

LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 10/16/16

A meeting of the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association (“LVHSAA”) Board of Directors was held at Patty Haack’s home. Director Dave Williams was unable to attend. The following board members, representing a quorum, were present.

Lisa Ball	Bruce Langson
Laura Beverlin Chadburn	Jill Leone
Rollie Gibbs	Matt Shlisky
Patty Haack	Laura Ungaro
Allen Kaercher	

LVHS Principal Debbie Brockett and Historian Joe Thomson were also 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 the August 28, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved by attending board members.

Financial Report

The LVHSAA Income and Expense Statements and Balance Sheet as of 10/16/16 were reviewed and unanimously approved by the board.

2016 Budget

The 2016 Budget was reviewed and unanimously approved by the board. Board members were asked to be prepared to work on the 2017 budget at our next meeting.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Fund Raising

Allen Kaercher gave an update on the painting of LVHS that he is having done by well-known local artist Roy Purchell. This will probably be auctioned off at a future alumni event at the Springs Preserve. Patty reported that we received a total of \$6806 for the Scholarship Fund since August, including \$2940 in alumni donations, \$608 from memorabilia sales and \$1978 in raffle ticket sales at the Wildcat Reunion, plus \$1280 net from the reunion program ad sales.

Membership

Since August, 3 members passed away and we gained 17 new members (15 paid and two free grads), including one lifetime. 40 members renewed, including 3 as lifetime and two that expired in 2014 or prior. We currently have a total of 190 paid members and 161 lifetime members, plus 8 honorary members and 10 free members (2016 grads and scholarship winners), for a total of 369 members in good standing. This is down from 534 due to 157 paid members and 23 free memberships that expired as of 09/30/16. A reminder postcard will be sent soon to those with expired memberships.

Scholarships

Matt has been in touch with the Senior Counselors at the school about the 2017 scholarships. Our 2017 scholarship committee will include Matt as chairman, plus Patty, Bruce, Laura Ungaro and Jill Leone. Matt will contact Carole Inghram Montalto to see if she would like to be on the committee also. Patty reported that we received a \$2000 refund from UNLV for the student that switched to CSN.

Wildcat Reunion

The reunion was a big success, with 548 attendees, including 55 that paid at the door. We have received many compliments from attendees on the great food and softer music. It was agreed that we would have the full band again next year and continue to have them surround the room as in the past. We already have a contract from the DJ for next year. Lisa will provide Patty with a couple of names of photographers for next year.

LVHS LIAISONS

Matt Shlisky, Bruce Langson and Jill Leone are the LVHSAA Liaisons with LVHS.

Desert Breeze and Parent/Student Newsletter Articles

Matt will contact Julie Wilde about putting an article in the Desert Breeze, and Christopher Welch about an article for the Parent/Student Newsletter.

Grants

No new requests have been received. Debbie Brockett will remind her staff and make sure that the staff and students are aware of our grants program.

LAS VEGAS ACADEMY LIAISONS

Joe Thomson is the LVHSAA Liaison with the Las Vegas Academy.

Memorabilia Display at Las Vegas Academy

The memorabilia display cabinet was dedicated on the morning of September 24. The majority of attendees were from classes of 1956 and 1966, celebrating their 60th and 50th reunions respectively. Refreshments were provided by the Friends of the Las Vegas Academy. The cabinet currently contains memorabilia mainly from the years of 1956 and 1966. Joe will be changing the display in the Spring, 2017.

PROGRAMS AND GOALS

Class Reunions

Most class reunions for 2016 have been held. Class of 2006 is holding their reunion the weekend of November 4.

Homeless and Needy Students

Jill Leone volunteered to be our chairperson for this program.

Senior Squares

Rollie will take care of having the light sensor replaced.

Vehicle Donation Program

Bruce is completing preparation of the pick-up truck and will be putting it on Craig's list in the near future.

Wildcat Float

New fringe has been ordered for the float. Rollie will need volunteers to help install it prior to the Veteran's Day Parade.

HISTORIAN UPDATE & LVHSAA-LVA JURIED ART EXHIBIT

The second annual LVHSAA-LVA Juried Art Exhibit at the Las Vegas Academy will be held on Friday, October 21, 2016, from 6 to 8 p.m. A flyer was given out at the Wildcat Reunion. Matt, Laura Ungaro and Patty volunteered to help Joe that evening.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

No update.

OLD BUSINESS

Homecoming

The Wildcat float participated in the Homecoming Parade on October 7th.

LVHS Auto Shop Supplies

The Auto Shop at LVHS has been discontinued and replaced with a welding program.

LVHS Assistance/Grants

A request was received from one of the LVHS Counselors for containers and shelving to house supplies for a new program they are starting to assist homeless and needy students. Rollie offered two 40 foot trailers that a friend/alumni would like to give away. Someone from the school will let us know what supplies will be needed for the trailers.

An extensive discussion was held on how the LVHSAA can further help the school and students. LVHS is a Title 1 school and has a high percentage of students from low-income families. Many of the staff members personally provide school supplies and food for some of the students. We want to find ways to help ensure that those students complete their high school education and are able to take advantage of opportunities to enhance their education along the way that they could not otherwise afford. Debbie Brockett will get back to us with some ideas on how we can help. The board unanimously approved giving the school \$1000 for bus passes for those students that live out of the district or are involved in extra-curricular activities and don't have transportation available after normal school hours.

LVHSAA Sponsored Local and State Government Program for Students

This was deferred to our next meeting. Jill will follow-up with one of the PAL teachers, Robert Bray, about the participation of local and state government in the PAL program.

Veteran's Day Parade

Matt has entered the Wildcat float in the Veteran's Day Parade, which will be on Friday, November 11. We will ask Dave to post information on our website and facebook page for alumni veterans to join us. Patty will contact Judge L. D. George to see if he is available to ride the float with us.

Yearbooks

Patty reported that, thanks to recent alumni donations, we now have 27 yearbooks in our LVHSAA library, and 10 yearbooks available for our next yearbook auction. Jill will follow-up with Tasheena Greenawalt, the LVHS Yearbook Advisor, to see if the school has any duplicate yearbooks that they would either donate or sell to us for our library.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter to 2017 Graduates

Deferred to our next meeting.

Bonnie Bryan Scholarship

A motion was made and unanimously approved by the board to give a one-time \$2000 donation to the Richard H. and Bonnie B. Bryan Scholarship Endowment at UN Reno in honor of Bonnie Bryan.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The next two board meetings have been scheduled: Sunday, November 13 and Sunday January 15 – both 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