

LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 04/28/19

A meeting of the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association (“LVHSAA”) Board of Directors was held at Patty Haack’s home. Directors Laura Beverlin Chadburn, Bruce Langson and David Williams were unable to attend. The following directors, representing a quorum, were in attendance:

Ronnie Blomgren Wilson	Maria Konold
Patty Haack	Crystal Lathan Beville
Rollie Gibbs	Jill Leone
Allen Kaercher	Laura Ungaro

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 March 31, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved by attending board members.

Financial Report

The LVHSAA Income and Expense Statements and Balance Sheets as of April 28, 2019 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 gave an update on plans for the October 17 fund raiser to be held at the Las Vegas Academy. Another meeting with Jolene Mitchell at the Academy is planned for May 1. Patty has requested a donation of wine from Larry Ruvo. She also has contacted Federal Judge L.D. George who has it on his calendar and hopes to be in attendance at the October event.

Membership

We did not gain any new members and one annual member passed away since our March meeting. We received 9 renewals (one renewed as a lifetime member) and added the ten 2019 scholarship recipients as free members for one year. Our overall **paid** membership is up to 452 from 450 in March, including 269 annual members and 183 lifetime members. With 8 **honorary** and 21 **free** members, we have a total of 481 members in good standing (up from 469). We still have a total of 39 memberships that expired at the end of September and have not yet been renewed. Membership Chairperson Laura Chadburn sent 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. We will be including membership applications and information about the annual Membership Challenge along with the flyer for this year’s Wildcat Reunion, to be mailed by June 28.

Scholarships

One of our 2019 scholarship potential recipients decided to attend a school out-of state and withdrew her application, so we ended up awarding a total of 10 scholarships this year for a total of \$22,000 (8 @ \$2000 and 2 @ \$3000), so we have now awarded a total of 69 scholarships since 2009, totaling \$133,000. Letters for the recipients have been sent to Christina Robles, the Senior Counselor who helped us this year, and she has presented them to the recipients. 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 on May 13.

Wildcat Reunion 2019

The board discussed the price per person at the Orleans. After much discussion it was decided that Patty should contact Bill Boyd to be sure he is aware of the increase and clarify the increase on the gratuity charge. **Note:** *After talking to Bill Boyd, the majority of the board approved raising our price from \$50 to \$60 per person if paid in advance and from \$60 to \$70 per person if paid at the door.*

PROGRAMS AND GOALS

Class Reunions

At least 11 classes are planning reunions this year. Most will be holding them the same weekend as the Wildcat Reunion. We may invite class contacts to attend our future reunion committee meetings.

Grants

Since our last meeting we paid for 30 sets of caps and gowns for less fortunate graduates. No additional requests have been received.

Laura Ungaro researched the CDGB grant program and recommended that we not consider pursuing it. The board agreed.

Homeless and Needy Students

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

LVHS Newsletters

Laura Ungaro wrote another article, which will be published in the May edition of the Desert Breeze.

Scholarship Mentoring

No update.

Senior Squares

Nothing to report.

Vehicle Donation Program

Nothing to report.

Wildcat Float

New decorations have been received. Rollie will have the float re-decorated in time for the May 11 Helldorado Parade.

LAS VEGAS ACADEMY

Memorabilia Display at Las Vegas Academy

The display was changed last month and will not be changed again for a few months.

HISTORIAN UPDATE

Class of 1953 alumnus George Bogdanovich will be making a presentation about the village of Blue Diamond at Joe Thomson's May 14 luncheon at the Nevada State Museum.

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.

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 provided an email update since he was unable to attend the meeting. Senator Bryan, Bob Stoldal and Bruce recently met with Trustee Dr. Linda Young. The focus of the meeting was funding the necessary renovation and possible updating of the five buildings we are primarily concerned with (main building, Frazier Hall, gymnasium, Industrial Arts, and the Union School District building). Dr. Young will set up a meeting with the new CCSD Superintendent, along with his new operations and construction personnel and present the historical study and campus building evaluation that we orchestrated in 2017. Emphasis will be placed on the importance of maintaining and upgrading the five buildings from the perspective of the extreme importance of the historical aspects of this oldest and most beautiful campus in Southern Nevada, suggesting that the campus expansion be postponed since CCSD has an extreme budget shortage and the campus is currently operating at a 100% graduation level as well as an extremely high college matriculation rate. CCSD could use the next several years, during summer break, to accomplish the upgrades to the existing buildings, allowing more time for fundraising from the public toward the campus expansion.

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.

Yearbooks

We still need 18 yearbooks to complete our LVHSAA library.

NEW BUSINESS**Helldorado Parade**

The Wildcat float will be in the Helldorado Parade on May 11.

Summerlin Patriotic Parade – July 4

The Wildcat Float to be in the parade on Thursday, July 4, 2019. We are searching for a “celebrity” alumni to ride the float.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING

The next meetings are scheduled for Sunday, June 9 and Sunday, July 21 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