

**LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - 04/26/09**

The meeting was held at the home of David and Brenda Williams. It was attended by the following officers and board members:

Rollie Gibbs, President (1954)	Kae Jones Bogdanovich (1956)
Patty Haack, Secretary/Treasurer (1956)	Nancy Murray Harkess, (1960)
Mickey Hollingshead (1957)	David Williams, Webmaster (1972)
Carole Inghram Montalto (1956)	

The meeting was also attended by:

Gary Dillingham, Historian (1957)	Gary Vause (1945)
Matt Shlisky (1964)	Barbara Wilcox Williams (1960)
Alice Van Der Meer, Scholarship Chairperson	Brenda Williams (Guest)

President Rollie Gibbs opened the meeting and made introductions.

The minutes of the March 15 meeting were approved.

Patty reviewed the current Balance Sheet and Financial Report. The Financial Report was approved.

2009 BUDGET

The 2009 budget, with revisions for building of the wildcat float, was reviewed. The revised budget was approved.

LEGAL UPDATE

Patty reported that our Bylaws have been finalized. Last week she provided the attorneys with our Balance Sheet as of year-end 2008 and current date, along with a written description of the entire scholarship submission and approval process. These were needed for filing of the 501c3 for our tax exempt status. The attorneys are still hopeful that we will have our tax exempt status in time for our big mailing for the Wildcat Reunion in July.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Class Reunions: Patty reported that all upcoming reunions that we are aware of are posted on our website. Patty will ask the class contacts if someone from the alumni association may attend their reunion, to promote the LVHSAA. .

Fund Raising: Nancy Murray Harkess has several ideas, not only for fund raising, but also to establish a relationship with LVHS students and staff. Nancy will contact the Fund Raising Committee members and hold a meeting sometime after the May Helldorado Parade.

Grants Committee: Before finalization, the Bylaws were revised to include our giving of grants to the school or staff. Grants will be considered at a later date.

Membership: We have 11 new members since the last meeting. We currently have a total of 191 members, including 23 lifetime members, 3 honorary members and 13 2008 graduates. Three members have sent in renewals and are paid through 09/30/2010.

Nominating Committee: President Rollie Gibbs appointed Patty Haack and David Williams to be on the nominating committee. According to our Bylaws, this had to be done by April 1st. The board ratified this action.

Scholarship Committee: Chairperson Alice Van Der Meer has received 13 scholarship applications from the school - 3 from males and 10 from females. Alice had thoroughly reviewed the applications and presented two proposed rating systems to help in selecting one male and one female winner. The proposed rating methods were reviewed - one with Financial Need as the second highest criteria, and the other with Financial Need as the lowest criteria. A vote was taken, with the first method prevailing with a 4 to 3 vote. Committee members reviewed all of the applications. A decision was made on the male winner. A final decision on the female winner will be made by the middle of next week after a more thorough review, as we have to give our decision to the school by the end of next week.

Senior Squares: Chairperson Sarah Walker was not in attendance. Landscaping is still underway at the school, holding up work on the squares. Barbara Wilcox Williams said her class (1960) is planning to adopt their square soon.

Wildcat Reunion: Patty reminded everyone that the Wildcat Reunion will be September 12 this year. Two committee meetings have been held, and plans are well underway.

OLD BUSINESS

Website: Webmaster David Williams reported that we continue to get a lot of hits on our website and on Facebook. A couple of new bios have been added to the website.

Helldorado Float: Thanks to the efforts of Bruce Langson and Rollie Gibbs, along with volunteers from classes of 1954 through 1989, plus one current student from LVHS, the wildcat is nearly completed.. It will be painted on Saturday, May 2. Float decorations were ordered and the trailer for the float will be decorated on Sunday, May 3. This will give us the weekend of May 9-10 to make any final adjustments to be ready for the May 16 parade. Numerous pictures of the wildcat have been posted on our website and also on our facebook page.

Patty announced that U. S. Federal District Court Judge Lloyd "L.D." George (class of 1948) has agreed to ride on the float. President Rollie Gibbs will be driving the pickup truck pulling the float, and Vice President Bruce Langson and Secretary/Treasurer Patty Haack will also be riding the float. Several people, including Elizabeth Domenech (1988), Nidia Ramirez (1987), Matt Schlisky (1964), Susan Lowe Shlisky (1965), and Dave Williams (1972) will walk alongside the float.

It was decided that we will put magnetic signs on each side of the truck with the association logo and "LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - www.lvhsaa.com". It was decided to not have a large sign in the back of the truck, as it might be too distracting. Nancy will ask Linda Nickels Delaplane (class of 1960) to be our official photographer at the parade. Don Ashworth (1956) has also volunteered to take photos.

The LVHS marching band will be in the parade also, and will be right behind our wildcat float. The City of Las Vegas has agreed to pay \$250 to transport the students to the parade.

LVHS Involvement: Jill Horton, Secretary in the Athletics Department, has been extremely helpful. Band Director Charlene Kennebeck is making the arrangements for the marching band to be in the Helldorado Parade, and also has agreed to have the Band at the Wildcat Reunion in September. It is difficult for the staff or students to attend meetings on a Sunday. Gracie Wingert, President of the Art Club, worked on the wildcat float with us one weekend and is planning to help with the painting next weekend. Lisa Yee, President of the Key Club, will also be helping us.

Memorabilia Display: Patty mentioned that there really isn't any more space at the school for display of sweaters or jackets, but there is still space available for smaller items. There are two additional display cases that can be used for memorabilia once the school decides where they can be placed. Dave will add a request for memorabilia to our website. Anyone that would like to donate memorabilia should contact Patty at lvowl@aol.com or (702) 876-6660.

Historian: Gary Dillingham has been working on developing additional bios on notable alumni for our website. Gary gave us four new bios at the meeting, and is working on more. Anyone that would like to contribute historical photos or articles should contact Gary at (702) 205-4282 or e-mail him at Dillingham@cox.net.

NEW BUSINESS

Liability Insurance: Patty received a quote of \$851 for one year's coverage from Harley Harmon Insurance. The board questioned that there is a real need for this expense since we don't have physical assets or facilities. However, there was some concern about the possibility of someone being injured working on or riding on the wildcat float. We agreed to ask the city about insurance, and also the School District. We will also ask the attorneys for their opinion on our need for insurance, and will look into the possibility of a one-day policy for the Helldorado Parade.

Annual Meeting and Voting Process: The process for membership notification of the annual membership meeting and nominating and voting process was reviewed. Patty will contact the attorneys to determine if proxy votes can be submitted by mail in sealed, unidentified envelopes, or whether they must be delivered by someone else actually attending the meeting.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: The next board meeting will be held on Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 2 p.m. at the home of Dave and Brenda Williams. This meeting is open to all members of the LVHSAA.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Haack, Secretary/Treasurer
LVHS Alumni Association