

LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 07/11/10

A meeting of the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association (“LVHSAA”) Board of Directors was held at Patty Haack’s home. A quorum was present.

Rollie Gibbs, President
Patty Haack, Secretary/Treasurer
Carole Inghram Montalto
Kae Jones Bogdanovich
Bruce Langson

Nancy Murray Harkess
Miriam O’Donnell Pemberton
David H. Williams, Jr.

The following alumni were also present:

Susan Lowe Shlisky
Matt Shlisky

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

The minutes of the June 13, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved by the Board without any changes.

The Financial Report from LVHSAA inception through current date was reviewed and unanimously approved by the Board.

The 2010 LVHSAA Budget was reviewed and approved. One expense since the June 13, 2010 meeting (\$365.08 for mailing of the annual meeting notice) was unanimously approved by the board. A new expense of \$119.76 for renewal of the website host for 2 years was also unanimously approved by the board.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Class Reunions

Classes of 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, and 1965 have all scheduled their reunions the day before or day after the Wildcat Reunion. Class of 1970 is having their reunion October 15-17, class of 1975 is having their reunion September 4 & 5, and class of 1990 is having their reunion October 8-10. We have not heard from classes of 1980 or 1995 or after. Class of 1961 is already planning their 2011 reunion and will be holding it in conjunction with the 2011 Wildcat Reunion.

Fund Raising

Nancy is trying to contact the Mesquite Club about the possibility of having a table at the annual Mesquite Club yard sale – to determine when it is and how much it would be to have a table. Patty found out that the Summerlin HOA allows yard sales as long as signs are purchased from them. It was decided it would be best to wait until the weather is cooler. Bruce volunteered to check with Debbie Brockett about the possibility of having an “LVHSAA Scholarship Yard Sale” in the parking lot of the school in the fall. Once we set a date and location, Dave will post the sale on our website and Facebook. The possibilities of an LVRJ ad and posting on Craig’s List were also discussed. It was agreed that we would ask a charitable organization such as Goodwill to pick up anything not sold at the end of the day.

Other fund raising ideas discussed included having a photographer take photos at the Wildcat Reunion and printing them with the Wildcat float in the background. Bruce will check on a photographer. We also discussed the possibility of selling license plate frames at the reunion. Patty will check into prices.

Grants

Bruce is working on the grant application form for teachers.

Bruce received a letter from Peter Mohr agreeing to give us \$2000 annually for a restricted scholarship starting in 2011. Patty advised that an alumnus from class of 1939 has promised to give us \$1000 annually for a scholarship in her name.

Historian Update

We are still working on typing of the graduate lists gathered by Gary Dillingham. These will eventually be posted on the LVHSAA website.

Membership

Patty reported that the LVHSAA currently has 306 current members. This includes 50 lifetime members, 4 honorary members and 12 2009 graduates. Since our last meeting, we received 33 renewals and 17 new memberships. We still have 22 memberships that expired 09/30/09. Any new or renewed annual memberships received now will be given memberships through September, 2011.

Bruce suggested offering seniors and parents of seniors an opportunity to become "associate" members, in an effort to involve students and their parents with the LVHSAA during their senior year. After much discussion, a motion was made and passed with a majority vote, to offer free associate memberships to seniors and their parents, at their request, during their Senior year. Bruce has already communicated with the school principal who advised that we may have a table to offer LVHSAA memberships at their various sporting events. Nancy volunteered to design an LVHSAA brochure to be handed out. We will ask student "associate" members to help with this. Bruce will coordinate this program with the Student Council Advisor. We will also have an ad in the Desert Breeze and hopefully on the school and LVHSAA websites. (Note: According to the LVHSAA Bylaws, these would have to be considered "honorary memberships". Honorary members do not have voting rights and will not be sent mailings other than on the internet).

Mentoring Program

Applications to be mentors were received from two board members. The remaining board members were reminded to complete their application forms to be mentors. No new student applications have been received.

Scholarships

Acceptance letters have been received from all but one of the 2010 scholarship winners. Funds will be disbursed to the schools in the near future. Carole has asked the school to send us yearbook pictures of the winners for our next newsletter and possibly in a Desert Breeze article.

Senior Squares

Bruce has talked with the painter and has examined the squares. Bruce feels the squares need to be sandblasted – that grinding will not work. We need clarification on which squares the painter had been previously instructed to repaint vs. which squares now need repainting. Bruce will contact the painter to see if he is available one evening to meet with us. Once a date is determined, Patty will let Sarah Walker and the interested board members know so they can all meet at the school and make a final determination.

At our next meeting we will discuss how many squares need replacement and whether sufficient funding is available for that and also for annual replacement of the non-slippery top coat.

Vehicle Donation Program

Bruce has drafted the ad for the LVRJ View Section. The final copy will be e-mailed to all board members for final approval in the near future.

Website and Facebook

Webmaster Dave Williams has posted the Wildcat Reunion on Facebook. As a result, we have received numerous new names and addresses of alumni. All have been added to our database and sent invitations to the Wildcat Reunion. The board expressed thanks to Dave for his efforts in keeping the LVHSAA active on Facebook and in keeping our website up-to-date on a daily basis.

Wildcat Reunion – 2010

The invitations were mailed on June 28. We have already received 67 paid dinner reservations, plus 7 ads, \$460 in donations to our mail fund and 64 new addresses from the post office. The reunion has now been posted on the LVHS website.

The next Wildcat Reunion Committee meeting will be on July 20 at 6 p.m. It will be held at Patty's home rather than at Rollie's. All alumni are invited to attend

OLD BUSINESS

LVHSAA Ads in LVHS Desert Breeze.

Bruce sent an e-mail to Principal Debbie Brockett and obtained her support to put free ads for the LVHSAA in the Desert Breeze. Bruce will contact her about an ad in each issue and about the LVHSAA paying for a full-page ad in the Senior issue in May, 2011 issue. Dave will draft an ad for their "welcome back" September issue and will e-mail it to Patty and Bruce for review. We need to get the ad to the school before their August deadline. Patty obtained the name of the Desert Breeze advisor (Michele Lewallen) and determined that the normal prices are \$50 for a quarter page, \$100 for a half page and \$200 for a full page. They are printed at least once a quarter.

NEW BUSINESS

LVHSAA Ads in the LVHS Yearbook

It was suggested that we also place an ad in the LVHS yearbook. The board all agreed that would be a good idea. Patty will contact the yearbook advisor Ignacio Jiminez about this.

State Sales Tax Exemption

It has been decided that the LVHSAA should apply for sales tax exemption from the State of Nevada. Patty has obtained the necessary paperwork from the attorneys and will be completing it in the near future.

Annual Membership Meeting

The second LVHSAA Annual Membership Meeting will be held on September 16 in the LVHS Cafeteria at 6 p.m. Letters have been sent out to all LVHSAA members along with nomination forms, which are due back to us by July 15. The formal meeting notice must be sent out by August 16 along with the official ballot and proxy form and short bios on all nominees. It was decided by the board that a Wildcat Tales newsletter would not be included with this mailing this year.

Nominating Committee

This year's nominating committee will be Miriam O'Donnell Pemberton, Dave Williams and Patty Haack. They will meet within the next couple of weeks to review nominations and prepare the final ballot.

Development of a Donor's List

Bruce suggested that the LVHSAA develop a "Donors List" for continued and larger financial support than we are now receiving. Bruce stated that typical non-profit organizations expect 90% of their funding from donors, and that people find fulfillment through supporting a cause. Board members felt we could send an annual letter to possible donors, with the support and approval from prominent alumnus to have their names on the letterhead, asking for help in funding our scholarship endowment. It was agreed that hiring an outside firm is not necessary at this point. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The next Board of Director's Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 8, 2010 at 2 p.m. at Patty Haack's home. This meeting will be posted on the LVHSAA website and is open to all members of the LVHSAA.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Haack, Secretary/Treasurer
LVHS Alumni Association