

LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - 05/31/09

The meeting was held at the home of Rollie Gibbs. It was attended by the following directors:

Rollie Gibbs, President (1954)	Kae Jones Bogdanovich (1956)
Bruce Langson, Vice President (1964)	Nancy Murray Harkess (1960)
Patty Haack, Secretary/Treasurer (1956)	Miriam O'Donnell Pemberton (1955)
Carole Inghram Montalto (1956)	David Williams, Webmaster (1972)

The meeting was also attended by:

Barbara Wilcox Williams (1960)

President Rollie Gibbs opened the meeting.

The minutes of the April 26, 2009 meeting were approved.

Patty reviewed the current Balance Sheet, Financial Report and Budget. All were approved by the board.

LEGAL UPDATE

A document "Conflict of Interest Policy for the LVHSAA" was reviewed and adopted. The accompanying action form was signed by all directors and will become part of the documentation to be submitted with our 501(c)(3) application for tax exempt status. Patty reported that she recently submitted additional documentation to our attorneys, including bios on each director and a complete description of our scholarship program. These are the final documents required for submission of our application for tax exempt status, which will hopefully be sent to the IRS within the next week or so. There is still a slim chance that we will have approval in time for the Wildcat Reunion mailing mid-July.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Class Reunions: Patty reported that all upcoming reunions that we are aware of are posted on our website. We are still trying to determine if there will be a 40 year reunion for the class of 1969.

Fund Raising: Nancy Murray Harkess, Committee Chairperson, will be contacting committee members Barbara Wilcox Williams, Barbara Dexter Clark, Carole Inghram Montalto and Miriam O'Donnell Pemberton to schedule a meeting at her home on June 28th. Nancy will provide an update at our next meeting. Anyone with suggestions for fund raising is encouraged to contact Nancy.

Grants Committee: Committee Chairman Bruce Langson will provide an update at our next meeting.

Membership: We have 3 new members since the last meeting. We currently have a total of 195 members, including 23 lifetime members, 3 honorary members and 13 2008 graduates. Four members have sent in renewals and are paid through 09/30/2010. Letters offering free LVHSAA membership to 2009 grads for one year, along with membership applications, have been provided to the school to be included with their graduation packets. It was approved by the directors to give a free two-year membership to 2009 graduate Gracie Wingert in appreciation for her help on the Wildcat float.

Scholarship Committee: Chairperson Alice Van Der Meer has sent congratulatory letters to the two students approved by our Scholarship Committee for 2009 scholarships. One student has accepted already. We have not heard from the other student yet. We will check with the school to determine how long we should wait for the student to respond before offering the scholarship to the next deserving student. Patty reviewed the documentation on our scholarship program, which was approved by the directors. (Note: Alice has sent a letter to the student requesting a response by the end of June).

Senior Squares: Patty recently contacted Chairperson Sarah Walker to let her know that landscaping at the 7th and Bridger site appears to be complete. Sarah will try to schedule the painter and get approval to proceed from the Las Vegas Academy. Now should be a good time to do the painting before the weather gets too hot and while school is out.

Wildcat Reunion: Patty reported that the next Wildcat Reunion Committee Meeting will be on June 17th at Rollie's home. (Note: After the meeting, this was changed to Thursday, June 18th at Patty's home).

OLD BUSINESS

Website: Our website continues to be updated on an almost daily basis by Webmaster Dave Williams. Dave has recently posted a lot of photos of the Wildcat float and the Helldorado Parade.

Annual Meeting of Members: Patty reviewed the letter and nomination form to be sent to all members the week of June 1. Nominations are due by July 15th. It was decided to hold the membership meeting at the new Las Vegas High School on Thursday, September 17th at 6 p.m. Patty will contact the school to confirm the date and use of their cafeteria. (Note: This was confirmed after the meeting.) The current board will have served their initial one-year term and are all up for re-election. After the election, it will be up to the board to determine which members will serve one year, two year and three year terms.

Wildcat Float: The Wildcat float was a huge success, even though it didn't win a prize in the parade. The final expenses were submitted and approved by the directors. We were honored to have U. S. Federal Judge Lloyd D. George (class of 1948) riding the float. We had at least 47 participants in the parade, including 11 children. The roaring Wildcat, plus everyone with their red and black shirts and hats, made quite an impression! The LVHS band, marching behind the float, in their black and red uniforms, was also very impressive!! Patty reported that we have been invited by the Helldorado Parade Committee to participate in next year's parade planning, and that she and Bruce, and anyone else that might be interested, will be taking them up on their offer.

Patty will make the school aware that the Wildcat float is available for their homecoming and other school events. (Note: Patty confirmed that the school wants to use the Wildcat float for the next homecoming, which will be on October 9th. They have a parade from the school, down Tree Line Street to a park, around the park, and back to the school.)

Director Mickey Hollingshead was our official parade photographer. Mickey had a great DVD made of the video and photos that he took of the parade, which we all watched after the meeting. Thank you Mickey!! Many thanks also to Barbara Dexter Clark, who recorded the entire parade on a DVD and made copies for us.

Liability Insurance: After our last meeting, we verified that the city had liability insurance for mishaps during the parade. In addition, Rollie Gibbs has insurance on the truck and trailer. We also determined that it was not possible to get a one-day policy for the parade. An e-mail was sent out to all directors, all of whom approved not obtaining liability insurance for the parade. That decision was ratified at today's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Member Resignations: Due to their inability to attend our meetings, two board members (Linda Rankin Givens and Rana Gee Goodman) have submitted letters of resignation, which were accepted by the board at today's meeting. In accordance with our Bylaws, the board decided at today's meeting not to replace them at this time, and to go forward with nine directors.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: The next board meeting will be held on Sunday, July 26, 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