**LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 11/08/15**

A meeting of the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association (“LVHSAA”) Board of Directors was held at Patty Haack’s home. Directors Lisa Ball Golden, Laura Beverlin Chadburn and Bruce Langson were unable to attend. The following board members, representing a quorum, were present. Historian Joe Thomson was also in attendance.

 Rollie Gibbs Matt Shlisky

 Patty Haack Laura Ungaro

 Carole Inghram Montalto David Williams

 Kae Jones Bogdanovich

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 August 30, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved by attending board members.

**Financial Report**

The LVHSAA Income and Expense Statements and Balance Sheet as of 11/08/15 were reviewed and unanimously approved by the board.

**2015 Budget**

The status of the 2015 budget was reviewed and unanimously approved by the board. The 2016 budget will be reviewed at our next meeting.

**Grant**

Bruce and Matt recently met with LVHS Principal Debbie Brockett to make her aware of the grant that the LVHSAA recently received from an anonymous LVHSAA member. Two requests for student assistance have been received since their meeting – one for the Close-Up Program and the other for a service learning field trip to the Dominican Republic. The board deferred a final decision on the Close-Up Program request pending receipt of more information regarding the student and family’s commitment and contribution to the program and when the funds have to be paid. The board turned down the request for the trip to the Dominican Republic.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Fund Raising**

Laura Ungaro is looking into several ideas for raising money for our scholarship fund. Patty reported that we received $2460 in scholarship fund donations since the end of August. In addition, a total of $4763 was raised for the scholarship fund at the Wildcat Reunion, including $2189 from program ads, $1625 from the raffle, $829 from memorabilia donations and $120 profit from the photographer. In addition, since the last newsletter, $600 has been realized from donations for the pewter plates.

**Membership**

Laura Chadburn and Matt Shlisky oversaw a membership sign-up table at the Wildcat Reunion, resulting in 16 new memberships (two lifetime). Class of 1965 won the membership challenge, with 13 new members signing up at the reunion and having the most members as of the date of the reunion. Their attendees were presented with champagne and nostalgic candy provided by Laura, and the class was awarded the revolving annual membership trophy, including a plush toy wildcat, Elvee Hi, who has been busy traveling with several 1965 class members since the reunion. We currently have 394 paid members plus 30 honorary and scholarship winner members, for a total of 424 members in good standing. This does not include 104 memberships that expired at the end of September and have not yet been renewed. A postcard reminder will be sent to those that have not renewed by the end of November. Since the last meeting, we have received a total of 33 new memberships and 52 renewals.

**Scholarships**

Matt recently provided information about our scholarship program to the new LVHS Senior Counselor. Patty received a call from one of our 2015 winners, doing an interview about the LVHSAA for a writing class assignment. She promised to send us a copy.

**Wildcat Reunion**

Patty gave a recap of the reunion. Future dates have been scheduled through 2018. We are awaiting verification of the buffet price for next 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 has submitted an article which has not yet been published.

**Grants**

Two student assistance requests have been received (see information on Page 1 under “Grant”). Flyers have been provided to the school to make teachers aware of our Grants Program.

**Yearbook Ad**

Patty will send copy and funds for our ad in the 2016 yearbook.

**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 has scheduled the exhibit and contest for December 4. Dave will post the information on facebook and on our website.

**Memorabilia Display at Las Vegas Academy**

Joe Thomson volunteered to build a 6 foot wide display cabinet. The board approved designating $3250 for this in our 2016 budget. The plan is to install this in the main building during the 2016 spring break. The LVHSAA will be responsible for obtaining and maintaining memorabilia to be displayed.

**PROGRAMS AND GOALS**

**Class Reunions**

Classes of 1956, 1961 and 1966 are planning reunions for 2016. Preliminary information has been posted on our website. Class of 1954 is also planning a reunion. Dave will add their reunion to our website.

**Homeless Students**

On behalf of the LVHSAA, Carole and Kae purchased 5 bus passes ($17 each) and 10 gift cards ($10 each) for needy students. They have been provided to the counselor at the school that works with the needy students.

**Vehicle Donation Program**

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

**HISTORIAN UPDATE**

We recently received a donation of several Desert Breeze newspapers from the 1980s and also a Rhythmette Revue program from 1963. We may be able to use these in our display cabinet at the LV Academy.

**WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK**

Dave continues to update our website almost daily.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Banners Found at LVHS**

Lisa and Bruce recently found some banners from the 1960s and 1970s at the school. Bruce had them cleaned and we were able to have them hung in the ballroom at the Wildcat Reunion.

**Homecoming Activities and Parade**

The wildcat float participated in the Homecoming parade and half-time activites on October 2, 2015.

**Most Spirited High School Program**

Lisa was unable to attend, so an update was not provided.

**Nevada Pre-Paid Tuition Program**

Matt and Bruce met with Brianna Platt of the Nevada State Treasurer’s office to learn more about this program. Matt gave a brief summary of the program. Five plan options are available (community college, university and combination plans). They can be paid for monthly or all at once and may be used at any eligible public or private university, college or vocational school nationwide. The open enrollment period began November 1 and will be available until March 31, 2016. A decision as to whether the LVHSAA should participate in this program was deferred to our next meeting. Laura Ungaro volunteered to get a proposal from an insurance company for review at our next meeting.

**Wildcat Tales #14 and #15**

Wildcat Tales #14 was mailed on October 31. In addition to being sent to all LVHSAA members, it was also sent to non-member Wildcat Reunion attendees in hopes of gaining additional memberships. Wildcat Tales #15 will be mailed by no later than April 1, 2016 and will include the initial notification of our Annual Membership Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Annual Membership Meeting – 2016**

The meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 19, 2016, depending on location availability. The board decided that we will hold the meeting in the cafeteria at LVHS so attendees can see the trophy cases in the cafeteria and also the memorabilia in the Centennial Room, and also so we can hopefully have participation from the school staff and students. Patty will check on availability of the cafeteria on that date.

**V-Day Game**

The next V-Day basketball game with Valley High School is scheduled for January 20, 2016. Patty will contact Lisa for more information about the possible participation of the LVHSAA.

**Yearbook Donations**

Three additional yearbooks have been donated, and three more have been promised. These will be made available to alumni for donations to the scholarship fund.

**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING**

The next board meeting will be on Sunday, January 10, 2016 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