

LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 11/10/19

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

Laura Beverlin Chadburn	Maria Konold
Rollie Gibbs	Crystal Latham Beville
Patty Haack	Laura Ungaro
Allen Kaercher	

Historian Joe Thomson was not 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 October 13, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved by attending board members.

Financial Report

The LVHSAA Income and Expense Statements and Balance Sheets as of November 10, 2019 were reviewed and unanimously approved by the board. The board approved payment for a machine to install lights in Rollie’s shop (where the Wildcat float is stored) in the amount of approximately \$200, and the reimbursement of \$146 to Patty for miscellaneous postage since November, 2018.

2019 Budget

The status of the 2019 budget was reviewed. There were no significant variances.

2020 Budget

The proposed budget for 2020 was reviewed and discussed. Changes will be discussed and it will be finalized at our net meeting.

Succession Planning

Patty presented a list of all the responsibilities she has been handling for the association. We discussed coming up with a plan for board members to learn and possibly assume some of the responsibilities, switching the financials to Quick Books, someone taking a class to learn MS Access, etc. We also will consider using PAL students once a week to help. We will continue discussions on this issue at future meetings.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Fund Raising

Congratulations were given to Allen and his committee for their successful efforts in planning and holding the October 17 fundraiser which resulting in \$27,500 in sales of the Legacy Plaques. After expenses, the net proceeds so far are \$19,825. The board approved putting \$3000 of the proceeds in the LVHSAA Operating Account, and splitting the remaining proceeds between the LVHSAA Scholarship Fund and the Las Vegas Academy. The board approved sending a follow-up letter to potential purchasers. Allen will contact Jolene Mitchell at the LVA to determine the final date that plaques can be purchased before renovation of the auditorium (PAC) begins. Allen suggested that we hold a function, possibly in January, to present the funds to Jolene and possibly have TV and newspaper coverage.

Laura Ungaro reviewed her proposal for additional fundraising. She will get together with Laura Chadburn, Jill Leone and Robert Bray (LVHS) and give an update at our next meeting.

Membership

We gained one new annual member since our October 13 meeting. No members passed away since last month. We received 4 renewals. A total of 152 memberships expired 09/30/19, so our overall **paid** membership is down to 335, including 150 annual members and 185 lifetime members. With 8 **honorary** and 10 **free** members, we have a total of 353 (down from 512) members in good standing. Reminder postcards were sent on October 6 to 191 alumni whose memberships expired in 2018 and 2019.

Patty suggested holding a “Get to Know Your Alumni Association” reception for class contacts sometime during the first quarter of 2020 with the purpose being to get them more familiar with what the LVHSAA does, get them more involved in supporting our efforts, and getting new members. We also would offer them assistance in their planning for their class reunions. The board felt this was a good idea and proposed that we do this during the first quarter of 2020, possibly in February. We have names of approximately 75 class contacts. 14 live out-of-state and 7 are classes prior to 1950, leaving approximately 54 that live in Las Vegas or Henderson and might be able to attend. Laura Chadburn and Laura Ungaro will work on a plan and present it at our next meeting.

Scholarships

We discussed the possibility of giving scholarships for trade schools and possibility of getting sponsors for specific fields of study. The school counselors have previously discouraged scholarships to trade schools. We will discuss this again at our next meeting.

Wildcat Reunion 2019

We reviewed comments received from a 2019 attendee. Patty will follow-up with her regarding her suggestion of having a different theme each year. A thank-you gift was sent to Lexi and the catering staff since the last meeting.

PROGRAMS AND GOALS

Class Reunions

Laura Chadburn reported that the class of 1970 has already held several planning meetings for their 50th reunion next year. Patty will determine who the LVHS contact is for the Golden Grads.

Grants

We recently funded three requests from our donor funds – one for \$2150 to assist 7 students with AP Exam fees and 12 students for CSN Dual Credit Tuition, plus \$1000 for bus passes. We also donated \$700 for Thanksgiving food for 45 homeless students.

The board approved a new request for up to \$400 to be used to purchase a large screen TV for a raffle to raise funds for the school choir program.

Homeless and Needy Students

Nothing to report.

LVHS Newsletters

Laura Ungaro’s article still has not been published and had to be updated again. They are planning to have it published within the next ten days.

Scholarship Mentoring

Jill will start contacting our scholarship recipients regarding the status of their continuing education and careers as soon as she returns from out-of-town.

Senior Squares

Nothing to report.

Vehicle Donation Program

Nothing to report.

Wildcat Float

LVHS Principal Ron Guerzon is checking into whether there is a CCSD storage facility available that could house the Wildcat.

LAS VEGAS ACADEMY

Memorabilia Display at Las Vegas Academy

The display was updated just before the Wildcat Reunion in September.

HISTORIAN UPDATE

Donna and Gail Andress (classes of 1944 & 1943) were presented with a plaque recently from Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak in honor of their 75th wedding anniversary.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Educational Trust Proposal (Bryce Harper)

Nothing to report.

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 a volunteer from class of 1956 is typing the names in a MS Word document, as there is no index – only photos. Assistant Principal Christopher Welsh has promised to send Patty digital listings of the 2018 and 2019 grads so we can add them to the listings on our website.

LVA Legacy Project

No update.

Mission Statement

The revised Mission Statement was approved by the board.

Back-Up Plan for Future Wildcat Reunions

No update. Ronnie will talk to Bill Boyd's daughter.

UNLV Classes

Laura Ungaro will let us know at our next meeting which classes she would like to attend next year, related to fundraising.

Veterans Day Parade

The Wildcat Float will be participating in this year's parade on November 11.

Yearbooks

We recently paid \$65 for a 2020 yearbook for the LVHSAA library. We still need 18 yearbooks to complete our library. We currently have 76 yearbooks, from 1921 to 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Membership Meeting

The next Annual Membership Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2020 in the LVHS Auditorium. This is a week before the 2020 graduation.

Future Board Meetings

Patty will send meeting agendas to board members prior to each meeting. In an effort to shorten the meetings, some items may only be discussed quarterly.

Helldorado Parade – May 9, 2020

The board decided not to participate in the 2020 Helldorado Parade.

Old Timers Party – 2020

This has been scheduled for October 4, 2020 – approximately two weeks before the Wildcat Reunion.

UNLV Proposal

The board voted not to participate with UNLV in a proposal for discounts for LVHS alumni at UNLV Rebel games.

Wildcat Tales Newsletter

Patty is hoping to mail out our next newsletter by the end of November. Board members were asked to contribute articles.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The next board meeting will be on Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Patty's home.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Haack, Secretary/Treasurer
LVHS Alumni Association