**LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 04/26/15**

A meeting of the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association (“LVHSAA”) Board of Directors was held at Patty Haack’s home. Eight out of nine board members were present, plus Historian Joe Thomson. President Rollie Gibbs was unable to attend. The following board members were present:

 Laura Chadburn Bruce Langson

 Patty Haack Matt Shlisky

 Carole Inghram Montalto Laura Ungaro

 Kae Jones Bogdanovich David Williams

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 the March 29, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved by attending board members.

**Financial Report**

The LVHSAA Income and Expense Statements and Balance Sheets as of 04/26/15 were reviewed and unanimously approved by attending board members. Expenses since the last meeting were reviewed and approved. The only unpaid expense since the last meeting was $403 for the Wildcat mascot costume. This was previously approved by the board.

**2015 Budget**

The status of the 2015 budget was reviewed and unanimously approved by the board.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Fund Raising**

The possibility of having an “ice cream social” the afternoon of the Wildcat Reunion was discussed. We would have an ice cream truck at the 7th Street campus during the hours that various classes are taking their pictures in front of the school during their reunion weekend. Dave will contact Fat Daddy’s regarding their ice cream truck and prices. Patty will get in touch with the contacts for those classes having reunions that weekend and will also contact the photographer we use at the Wildcat Reunion to see what she would charge for group photos. We could send a flyer with the Wildcat Reunion flyer in July. We will also need to contact the Las Vegas Academy to get permission and possibly have the school open for tours.

Patty will check with the school about Homecoming week and what functions they have involving alumni.

**Membership**

Patty reported that we currently have 434 paid members (up by 14 from March), plus 20 honorary and scholarship winner members, for a total of 454 members in good standing. 31 memberships expired as of 09/30/14 (14 renewed since March). Three members passed away since March. We reviewed an analysis is current paid members, which showed that 38% are from classes of the 1950s and 30% are from classes of the 60s. We will add attendance at the Wildcat Reunion to that analysis and review it at our next meeting. We had an interesting discussion on how to sign up new members at the Wildcat Reunion. Matt and Laura Chadburn volunteered to man a membership table, under a large banner. We discussed the possibility of offering a free “something” or drink tickets to those that sign up that night, offering a prize to the class that signs up the most new members, etc. These ideas will be passed on to the Wildcat Reunion Committee for further discussion.

**Scholarships**

Matt reported that the Scholarship Committee reviewed 17 applications on April 16 and picked 7 recipients. The school has been notified of the winners. We have prepared notification letters for each winner. The school will personally present them to each student.

We discussed tracking of the recipients, as we’d like to know where they are now, what impact receiving our scholarships had on their lives, etc. We decided that the best way would be to try to contact them personally. This might be difficult as the students seem to move a lot after leaving high school. Matt will review the applications of the winners from previous years and try to contact the students or parents via phone or e-mail. This year we plan to ask for contact information for at least two emergency contacts for each student.

After a discussion on offering multi-year scholarships, we decided not to offer them as it would limit the number of students that we would be able to assist.

**Wildcat Reunion**

The committee will be meeting on April 30. There was a brief discussion on who we might honor this year if Bill Boyd will not be able to attend. A couple of ideas will be passed on to the Wildcat Reunion Committee. Bruce suggested we consider having a “Wildcat Scholarship Store” at the reunion, with various items, such as pens, magnets, flashlights, visors, credit card carriers, etc., for sale with our logo, to benefit the scholarship fund. The board unanimously approved the expenditure of $2000 for this purpose.

**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**

We recently sent the school a $300 donation to help with costs of publishing the Desert Breeze.

**Grants**

No activity to report. We will do another flyer for the teachers/administrators in August and in January to encourage them to apply for grants.

**Mentoring Program**

No activity to report.

**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 is working on arrangements for an art contest to be held in late October or early November at the Las Vegas Academy. He will put a plan together and present it to the board at our next meeting. He will also draft the wording for a flyer to be included with the Wildcat Reunion mailing in July to announce this event.

**Memorabilia Display**

Carole and Joe met with Susan Thornton, an Assistant Principal at the Academy and were given a tour of the main building. They determined that there is room in the main hallway for two display cabinets - one 6 foot and one 9 foot. They will do some research on costs and report at the next meeting. Patty will find out who is in charge of memorability at LVHS.

**PROGRAMS AND GOALS**

**Class Reunions**

Classes of 1955, 1960, 1965 and 1975 are planning their 2015 reunions. Information has been posted on our website and will be updated whenever new information is available. It also has been sent to the CCSD website.

**Homeless Students**

Carole and Kae are checking into the costs for providing bus passes, good for one week each, and $10 gift cards, which would be given to the school counselors for distribution to the students at their discretion. We would provide these by this fall.

**Vehicle Donation Program**

Bruce is having the air conditioning replaced in the RV that was donated to us. The cost will be approximately $600. He expects to have the RV cleaned up and on Craig’s List within the next two weeks. We are hoping to get $8-10,000 for it to benefit our scholarship fund.

**HISTORIAN UPDATE**

Joe is inviting LVHS alumni to an event sponsored by the Preservation Association of Clark County in honor of the 40th anniversary of the Las Vegas News Bureau. The event will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Nevada State Museum on Valley View Blvd. Joe is doing some in-depth research on the history of the Senior Squares.

**WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK**

Dave continues to keep the website updated on a daily basis.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Annual Membership Meeting**

The annual Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2015 in the cafeteria at the Las Vegas Academy at 6:00 p.m. Official notification and ballots were sent out on April 21 and are due back by May 21.

**Close Up Program**

We have asked Korrina Siddiqui to attend our next meeting and give a report on her trip. We have asked her to write an article about her trip for the next Wildcat Tales newsletter. We will decide on our future participation in this program later this year.

**Homecoming Activities and Parade**

The next Homecoming parade and game is scheduled for Friday, October 2, 2015. Patty will talk to the school about their alumni week and homecoming.

**LVHS Auditorium Renovation Project**

We are still waiting for details from Jenna Horton Rhoades on exactly how the funds will be used.

**Nevada Pre-Paid Tuition Program**

Matt will contact Dan Schwartz, Nevada State Treasurer about someone attending one of our meetings to explain this program and help us decide whether it is something we should participate in.

**Summerlin Patriotic Parade – July 4, 2015**

We have been approved to enter the parade by the Summerlin Council. We need to start working on getting commitments from alumni to ride on the float.

**Wildcat Mascot Costume**

The mascot costume has been ordered, but not received. The board decided that we should keep the costume, rather than giving it to the school, and make it available for parades, homecoming, Wildcat Reunion, etc.

**Wildcat Tales Newsletter**

Newsletter #13 was mailed on April 3. We are sending copies for distribution at LVHS also.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Global Citizen Year Program**

After our last meeting we received a request from LVHS Principal Debbie Brockett to assist a student with her $500 deposit for this program, where only 90 out of over 600 applicants are selected nationwide each year. It is a “bridge year” program before college. The student will be spending 8 months in Brazil doing community service, developing leadership skills, expanding her comfort zone and immersing herself in a new culture. The board unanimously approved supporting this student.

**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING**

The next board meeting will be on Sunday, June 7, 2015 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