

LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 02/28/16

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, Bruce Langson and David Williams were unable to attend. The following board members, representing a quorum, were present.

Laura Beverlin Chadburn	Kae Jones Bogdanovich
Rollie Gibbs	Matt Shlisky
Patty Haack	Laura Ungaro
Carole Inghram Montalto	

Historian Joe Thomson was also 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 the January 10, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved by attending board members.

Financial Report

The LVHSAA Income and Expense Statements and Balance Sheet as of 02/28/16 were reviewed and unanimously approved by the board.

2016 Budget

The 2016 Budget was reviewed and unanimously approved by the board.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Fund Raising

We received \$70 in donations to our scholarship fund since the last meeting. Discussion of fund raising ideas was deferred to our next meeting.

Membership

Since our last meeting we gained 2 new members (1 lifetime), had 45 expired memberships renewed (3 as lifetime) and 4 non-expired memberships renewed. We currently have 309 paid annual members and 149 lifetime members. We have a total of 458 members in good standing (an increase of 47). Two members passed away since our last meeting.

Laura Chadburn is planning to prepare Membership Challenge flyers to send to the contacts for those classes having reunions this year.

Scholarships

Matt has been in contact with the counsellor at LVHS and will be picking up this year’s applications from the school on Friday, March 18. We scheduled a meeting of the Scholarship Committee for Tuesday, March 22 at 1 p.m. to review the applications. We have budgeted a total of \$14,000 for the 2016 scholarships and will award a minimum of 5 scholarships.

We discussed the possibility of changing our selection criteria for next year to require 3 or 4 years at LVHS (rather than 2 that we require currently). It is too late for this year. A question was raised as to whether the school knows if students are U.S. citizens. Matt was look into this issue with the school.

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

Matt has submitted an article recently which has not yet been published. Matt will write an article for a future issue to make students aware that we have funds available to assist them with fees required for certain classes (like art and sewing).

Grants

We approved a request in January to assist a student with expenses to represent the State of Nevada as a delegate at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Boston. We have not received any new requests.

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 Thomson gave a recap of the show. We approved dollars in the budget for the next show which will probably be scheduled in 2017.

Memorabilia Display at Las Vegas Academy

Joe and Rollie expect to complete the display cabinet in time to install it at the school during Spring break. This will be used to house LVHS memorabilia to increase the awareness of LVA students and staff of the history and significance of their campus, plus having memorabilia available for viewing by the many alumni visitors that visit their old LVHS campus. Carole will contact LVHS Principal Debbie Brockett regarding the selection of memorabilia to be displayed. We discussed the possibility of having a dedication ceremony, maybe the same weekend as the Wildcat Reunion. Details could be mailed along with the Wildcat Reunion flyer in early July. Alumni will be made aware of the project and encouraged to donate memorabilia (such as photographs, yearbooks, uniforms, etc.) in the next issue of the Wildcat Tales. We also discussed the possibility of having a display "theme" and changing the display quarterly or semi-annually.

PROGRAMS AND GOALS

Class Reunions

2016 reunion information for classes of 1954, 1956, 1961 and 1966 has been posted on our website. Class of 1986 is also planning a reunion and will be sending details soon. Class of 1953 will also be having a reunion and will be providing details soon.

Vehicle Donation Program

No new activity to report.

HISTORIAN UPDATE

Joe reminded us that the 100th anniversary of the 7th Street campus will be in only 15 years!

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

No update given.

OLD BUSINESS

Auditorium Renovation Update

The school is planning to purchase a used sound system from the Dixie College in St. George, UT. We have funds, donated by LVHS alumni, set aside for this purpose. We will let Jenna Rhoads, who is coordinating this project for the school, know that we would like a Bill of Sale or invoice and will disburse the funds directly to the seller.

Close-Up Program

Future requests will be considered from the funds available from the grant donated to the LVHSAA. It was agreed that the amount granted would vary, based on financial need; however, we will not provide 100% of the costs. We decided to consider two students per year and that the requests should be submitted at least 90 days prior to the deadline for making a deposit on the trip. Students will be asked to submit a letter containing their future goals, what activities they are involved in at LVHS and in the community, their grade average, and how they expect the trip to benefit their future. We will also require a letter of recommendation for a teacher or counselor.

Nevada Pre-Paid Tuition Program

It was agreed by board members that the LVHSAA will not participate in this program.

Wildcat #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.

NEW BUSINESS**LVHSAA Sponsored Program to Expose Students to Local and State Government**

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

Yearbooks

Joe suggested that we purchase, or obtain through donations, yearbooks from all prior years to establish an LVHS Alumni Association library. We will include this in the next Wildcat Tales newsletter. Matt will ask the school if they have extra copies of any of the yearbooks that they would either donate or we could purchase.

Clark County School District State of the District Address

Brandon Singleton (LVHS JAG Program Coordinator) and two LVHS students (including Alejandro Aguayo-Flores to whom we recently provided a grant) are being featured at this function which will take place on Monday, February 29. This will be televised on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. on Vegas PBS television.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The next board meeting will be on Sunday, April 10, 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