

LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 05/01/22

A meeting of the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association (“LVHSAA”) Board of Directors was held at Patty Haack’s home. Directors Jakke Cline Hicks-Farley, Allen Kaercher, Crystal Latham Beville and Laura Ungaro were not able to attend. The following directors, representing a quorum, were in attendance:

Laura Beverlin Chadburn
Patty Haack
Maria Konold

Bruce Langson
Diane Striegel
David Williams

Historian Joe Thomson was also in attendance. President Bruce Langson opened the meeting and then asked Patty Haack, Secretary/Treasurer, to conduct the remainder of the meeting. The following items were discussed:

Minutes of Prior Meeting

The minutes of the February 27, 2022 meeting were approved.

Financial Reports

- Income and Expenses since 02/27/22 were reviewed and approved.
- Since 2009, the LVHSAA has granted \$212,100 in scholarships and \$92,898 in grants to Las Vegas High School students and staff, for a total of \$304,998
- There were no unpaid expenses.

Budget

Review of the 2022 budget was deferred to our next meeting. There are currently no significant variances.

Succession Planning

Patty and Crystal plan to review more procedures in the near future.

Board of Directors Resignations

Ronnie Blomgren Wilson and Sam Thomas resigned from the board since our last meeting. Allen Kaercher’s is due for re-election and will not be re-running as he will be living in California for half of the year; however, he will continue to be on the Fund Raising Committee.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Fund Raising (Laura Ungaro, Jakke & Allen)

- Jakke was not able to attend, but the board discussed the possibility of doing a fund raiser at a restaurant in the Summerlin area rather than near the LVHS campus, possibly at the Chick-fil-A. This will be researched and discussed further at our next meeting.
- Bruce will check into a fund raising “Run a Lap” event and will report at the next meeting.
- Bruce will be contacting the City of Las Vegas First Friday event organizers to get information on doing a fund raiser with food trucks.

Membership (Jakke)

- Reminder postcards were sent to 100 members whose memberships expired 09/30/21. Since then we have received 46 renewals.
- 5 members died since our last meeting.
- Overall paid membership increased from 452 to 481
- We have a total of 531 members in good standing, including 50 free memberships

Scholarships (Patty)

- Scholarship Review Committee was held on Saturday, April 2
- Scholarships totaling \$14,000 were awarded to 8 LVHS graduating seniors
- Continuing second year scholarships totaling \$8,000 were awarded to 4 2021 recipients.

Wildcat Lair & Alumni Museum (Bruce, Jakke and Crystal)

Bruce met recently with LVHS Principal Ron Guerzon, who indicated that he has money available for the creation of the concept drawings for the Wildcat Lair building addition on the LVHS campus, which has been proposed to include several classrooms plus memorabilia storage and display. Ed Vance at EV&A Architects has been contacted and has prepared the documentation requested by Mr. Guerzon and will be forwarding them to him. We are now waiting for CCSD to act upon this \$6000 request for services.

PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND GOALS

Class Reunions (Patty)

- The following are the classes we know of so far that are planning reunions this year: 1952, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1997, and 2012. Class of 2001 is also holding a reunion, delayed from 2021.

Grants (Donor)

- Two requests were granted; one for \$1300 for 20 yearbooks and \$1750 for Laptops for 7 graduating seniors
- We might establish a maximum annual amount for class and dual credit fees in the future.
- No additional requests have been received.

Grants (LVHSAA)

- No new requests have been received.
- At our last meeting, Laura Ungaro volunteered to check into availability of grants from other organizations for students. She also volunteered to write the grant requests. Laura was not able to attend this meeting.
- The funds we provided for a cheerleader educational trip to Disneyland in 2020 were not used until recently due to the pandemic.

Historian (Joe)

No update.

Homeless and Needy Students (Diane)

No requests.

LVA Legacy Project (Allen and Bruce)

No update.

LVA Liaison & Memorabilia Display (Joe)

Joe will be updating the memorabilia display at LVA during the summer and prior to the Wildcat Reunion.

LVHS Website

The school website was redesigned this year and is updated on a regular basis to include news, awards, daily schedules and more. It is outstanding and can be viewed at lvwildcats.com. Information about the LVHSAA is included.

Scholarship Mentoring (Laura Chadburn)

Laura designed a letter that will be sent in the near future to previous LVHSAA scholarship recipients. It will contain a QR code. Dave has an email address that will be used for update responses.

Senior Squares Maintenance (Maria)

Maria drove by the Las Vegas Academy campus recently and all is well with the Senior Squares monument.

Vehicle Donation Program (Bruce)

No update.

Website (Dave)

Dave recently updated the Wildcat Reunion information on our website and also added a message about yearbooks available for donations to our scholarship fund.

Wildcat Float (Bruce)

The majority of the board reluctantly voted to no longer use the float in parades due to insurance issues and costs, storage costs, and exposure to the LVHSAA due to the possibility of accidents. We will likely dismantle it and donate the wildcat to the school. Diane will check into possible locations for the wildcat to be located at the school. The trailer will be returned to Rollie Gibbs and the benches will be returned to Bruce. Many thanks to Bruce, Rollie, and all who designed, built, maintained, and rode the float all these years, and for the many fun memories we'll always have as a result! It will be missed!

Wildcat Reunion 2022 (Bruce & Patty)

The first 2022 committee meeting was held immediately following the board meeting. A decision was made to increase the price from \$60 to \$65 (and from \$70 to \$75 for on-site registrants), and to look into the possibility of an "After Party" for those that would like to stay after the program to visit and dance.

OLD BUSINESS

"Meet and Greet" Meeting at LVHS

A "meet and greet" with LVHS faculty, LVHS seniors and parents will be held during the first hour, in conjunction with our Annual Membership Meeting in May. Diane will have information to invite parents posted on the Infinite Campus and flyers will be distributed to LVHS faculty and seniors at the school. Dave will post information on our website and Facebook pages to invite all alumni. Entertainment will be provided by the Spectrum song and dance group, and background chamber music will be played during the first hour. Chef Benny and his culinary class will provide refreshments.

Yearbooks

- Five (1944-1948) were donated recently by the family of Bill Ward (class of 1953).
- One was sold recently.
- We have 44 duplicates available for sale.
- Diane will let us know if the school needs any of the duplicates.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Membership Meeting and Elections

- Scheduled for Thursday, May 19 at 5 p.m. in the LVHS Cafeteria.
- A letter and ballots were mailed on April 27. Ballots are due by May 12.

LVHS Visit

Patty spent a day at the school recently and met with Principal Guerzon, Assistant Principal Christopher Welch and Counselor Megan Dunkleberger plus several other faculty members. She also was able to observe students and teachers in several classes, including the Culinary Class (with delicious cookies!), Fashion Class, and Teaching and Training Class. It is hard to believe that there are over 2700 students at this school and very enlightening to see how things have changed and how many classes and resources are available to students that didn't exist when most of us on the board went to LVHS. We now have a better insight to the future needs of the students and staff of LVHS! The LVHS staff is very supportive of the LVHSAA and we are very proud of the great relationship that we have been able to develop over the years since our inception.

Wildcat Tales Newsletter

The next edition will be sent after the annual board elections.

RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS

All actions taken since our last meeting were approved by the board.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS and WILDCAT REUNION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The next two board meetings will be on Sunday, June 5 and Sunday, July 10 at 2 p.m. at Patty's home, both followed by the Wildcat Reunion Committee meeting at approximately 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Haack, Secretary/Treasurer
LVHS Alumni Association