

**LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
May 17, 2016
Las Vegas High School Cafeteria – 6:00 p.m.**

The annual meeting of members of the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association (“LVHSAA”) was held in the cafeteria at Las Vegas High School, 6500 E. Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas. The following board members were present:

Rollie Gibbs, President
Patty Haack, Secretary/Treasurer
Bruce Langson, Vice President
Laura Beverlin Chadburn
Carole Inghram Montalto

Kae Jones Bogdanovich
Matt Shlisky
Laura Ungaro
David Williams

Historian Joe Thomson was also in attendance. Board member Lisa Ball Golden was unable to attend.

The meeting was also attended by the following LVHSAA members and alumni:

Carey Burke (1955)
Naomi Lytle Gibbs (1954)

The Las Vegas High School Spectrum group started off the meeting with a wonderful performance. In addition, we were pleased to have members of the Student Council and their advisor Nicole Capetillo in attendance, along with Debbie Brockett, LVHS Principal, and LVHS faculty members Jill Leone, Meg McKee and Brandon Singleton. Also in attendance were three of our 2016 scholarship recipients and the two students that we helped sponsor for the 2016 Close-Up Program (see below).

President Rollie Gibbs opened the meeting and had everyone introduce themselves. He then asked Patty Haack, Secretary/Treasurer, to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

Scholarships

The LVHSAA awarded five scholarships (2 for \$4000 each and 3 for \$2000 each), totaling \$14,000 this year. Since inception, they have awarded 41 scholarships totaling \$75,000. Three of the 2016 recipients were in attendance to personally thank the board (Alejandro Aguayo-Flores, Julissa Roldan and Angela Vo). The other two recipients (Edgar Sepulveda and Cristian Sequeira) were unable to attend but gave us thank-you cards and photos.

Congress of Future Medical Leaders and JAG Program

Brandon Singleton, LVHS JAG Specialist, introduced Alejandro Aguayo-Flores, a JAG Program participant whom the association helped sponsor to attend the Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Boston in June, 2016. Brandon gave a brief review of the school’s JAG Program.

Close-Up Program

Students Anna Dobbins and Cruz Littlefield, whom the LVHSAA helped sponsor for the 2016 Close-Up Program, were both in attendance and gave a brief recap of their experience. Each gave us a thank-you card with a photo of themselves on their trip (which included New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.).

Annual Election of Board of Directors

Patty pointed out that the LVHSAA Bylaws require 10% of the membership for a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the members, and that valid proxies are counted in the number of votes made on any action. As of the date of the mailing of ballots, we had a total of 466 paid members and needed a minimum of 47 members to vote, either in person or by mailed-in proxy, for the election of the board. We received 196 (42%) proxy votes.

There was one board member up for re-election (Matt Shlisky) and one open position. After a count of all votes and proxies, Matt was re-elected for another three-year term and candidate Allen Kaercher was unanimously elected to the board for three years.

Financial Reports

Patty Haack gave a report on all income and expenses to date for 2016 and since inception of the LVHSAA in 2008. The major portion of our income since inception includes \$104,565 in membership dues, \$11,356 from raffle ticket sales at the Wildcat Reunions, \$13,690 in sales from donated vehicles, plus \$47,541 in donations to the Scholarship Fund. The major expenses since inception were \$5777 for the Wildcat float and \$61,000 for scholarships. The association currently has a balance of \$80,063 in their interest-bearing checking account and \$20,382 in a CD. The LVHSAA currently has a total of \$100,445 in assets and \$14,000 in liabilities (for the 2016 scholarships not yet disbursed), with a net worth of \$86,445 (up from \$61,104 a year ago). The association's 2016 budget was also reviewed.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed by attending members to approve the financial reports.

Membership

Membership Chairperson Laura Beverlin Chadburn reported that the LVHSAA currently has 474 paid members and 36 honorary and free memberships, for a total of 510 members in good standing. Laura will be overseeing our second annual Membership Challenge and is developing a flyer to be sent out with the Wildcat Reunion mailing in late June.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May 28, 2015 Annual Membership Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes.

Review of LVHSAA Accomplishments in 2016 and Since Inception (2008) and Future Plans/Goals

Bruce Langson gave a recap of LVHSAA support provided to LVHS students and faculty, which totaled \$11,146 to date in 2016 and \$136,340 since inception. Included were caps and gowns for less fortunate students, teacher grants for supplies, sponsorships for the Close-Up Program, and funds to help purchase a new sound system for the LVHS auditorium. The LVHSAA will continue their support for these and other worthy programs in the future.

Rollie Gibbs talked about the on-going maintenance of the Senior Squares monument. He also talked about the Wildcat Float and LVHS Cheerleaders being in the July 4, 2015 Summerlin Patriotic Parade and winning a trophy for best in category. Rollie reviewed plans for the float to participate in that parade again on July 4, 2016. In addition to the cheerleaders, the LVHS marching band will also participate. The Wildcat float also participated in the 2015 Homecoming Parade and will do so again this fall.

Joe Thomson gave a brief recap of the Juried Art Show at the Las Vegas Academy, sponsored by the LVHSAA in an effort to raise the awareness of LVA students of the historic significance of their school. Plans are to do this again in late 2016 or early 2017. Joe also talked about a display case that the LVHSAA is planning to install at the Las Vegas Academy to house LVHS memorabilia for viewing by alumni that visit their "old" school and also to enhance the historical awareness of the LVA students.

Matt Shlisky talked about the support given to LVHS for the Desert Breeze, Parent/Student Newsletter and yearbook. LVHSAA will be continuing this support in the future.

Laura Ungaro reviewed the LVHSAA fund-raising efforts through donations, sale of memorabilia, yearbook auctions and ads in the annual Wildcat Reunion program. Laura is working on additional fund-raising programs going forward.

Bruce Langson gave a review of the LVHSAA Mentoring Program, Grants Program, and Vehicle Donation Program, all of which will be continued in the future.

Dave Williams talked about the LVHSAA website and Facebook page. Dave does an outstanding job of maintaining the website on a daily basis.

Patty Haack gave a review of the 2015 Wildcat Reunion which honored alumni from classes of 1940 through 1945. There were 580 attendees from classes of 1937 through 2015 – a 78 year span. A total of \$4600 was made for the scholarship fund from the raffle and donations for memorabilia. She also talked about the 2016 Wildcat Reunion, which will honor alumni from the classes of 1946 through 1950.

Patty also talked about the Wildcat Tales newsletter which will continue to be sent to all LVHSAA members twice annually.

Ratification of Corporate Actions

A motion was made and seconded, and unanimously approved by all attending members that all activities and transactions reported by the LVHSAA Board of Directors and reflected on the books and records of the LVHSAA to date are deemed to have been taken in the best interest of the corporation and are hereby ratified, affirmed and approved.

Comments/Suggestions from Attendees

We were extremely pleased when a great discussion took place at the end of the meeting, with the LVHS students in attendance asking the board members many questions about the history of Las Vegas High School and the city of Las Vegas. They expressed an interest in having some of the board members do a presentation on the history at the school next school year.

2017 Annual Membership Meeting

The next Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2017. The location will be announced at a later date, but it will probably be held at LVHS again so we will be able to have the participation of the school students and staff again.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Any corrections to these minutes will gladly be accepted. Please note that these minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next Annual Membership Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Haack, Secretary/Treasurer
LVHS Alumni Association