

LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 03/19/17

A meeting of the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association (“LVHSAA”) Board of Directors was held at Allen Kaercher’s office. Directors Lisa Ball and Laura Ungaro were unable to attend. The following board members, representing a quorum, were present.

Laura Beverlin Chadburn	Bruce Langson
Rollie Gibbs	Jill Leone
Patty Haack	Matt Shlisky
Allen Kaercher	Dave Williams

Historian Joe Thomson was also in attendance. Guests in attendance included Senator Richard Bryan (1955), Assemblywoman and Director of the Nevada Preservation Foundation Heide Swank, and Historian Bob Stoldal (1961). LVHS alumni attending included Charlene Friedkin Herst (1964), Donna Shown Silva (1964), Bob Stoldal (1961), Gary Vause (1956).

President Rollie Gibbs opened the meeting and then asked Patty Haack, Secretary/Treasurer, to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

Preservation and Renovation of the Las Vegas Academy Main Building and Gymnasium

The LVHSAA has recently been actively involved in meetings and discussions regarding the preservation and renovation of the Las Vegas Academy campus (the old Las Vegas High School). The Clark County School District is planning to construct a new building on the existing LVA campus (where the football field was), and does not have any funding planned for upgrading the old buildings. A recent article in the Las Vegas Review Journal brought a lot of attention to this issue. Recaps of recently activities, including meetings with the LVA Principal, a senior CCSD Trustee and the CCSD Bond Oversight committee were given by Senator Bryan, Bruce Langson and Bob Stoldal. After a lengthy discussion, everyone in attendance agreed that it would be best if the main building, gym, Frazier Hall and Industrial and Vocational Arts building could be upgraded so they could continue to be used as part of the LVA. The board agreed that we need to look into how the existing historic buildings could be utilized and that we need to explore all avenues of historic preservation, including groups like Preserve Nevada Commission and the Nevada Preservation Foundation. We will also look into having Frazier Hall and the Industrial and Vocational Arts building added to the National Register of Historic Places. Bruce will request to be on the agenda for the next CCSD Bond Oversight Committee meeting to find out the current status and to be sure they are aware of our intentions. Due to these decisions, we will now refer to this project as the “Upgrading and Expansion of the Las Vegas Academy Campus”.

Minutes of Prior Meeting

The minutes of the February 19, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved by attending board members.

Financial Report

The LVHSAA Income and Expense Statements and Balance Sheet as of 03/19/17 were reviewed and unanimously approved by the board.

2017 Budget

The 2017 Budget was reviewed and unanimously approved by the board.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Fund Raising

Allen will check into the possibility of getting a better price for the fund raising function we hoped to hold at the Springs Preserve. As an alternative, we discussed maybe having a live auction at the Wildcat Reunion in September for the painting of LVHS done by well-known artist Roy Purcell. A decision will be made at our next meeting. Patty reported that we did not receive any donations to the scholarship fund since the last meeting. Bruce will be donating red and black necklace pendants which will be sold at the Wildcat Reunion.

Membership

We received one new membership since the last meeting – a 2014 graduate that we had previously given a free membership for a year. Over the last month, 1 member died and 1 membership was renewed, which had expired in 2016. We currently have a total of 289 paid annual members and 164 lifetime members, plus 8 honorary members and 10 free members (2016 grads and scholarship winners), for a total of 471 members in good standing. There are 65 memberships that expired 09/30/16 that have not yet been renewed. A final reminder was included in the Wildcat Tales that was just sent out, so we expect to receive more renewals soon.

Scholarships

Information about our scholarships has been posted on both the LVHS and LVHSAA websites and on flyers at the school. Matt will pick up applications on has scheduled pick-up of applications for April 4. The Scholarship Committee will review the applications on Sunday, April 9 at 11 a.m. Matt will advise the counselors who the recipients are on April 17. Jill suggested that we present the scholarships at the Senior Awards Night to be held on May 25.

Wildcat Reunion

Patty has contacted the photographer recommended by Bruce and is waiting for details back from him. We will be allowing use of credit cards for the memorabilia at the reunion. The reunion committee will be meeting on April 27. It was just learned that the second home football game of the season will be held the same night as the reunion. Since several classes have already made plans for their reunions to be the night before the Wildcat Reunion, it is not possible to change our date. We will be checking with the school regarding the availability of the band, cheerleaders and Student Council to help us at the reunion.

LVHS LIAISONS

Matt Shlisky, Bruce Langson and Jill Leone are the LVHSAA Liaisons with LVHS.

Parent/Student Newsletter Articles

Nothing to report.

Grants

The LVHS Librarian request for two multi-media tables and tall chairs was approved for a total of \$1300. A new request for \$800 for bus passes was also approved. We will be paying for caps and gowns for needy students as soon as the school lets us know how many are needed. It was decided not to take any action at this time on the requests for fees, incentives and snacks for the AP Program and for college textbooks for the Dual Enrollment Program.

LAS VEGAS ACADEMY LIAISONS

Joe Thomson is the LVHSAA Liaison with the Las Vegas Academy.

Memorabilia Display at Las Vegas Academy

Joe will be changing the display in the near future. The new display will include photos of classes taken on the front steps of the main building.

PROGRAMS AND GOALS

Class Reunions

Classes of 1952, 1953, 1956, 1960, 1967, 1972, 1977 and 1997 are all planning reunions for September 22. Class of 1957 will do their reunion at the Wildcat Reunion on September 23. Class of 1962 is planning their reunion for October. We still need contact names for 1982, 1987, 1992, 2002, 2007 and 2012.

Homeless and Needy Students

The trailer donated by Art Goldstrom, to house supplies for needy students, has been delivered to the school.

Senior Squares

Nothing to report.

Vehicle Donation Program

Nothing to report.

HISTORIAN UPDATE & LVHSAA-LVA JURIED ART EXHIBIT

The third annual LVHSAA-LVA Juried Art Exhibit at the Las Vegas Academy will be held in October. The exact date has yet to be determined.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Membership Meeting

The meeting will be in the LVHS Cafeteria on Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. Official notification and ballots will be sent to all paid members by April 21.

Grad Lists

Deferred to next meeting.

Senior Class President List

Deferred to next meeting.

Yearbooks

Deferred to next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaws

Patty is waiting for a response from our legal counsel regarding a couple of minor revisions to our Bylaws.

Goals

The list of LVHSAA goals for this year was reviewed.

Homecoming

It was suggested that we have a table set up by the entrance at the homecoming game to provide an opportunity for alumni to sign up for our annual Wildcat Reunion mailing list.

Wildcat Mascot Costume

We are waiting to hear from the school as to whether the school still has one or more mascot costumes. We are considering ordering a new one to have available for use by the LVHSAA only.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The next two board meetings will be held on 2:30 p.m. at Patty's on April 23 and May 28.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Haack, Secretary/Treasurer
LVHS Alumni Association