raising**

Fund raising discussions were deferred to our next meeting. We are hoping that Jonnie Wright Joaquin, class of 1962, who has volunteered to help with fund raising, will be able to attend that meeting

**Membership**

Patty reported that we currently have 384 paid members, plus 13 honorary and scholarship winner members, for a total of 397 members in good standing. 76 memberships expired as of 09/30/14. We will continue to try to find ways to increase membership, especially from younger classes.

**Scholarships**

Matt has been in touch with the new Senior Counsellors at the school. Information about our scholarships has been given to the students and they have been instructed to begin preparing their applications. Matt will pick up the applications before the Easter break and our scholarship committee, consisting of Matt Shlisky (Chairman), Carole Inghram Montalto, Patty Haack, Bruce Langson and Dave Williams, will review them the following week. The board approved the awarding of six $2000 scholarships, for a total of $12,000 this year.

**Wildcat Reunion**

Committee meetings will begin in March.

**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**

Bruce volunteered to write an article. Matt will determine what the deadline is for publication in the next issues. We plan to send the school a $300 donation for the Desert Breeze.

**Grants**

We will do another flyer for the teachers/administrators in August and in January to encourage them to apply for grants.

**Homecoming Activities and Parade**

The next Homecoming parade and game is scheduled for Friday, October 2, 2015.

**Mentoring Program**

No update.

**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 has talked to a couple teachers at the Academy. They were in favor of having an art contest. Joe and Bruce will meet with the teachers on February 19th and give an update at our next meeting.

**LVA Alumni Association**

We have not been able to determine if the Academy has an active alumni association.

**Memorabilia Display**

Carole is still waiting for a reply from the LVA Community Relations person who will seek approval from the Clark County School District for us to provide one or two display cases to the Academy for LVHS memorabilia. Carole will try to contact Academy Principal Scott Walker.

**PROGRAMS AND GOALS**

**Class Reunions**

Classes of 1955 and 1965 are planning their 2015 reunions. Information has been posted on our website.

**Helldorado 2015**

The board decided not to participate in the 2015 Helldorado parade.

**Homeless Students**

Carole will follow-up with Mrs. Brockett for a name of a faculty member in charge of their homeless program.

**Senior Squares**

It seems that on-going touch-up of the paint may be necessary due to graffiti.

**Vehicle Donation Program**

Yorel Hutchison Barlow (class of 1954) donated a motorhome to the LVHSAA. It’s value is between $9,000 to $12,000. The board approved spending approximately $1300 on repairs. It will also need new tires. Bruce and Rollie will determine what additional work may need to be done to prepare it for sale and will get estimates on costs.

**HISTORIAN UPDATE**

No update.

**WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK**

Dave reported that our website may need to be re-worked for mobile devices. Dave continues to keep our website updated on an almost daily basis.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**LVHS Auditorium Renovation Project**

We are still waiting for details from Jenna Horton Rhoades on exactly how the funds will be used.

**Nevada Pre-Paid Tuition Program**

Discussion was deferred to our next meeting.

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

We reviewed our application and plans for entering the Summerlin Patriotic Parade. Patty will submit our application and $50 entrance fee. We need to start working on getting commitments from alumni to ride on the float.

**Pewter Plates**

We have sold 10 of the pewter plates since sending out the newsletter in November. The sales covered our costs for all 30 plates plus a $285 profit, so all additional sales will benefit our scholarship fund.

**Wildcat Mascot Costume**

Bruce found a “furry” Wildcat Mascot costume on the internet for $180. The board approved spending a maximum of $200 to purchase the costume which will be presented to the school. Bruce has ordered the costume.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Wildcat Tales Newsletter**

Our next newsletter will be sent out by the end of March. Matt and Bruce both volunteered to write articles.

**Close-Up Program**

We are looking forward to hearing from LVHS Student Body President Korrina Siddiqu, whom we sponsored for this program. She will give a presentation on her trip to New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. at our meeting in April or May. We will decide on our future participation in this program later this year.

**Legal Counsel**

Richard Bryan, our LVHSAA Legal Counsel, is now working for Fennemore Craig Jones Vargas. Renee Blango-Michie will continue to be our liaison.

**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING**

The next board meeting will be on Sunday, March 29, 2015 at 6:30 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