LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 03/29/15

A meeting of the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association ("LVHSAA") Board of Directors was held at Patty Haack's home. Eight board members were present, plus Historian Joe Thomson and guest Jonnie Wright Joaquin (class of 1962). Board member Kae Jones Bogdanovich was unable to attend. The following board members were present:

Laura ChadburnBruce LangsonRollie GibbsMatt ShliskyPatty HaackLaura UngaroCarole Inghram MontaltoDavid Williams

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

Nomination and Election of New Board Members

Patty introduced two candidates who applied for the open positions on our board, Laura Beverlin Chadburn (class of 1970) and Laura Ungaro (class of 1963). After reviewing their qualifications, the board voted unanimously to accept the two Laura's as our new board members.

Minutes of Prior Meeting

The minutes of the February 18, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved by attending board members.

Financial Report

The LVHSAA Income and Expense Statements and Balance Sheets as of 03/29/15 were reviewed and unanimously approved by attending board members. Expenses since the last meeting were reviewed and approved. There were no unpaid expenses.

2015 Budget

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

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Fund Raising

Many thanks to Jonnie Wright Joaquin, class of 1962, who presented some fund-raising ideas to the board. New board member Laura Ungaro volunteered to chair the Fund Raising Committee going forward.

Membership

Patty reported that we currently have 420 paid members (up by 36 from February), plus 13 honorary and scholarship winner members, for a total of 433 members in good standing. 39 memberships expired as of 09/30/14 (37 renewed since February). Two members passed away since February. Laura Beverly Chadburn volunteered to be our Membership Chairman going forward. Patty will provide her with a list of class contacts and information on how many members we have from the 1990s. We will continue to try to find ways to increase membership, especially from younger classes.

Scholarships

Matt will pick up the applications before the Easter break and our scholarship committee, consisting of Matt Shlisky (Chairman), Carole Inghram Montalto, Patty Haack, Bruce Langson and Dave Williams, will review them on Saturday, April 18 at 1 p.m. The board approved the awarding of seven \$2000 scholarships, for a total of \$14,000 this year. We discussed how to keep track of our scholarship winners in the future, and also decided to ask for emergency contacts.

Wildcat Reunion

The first committee meeting has been held. The flyer will be sent out the first week of July. Jennifer Sims, an LVHS Counselor (and graduate from class of 2006) will be joining the committee, along with Jeff Nava, class of 2009.

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 talk to the Desert Breeze contact at the school about an article suggested by Bruce. We will send the school a \$300 donation for the Desert Breeze. After the meeting we were contacted by the school to write an article for the Parent/Student Newsletter. Matt sent them a nice article on "What It Means to be a Wildcat".

Grants

No activity to report. We will do another flyer for the teachers/administrators in August and in January to encourage them to apply for grants.

Mentoring Program

No activity to report.

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 went to an exhibit at the Academy, in the gallery in the new theater, and brought photos for us to review. The Academy is very interesting in having an art contest. We will probably do this later this year or early 2016.

Memorabilia Display

Carole talked with Academy Principal Scott Walker. He offered space in the new Performing Arts Building. The board would prefer that the memorabilia be displayed in the main building – maybe in or near the Library since that is the building visiting alumni are most interested in seeing. Carole will contact Mr. Walker again and ask for a walk-through and let him know our preference. After that we will be able to determine how many display cabinets and sizes.

PROGRAMS AND GOALS

Class Reunions

Classes of 1955, 1960, 1965 and 1975 are planning their 2015 reunions. Information has been posted on our website.

Homeless Students

Carole and Kae met with a counselor at the school. They learned that there is a need for bus passes. Carole will check on the costs and report at the next meeting. The counselors would distribute the passes at their discretion.

Vehicle Donation Program

Bruce has spent approximately \$2171 for repairs on the RV donated by Yorel Hutchison Barlow (class of 1954). The board unanimously approved the expenditure. Bruce estimates that we may be able to sell the RV for as much as \$10,000.

HISTORIAN UPDATE

No update.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Dave reported that our website may need to be re-worked for mobile devices. Dave continues to keep our website updated on an almost daily basis.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Membership Meeting

The annual Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2015 in the cafeteria at the Las Vegas Academy. Nomination forms have been mailed out and are due by April 15. Official notification and ballots will be sent out on April 20 and are due back by May 21.

Close Up Program

Student Body President Korrina Siddiqui, who we sponsored for this program, leaves on April 10 to participate in this program. We will ask Korrina to attend our next meeting and give a report on her trip. We will also ask her to write an article for us for the next Wildcat Tales newsletter. We will decide on our future participation in this program later this year.

LVHS Auditorium Renovation Project

We are still waiting for details from Jenna Horton Rhoades on exactly how the funds will be used.

Nevada Pre-Paid Tuition Program

Matt will contact Dan Schwartz, Nevada State Treasurer about someone attending one of our meetings to explain this program and help us decide whether it is something we should participate in.

Summerlin Patriotic Parade – July 4, 2015

We have submitted our application and entrance fee. We received an acknowledgement from the Summerlin Council and should receive notification of approval by the end of April. Rollie has made a patriotic hat for the Wildcat! We need to start working on getting commitments from alumni to ride on the float.

Wildcat Mascot Costume

The mascot costume has been ordered, but not received. Bruce will follow-up.

Wildcat Tales Newsletter

Our next newsletter will be sent out by the end of March.

NEW BUSINESS

Homecoming Activities and Parade

The next Homecoming parade and game is scheduled for Friday, October 2, 2015. Patty will talk to the school about their alumni week and homecoming.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The next board meeting will be on Sunday, April 26, 2015 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