

LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 02/21/21

A meeting of the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association (“LVHSAA”) Board of Directors was held at Allen Kaercher’s office. All directors were in attendance:

Ronnie Blomgren Wilson	Bruce Langson
Laura Beverlin Chadburn	Crystal Latham Beville
Rollie Gibbs	Sam Thomas
Patty Haack	Laura Ungaro
Allen Kaercher	David Williams
Maria Konold	

Historian Joe Thomson was also present. President Bruce Langson opened the meeting and then asked Patty Haack, Secretary/Treasurer, to conduct the remainder of the meeting. The following items were discussed:

Board Member Resignation

Jill Leone advised us that she is resigning from our board due family issues and having to be out of town for an unknown length of time. The board unanimously requested that we advise Jill how much we value her presence and that we would prefer to give her a leave of absence until she feels able to return. We are hoping she will accept this offer.

Minutes of Prior Meeting

The minutes of the October 25, 2020 meeting were approved.

Financial Reports

- Income and Expenses as of 2020 year-end and through 02/21/21 were reviewed and approved.
- Balance Sheets for 12/31/20 and 01/21/21 were reviewed and approved.
- There were no unpaid expenses.
- Our CD was renewed on 01/19/21. The rate was lowered to .250%.

Budget

The proposed 2021 budget was reviewed and unanimously approved by the board.

Succession Planning

Crystal and Patty will schedule another meeting soon to review additional procedures.

LVHSAA Calendar

Everyone was given an updated calendar showing our events for 2021.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Fund Raising (Laura Ungaro & Allen)

- Due to COVID 19 restrictions, there was nothing new to report at this time.
- Bruce and Laura C. will meet with the lessor of Laura’s property on Main Street to get permission to use their parking lot for a fund raiser with food trucks and to schedule a date in conjunction with the City of Las Vegas First Friday Events.

Membership (Laura Chadburn)

Since the last meeting:

- The school sent our letter, offering free memberships to 2021 grads, to all the Senior parents.
- 7 new memberships were received (including 1 lifetime, 3 annual and 3 free 2021 grads).
- 9 members died
- 76 members renewed
- Overall paid membership increased from 430 to 489 (excluding 39 memberships that expired 09/30/20).
- We have a total of 518 members in good standing.

Scholarships (Patty)

- Counselors have been given our application forms and are providing them to Seniors.
- Deadline for submission is March 5. Patty will pick-up the forms at the school.
- Email and application forms have been sent to our 2020 recipients so they can apply for 2nd year continuing scholarships.
- Our Scholarship Review Committee Meeting will be held on March 20 at Patty's house. Bruce, Crystal, Laura Ungaro, Dave and Patty will be participating.

Wildcat Reunion 2021 (Patty)

- The board decided that we will hold the reunion this year, even if there is still a limit on the number of attendees.
- Scheduled for Saturday, October 16
- Patty will contact the Orleans to determine the current restrictions. Information will be included in the next Wildcat Tales newsletter, due to be sent out soon.
- Reunion committee members not on the board will be notified and asked to attend our next meeting.
- The possibility of honoring one or two alumni that have contributed to our community will be discussed further at our next meeting.

Note: Talked to Jay at Orleans on 04/02/21. They are still under the restriction of 50%, for a maximum of 250 in the ballroom, with no more than 6 people per table. He expects that will change and promised to call me by June 1. Orleans is giving employees incentives to get the COVID vaccines.

PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND GOALS

Class Reunions (Patty)

- Reunions are being planned by classes that had to cancel their reunions last year, plus those due for reunions this year.
- So far we've heard from 1953, 1955, 1956, 1961, 1965 and 1971. Reunions will be posted on our website as we hear about them.

Grants (LVHSAA and Donor) (Jill)

- The LVHS Mariachi Band represented Clark County and performed virtually at the January Presidential Inauguration (wearing the uniforms we provided funds for).
- We recently provided funds for CSN Dual Credit tuitions.
- We donated \$1500 for Thanksgiving dinners for needy students and their families

LVA Legacy Project (Allen and Bruce)

The bronze plaques still have not been installed in the front of the Performing Arts Center (auditorium).

Senior Squares (Rollie)

Repair or replacement of the light on the Senior Squares at LVA has been delayed because maintenance staff has not been allowed on campus due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Website

Dave has added Happy Birthday wishes for each month at the top of the home page.

Wildcat Float (Bruce)

- We have made the school aware that we will be happy to take the float to the school for any occasion.
- Bruce will meet with Maria about the possibility of storing the float on her family's property near Casino Center Drive and Charleston. A discussion was held about the possibility of turning the house into a "Wildcat Lair" clubhouse and museum. Bruce will research the possibility of applying for a grant from the Las Vegas Centennial Commission

Updates were not given on the following topics:

- Historian Update (Joe)
- Homeless and Needy Students
- Memorabilia Display at Las Vegas Academy (Joe)
- Newsletters (Patty)
- Scholarship Mentoring
- Vehicle Donation Program (Bruce)

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting at LVHS Twice a Year

We will look into this possibility after the first of next year.

Homecoming

Homecoming has been cancelled for 2021.

Teacher of the Year

Since the school selects a "Teacher of the Month", we discussed the possibility of selecting one of them as our "Teacher of the Year". Teachers will be given a framed certificate (presented at the Wildcat Reunion?) and monetary award to be used for their classroom as needed. Principal Ronnie Guerzon is open to this idea and will put Patty in touch with Assistant Principal Alvin Dizon to work out details.

Wildcat Tales Newsletter

The next edition will be sent out in March.

Yearbooks

- We have sent the money in to purchase a 2021 yearbook for our library.
- We've recently had 6 yearbooks donated and purchased 2 that we were missing (on EBay).
- We recently sold one yearbook for \$100.
- We now have 26 yearbooks available for sale.
- We need 13 yearbooks to complete our library.

NEW BUSINESS

Ad in 2021 Yearbook

The board decided not to place an ad this year, as the letter sent to parents seems to be getting a good response.

Annual Membership Meeting

Due to COVID-19 restrictions still in place, the board unanimously voted to not hold an annual meeting again this year. We will send nomination forms with the next Wildcat Tales and a letter with ballots like we did last year. Bruce, Patty, Rollie and Patty are up for re-election and have all agreed to re-run for the board.

Free Memberships for LVHS Staff

Sam will look into this further and report at our next meeting.

Senior Awards and Graduation Dates

These have changed a couple of times. Patty will follow up with the school to get firm dates.

Ratification of Actions

All actions taken since our last meeting were approved by the board.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The next board meeting will be on Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 2 p.m. at a location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Haack, Secretary/Treasurer
LVHS Alumni Association