

LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 10/22/17

A meeting of the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association (“LVHSAA”) Board of Directors was held at Patty Haack’s home. Directors Lisa Ball, Laura Beverlin Chadburn and Laura Ungaro were unable to attend. The following board members, representing a quorum, were present.

Rollie Gibbs
Patty Haack
Maria Konold

Bruce Langson
David Williams

Historian Joe Thomson was 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 September 10, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved by attending board members.

Financial Report

The LVHSAA Income and Expense Statements and Balance Sheet as of 10/22/17 were reviewed and unanimously approved by the board. The board approved the payment of \$198.29 for repairs on the vehicle recently donated.

2017 Budget

The 2017 Budget was reviewed and unanimously approved by the board.

Preservation and Renovation of the Las Vegas Academy Main Building and Gymnasium

The final feasibility study report has been received. Bruce personally delivered copies to the three local architectural firms and other parties involved with this project. A public meeting with presentations by the three architectural firms was held in the Lowden Theater on October 12. Bruce will be attending additional meetings with representatives of the school to make the final selection of the architectural firm.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Fund Raising

Bill Boyd made the high bid and purchased the Roy Purcell painting of the history of LVHS, and he has donated the painting to the LVHSAA. Patty reported that we made \$10,165 for the scholarship fund since our September 10 meeting, including three “in memoriam” donations, program ads, memorabilia sales and the raffle at the Wildcat Reunion, plus almost \$2000 in donations received along with Wildcat Reunion reservations.

Bruce introduced guest Jeanne Hamrick, a senior executive with JBH Link, a fundraising consulting group, who made a presentation and proposal to the board on setting up a fund raising campaign. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.

Membership

Having not signed up any new members at the last two Wildcat Reunions, the board decided we would not have a table for membership sign-ups and renewals next year. We will still do the membership challenge, which will be promoted with the annual mailing for the Wildcat Reunion. The trophy will be awarded to the class with the most members as of the date of the reunion.

We gained five new members since the last meeting (classes of 1953, 1955, 1956, 1955, and 1965), including one new lifetime member. 22 renewals were received. We currently have a total of 182 paid annual members and 168 lifetime members, plus 8 honorary members and 9 free members, for a total of 367 members in good standing (down from 519). Numbers are lower than last month due to memberships that expired at the end of September. A reminder will be included in the next newsletter, plus a postcard reminder will be sent to those still not renewed by December.

Scholarships

Nothing to report.

Wildcat Reunion

The Wildcat Reunion was a big success even though attendance was down from 2016. Next year's reunion will be on September 29, 2018. Committee meetings will begin in late March, 2018.

LVHS LIAISONS

Bruce Langson is the LVHSAA Liaison with LVHS.

LVHS Newsletters

The school publishes an online newsletter once a week. Articles need to be submitted Friday each week. Laura Ungaro has volunteered to write additional articles.

Grants

Bruce will be installing the plaques on the tables and chairs that we purchased for the LVHS library.

No requests for assistance have been received since school started.

Homeless and Needy Students

Nothing to report.

LAS VEGAS ACADEMY LIAISONS

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

Memorabilia Display at Las Vegas Academy

Joe has changed the display at the academy for classes celebrating significant reunions this year. Class of 1967 provided memorabilia for display.

PROGRAMS AND GOALS

Class Reunions

As far as we know, all 2017 class reunions have been held. Class of 1950, 1953, 1958 and 1978 have already started planning for reunions in 2018.

Senior Squares

Nothing to report.

Vehicle Donation Program

The vehicle donated recently is ready to sell.

HISTORIAN UPDATE & LVHSAA-LVA JURIED ART EXHIBIT

The next LVHSAA-LVA Juried Art Exhibit at the Las Vegas Academy has been delayed until Spring, 2018.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Dave continues to keep our website updated on a daily basis.

OLD BUSINESS

Check Packets

Our printer has presented a proposal for fund raising by selling packets containing checks good at local merchants. The board agreed to consider the proposal once more details are provided, including specific merchants and dollar amounts. This will be discussed at our February, 2018 meeting.

Educational Trust Proposal (Bryce Harper)

Discussion was deferred to our next meeting.

Grad Lists

Patty will contact Jackie Snowden at LVHS about the remaining lists that we are missing. Now that we have more yearbooks, we can type some of the lists ourselves as time allows.

Homecoming

The Wildcat float was in the Homecoming Parade at LVHS on October 13. Dave took some great photos and has posted them on our website.

LVHSAA Insurance

Allen was not able to attend, so discussion was deferred to our December meeting.

Veterans Day Parade

The Wildcat Float will be in the Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 11. The parade begins at 10 a.m. Federal Judge L. D. George will ride the float again this year. The LVHS band has another function that same day, so is not available. Assistant Cheer Coach Cristina Sa is hoping to bring some of the cheerleaders to the parade. Rollie will be out of town, so Bruce Langson and Matt Shlisky will be helping out.

Wildcat Tales Newsletter

Patty is hoping to send out a Wildcat Tales newsletter sometime during October or early November. Matt Shlisky has volunteered to write an article, and Laura Ungaro has volunteered to write an article about membership.

Yearbooks

We sold two yearbooks at a silent auction at the Wildcat Reunion, making \$160 for our scholarship fund. We still need 12 yearbooks to complete our library.

NEW BUSINESS

Wildcat Lair

Bruce suggested that the board pursue the possibility of raising funds a building a Wildcat Lair on the corner of East Sahara and Treeline Drive. The building could also include an alumni center/museum. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The next two meetings are scheduled for Sunday, December 10 and Sunday, January 21.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Haack, Secretary/Treasurer
LVHS Alumni Association