**LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 08/30/15**

A meeting of the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association (“LVHSAA”) Board of Directors was held at Patty Haack’s home. Director Matt Shlisky was unable to attend. The following board members were present. Historian Joe Thomson was also in attendance.

Lisa Ball Golden Kae Jones Bogdanovich

Laura Beverlin Chadburn Bruce Langson

Rollie Gibbs Laura Ungaro

Patty Haack David Williams

Carole Inghram Montalto

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 the July 19, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved by attending board members.

**Financial Report**

The LVHSAA Income and Expense Statements and Balance Sheet as of 08/30/15 were reviewed and unanimously approved by the board.

**2015 Budget**

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

**Grant**

The LVHSAA recently received an “anonymous” grant from a member. The donor specified that the money not be used for scholarships, but to benefit students in need of assistance to ensure their well-being and on-going participation in educational opportunities and school activities, and to sponsor academically deserving students that could not otherwise afford to participate in programs to enhance their learning experiences and prepare them to be future leaders in their careers and life. Our LVHS Liaisons Bruce Langson and Matt Shlisky will schedule a meeting with LVHS Principal Debbie Brockett to make her aware of the grant and get her input on use of the funds. They will give a report at our next meeting.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Fund Raising**

The LVHSAA has received 31 donations to the Scholarship Fund, totaling $2505, since the Wildcat Reunion mailing. Lisa reported that her suggestion of participating with the students during Homecoming Week is probably not a good idea after all due to multiple activities at the school that week, including homecoming, the bone game and assemblies. The board agreed and will look into the possibility of participating in 2016. Lisa will let us know the date of the next V-Game which is a highly-attended basketball game against Valley High School.

Laura Chadburn will be attending the 40th reunion of Class of 1975 to solicit LVHSAA memberships and make LVHS memorabilia available.

**Membership**

We have received 23 new memberships and 103 renewals since the Wildcat Reunion mailing. Laura Chadburn and Matt Shlisky will be overseeing a membership table at the Wildcat Reunion. A “Membership Challenge” flyer was included with the Wildcat Reunion mailing. The class with the most members by the night of the Wildcat Reunion will be awarded the annual Membership Challenge revolving trophy being made by Joe Thomson and Rollie Gibbs. All new members signing up at the reunion will be given an LVHSAA stylus/pen combo and the winning class will be given champagne and candy donated by Laura. Currently the class of 1956 has the most members (49), with the class of 1965 running a close second with 38 members.

Patty reported that we currently have 468 paid members (up by 24 from June), plus 34 honorary and scholarship winner members, for a total of 502 members in good standing. 14 of the 2015 graduates have now accepted our offer of free membership for one year. A total of 146 memberships will be expiring at the end of September.

**Scholarships**

Matt Shliksy sent e-mails to all our prior scholarship winners and has heard from eight of them. Three e-mail addresses were no longer valid.

**Wildcat Reunion**

Patty gave an update on reservations for the Wildcat Reunion. It appears that attendance will probably exceed last year.

**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**

Matt will be sending an article to the school for both newsletters.

**Grants**

Lisa took a supply of flyers about our grant program for distribution to the faculty at LVHS.

**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 Thomson will be confirming the date next week. If we have a date in time, we will have flyers available at the Wildcat Reunion.

**Memorabilia Display at Las Vegas Academy**

No update given.

**PROGRAMS AND GOALS**

**Class Reunions**

All known class reunions have been posted on our website. Lisa reported that the class of 2015 will be holding a reunion on October 3rd. Dave will post this on our website.

**Homeless Students**

Carole is trying to determine who the new contact for homeless students is at the school. We will be purchasing bus passes and gift cards for needy students. Carole and Kae will provide an update at our next meeting.

**Vehicle Donation Program**

No new activity to report. Dave will put information about this program on Facebook.

**HISTORIAN UPDATE**

Nothing new to report.

**WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK**

Dave continues to update our website almost daily. Lisa created an events page, Annual Wildcat Reunion, and reported that it reached 1100 people. She will also post information on Twitter.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Football Field Banners**

Lisa found sponsors for the banners and they have been ordered.

**Homecoming Activities and Parade**

We will have the wildcat float in the next Homecoming parade, which is scheduled for Friday, October 2, 2015.

**Most Spirited High School Program**

Lisa is working on an application for a $25,000 grant for LVHS from Varsity Brands, for “America’s Most Spirited High School”. She has been in touch with alumni Toni Basil (1961) who has agreed to help with a video. Lisa is asking for our help in getting recommendations from alumni community leaders. She will send Patty an e-mail with suggested wording for Senator Bryan to use in a recommendation letter.

**Nevada Pre-Paid Tuition Program**

Matt and Bruce will be meeting with someone in the Nevada State Treasurer’s office to get details on this program and will give a report at our next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Banners**

Bruce and Lisa found several banners in a storage closet at the school. Bruce will have them cleaned and we hope to be able to hang them in the ballroom at the Wildcat Reunion.

**Wildcat Reunion Wrap-Up Meeting**

The Wildcat Reunion Committee and LVHSAA Board will meet at Rollie’s at 6:30 p.m. on October 1, 2015 to review the reunion.

**Wildcat Tales Newsletter**

The next newsletter will be sent out by the end of October. It will be sent to all members, including those with memberships expiring this year, plus non-member Wildcat Reunion attendees.

**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING**

The next board meeting will be on Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Patty’s home. **Note:** This date was subsequently changed to Sunday, November 8, 2015.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Haack, Secretary/Treasurer

LVHS Alumni Association