

LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 03/31/19

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

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

Historian Joe Thomson and Allen’s wife, Lisa Kaercher were also in attendance.

Vice President Bruce Langson opened the meeting and then asked Patty Haack, Secretary/Treasurer, to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

Minutes of Prior Meeting

The minutes of February 17, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved by attending board members.

Financial Report

The LVHSAA Income and Expense Statements and Balance Sheets as of 03/31/19 were reviewed and unanimously approved by the board. There were no unpaid expenses.

2019 Budget

The budget for 2019 was reviewed, There were no significant variances.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Fund Raising

Allen, Lisa and Ronnie met with Jolene Mitchell at the Las Vegas Academy on March 26. They reviewed the tentative schedule for the “Have You Seen Your History Lately?” fundraiser to be held on October 17, including plans for a cocktail reception at a close-by law office, renderings of columns and legacy plaques for purchase, pricing of bronze plaques, plans for performances by the LVA Mariachi band at the reception, a silent auction, and plans for performances and speakers. Patty agreed to contact Larry Ruvo regarding a possible donation of wine for the reception and to contact Federal Judge L. D. George to see if he will be able to attend.

Membership

We gained one new member since our last meeting. Two members passed away since February. We received 45 renewals since our last meeting. Our overall paid membership is up to 450 from 409 in February, including 268 annual members and 182 lifetime members. With 8 honorary and 11 free members, we have a total of 469 members in good standing (up from 428). We still have a total of 42 memberships that expired at the end of September and have not yet been renewed. Membership Chairperson Laura Chadburn will be sending letters to the contacts for those classes having significant reunions this year, asking them to encourage their class members to join. We have not received any responses from the letters sent to LVHS faculty alumni.

Scholarships

A total of 39 applications were reviewed on March 13. The committee approved awarding 11 scholarships, totaling \$24,000. The LVHSAA has now awarded a total of 70 scholarships since 2009, totaling \$135,000. One of the recipients may be going out-of-state, so we may be picking a replacement. Letters for the recipients will be sent to Christina Robles, the Senior Counselor that helped us this year. She will present them to the recipients. In addition, director Jill Leone will present framed certificates to the recipients on Senior Awards night, April 30. Senator Richard Bryan will be hosting a luncheon for the recipients in the near future.

Based on our experiences this year, we have made revisions to the forms to be used by applicants and the committee for next year.

Wildcat Reunion 2019

The first 2019 committee meeting was held immediately following the Board Meeting.

PROGRAMS AND GOALS

Class Reunions

Classes of 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1979, 1989 and 1999 have starting planning their 2019 reunions. In addition, classes of 1950, 1953 and 1956 will also be holding 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

A request from one of our 2017 scholarship recipients was reviewed and denied by the board. Eight new requests received from Principal Debbie Brockett, totaling \$5497, were reviewed and approved. They included assistance with course fees, a Close-Up program, Student Council Spirit Packs, assistance with tuition and travel expenses for a summer Drum & Bugle Corps program, caps and gowns for 30 needy seniors, plus the purchase of 10 Chromebooks to be given away on Seniors Awards Night to some of the less fortunate graduating seniors that will be going to college.

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

Homeless and Needy Students

Nothing is needed at this time according to the LVHS Counselors.

LVHS Newsletters

Laura Ungaro's article was published in the March issue of the Desert Breeze. Copies were given to all board members. We recently made a donation of \$100 to The Desert Breeze to assist with future costs. Laura will write another article for this year's final edition, to be published in May.

Scholarship Mentoring

No update.

Senior Squares

Nothing to report.

Vehicle Donation Program

Nothing to report.

Wildcat Float

Rollie advised that the float needs refurbishing. The board approved spending approximately \$250. Patty will order the supplies.

LAS VEGAS ACADEMY

Memorabilia Display at Las Vegas Academy

Joe recently changed the display.

Performing Arts Center Beautification Project

A flyer, provided by the Las Vegas Academy, was included with the recent mailing of the Wildcat Tales newsletter.

HISTORIAN UPDATE

Alumni Donna Hanley and Gail Andress will be honored at Joe Thomson's monthly luncheon at the Nevada State Museum on July 9.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Membership Meeting

Our Annual Membership Meeting will be held in the LVHS Cafeteria on May 8. We will be starting the meeting earlier this year (5 p.m.) to allow time for a performance by the Spectrum, refreshments and visiting before the formal meeting begins. Ballots will be mailed to members by April 19 and are due by May 1. Our 2019 scholarship recipients will be asked to attend, along with the Student Council officers. Nicole Capetillo has volunteered to be our LVHS contact for this event. She will be inviting the new Principal, Ronnie Guerzon, to attend.

Educational Trust Proposal (Bryce Harper)

No update.

Grad Lists

We still need to borrow yearbooks from the school for 1986 and 1998 so we can type the grad lists for those years. We have borrowed the 2003 yearbook from the school and will have to type the names on a MS Word document, as there is no index – only photos. Patty sent an email to the school requesting a digital listing of the 2018 grads, but hasn't had a response yet.

LVA Legacy Project

Bruce and Joe gave updates. Bruce recently attended a CCSD Board meeting and reported that many seemed to be in favor of this project.

Mission Statement

This will be reviewed at our next meeting.

UNLV Classes

Update deferred to our next meeting.

Urban League

Update deferred to our next meeting.

Wildcat Tales Newsletter

Our latest edition was mailed to members on March 12. Included was the nomination form for our annual board elections, due back to us by April 15.

Yearbooks

We still need 18 yearbooks to complete our LVHSAA library. It appears that there were no yearbooks for the years of 1923 through 1927 (none located at LVHS, Nevada State Museum, Clark County Museum, or UNLV). The binders with photocopies made by Gary Dillingham have been reviewed, with the assistance of Victoria Pinjuv (class of 1972) and emptied. Significant information was saved and will be inserted into the yearbooks we have on hand.

NEW BUSINESS

Homecoming

The date of the 2019 Homecoming game is September 27 – the Friday after the Wildcat Reunion.

Summerlin Patriotic Parade – July 4

We recently paid the \$50 entry fee for the Wildcat Float to be in the parade on Thursday, July 4, 2019.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The next meetings are scheduled for Sunday, April 28 and Sunday, June 2 at 2 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Haack, Secretary/Treasurer
LVHS Alumni Association