

LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 11/04/18

A meeting of the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association (“LVHSAA”) Board of Directors was held at Patty Haack’s home. Directors Ronnie Blomgren Wilson, Allen Kaercher, Bruce Langson and Jill Leone were unable to attend. The following directors, representing a quorum, were in attendance:

Laura Beverlin Chadburn	Crystal Latham Beville
Rollie Gibbs	Laura Ungaro
Patty Haack	David Williams
Maria Konold	

Historian Joe Thomson was also in attendance. Guests in attendance were LVHS Principal Debbie Brockett and LVHS Cheer Coach Cristina Sa.

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 August 26, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved by attending board members.

Financial Report

The LVHSAA Income and Expense Statements and Balance Sheet as of 11/04/18 were reviewed and unanimously approved by the board. There were no unpaid expenses. Patty proposed changes to the LVHSAA Income and Expense Statement, which were approved by the board and will be implemented going forward.

2018 Budget

The status of the 2018 budget was reviewed and unanimously approved by the board. There were no significant variances.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Fund Raising

The update on the proposed fund raising event to be held at the Las Vegas Academy was deferred to our next meeting. As approved by the board at our August meeting, the LVHSAA donated \$1000 to the LV Academy for a 12” x 12” paver in support of their Performing Arts Center (auditorium) exterior beautification project.

Laura Ungaro gave an update on what she is learning about fund raising for non-profit organizations in the UNLV classes she has been taking. Future fund raising efforts will be discussed further at our next meeting.

Membership

We gained 9 new members (1 lifetime and 8 annual members) and received 36 renewals since the last meeting. One lifetime member passed away during the last month. We currently have a total of 151 paid annual members and 181 lifetime members, plus 8 honorary members and 11 free members, for a total of 351 members in good standing. A total of 160 memberships expired at the end of September and have not yet been renewed. A reminder postcard will be sent during November to those, plus 45 members that expired at the end of last September. Debbie Brockett previously provided a list of 25 current staff members who are alumni. A letter and membership application will be sent to them in the near future. Board members Laura Chadburn and Jill Leone had a membership table at the recent homecoming game, but it did not result in obtaining any new members.

Scholarships

Principal Debbie Brockett said Christina Robles will be our contact for the 2019 scholarships and suggested that we set March 1, 2019 as the deadline for students to submit their application for our scholarships. We will provide information to Ms. Robles by February 1, 2019 so students will have a month to complete and submit their applications. Our scholarships will be presented to the students at the Senior Awards Night on April 30, 2019. The board will decide on the number and dollar amounts for our 2019 at their next meeting.

LVHS LIAISONS

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

LVHS Newsletters

Patty will contact the Desert Breeze advisor, Julie Wilde, regarding submission of articles from the LVHSAA. The Desert Breeze is printed in hard copy. She will also contact Ani Sweitzer regarding articles in the Parent/Student newsletter which is done digitally.

Grants

The LVHSAA recently donated \$1000 to the school for bus passes. We will be paying for caps and gowns for needy students again this year. Debbie said Lucia Hernandez will be our contact and that the caps and gowns need to be ordered by the end of February. There were no other additional requests for assistance at this time, but Debbie said she would let us know if there is anything we can help with from the students' Christmas Wish lists.

Debbie told us about a new "Mariachi" Band program being started at the school, with approximately 50 students involved. They will be providing their own boots and sombreros, but funding assistance will be needed for instruments. Debbie will let us know how much is needed once the final amount is determined so we can help with the raising of funds.

Homeless and Needy Students

No update.

LAS VEGAS ACADEMY LIAISONS

Joe Thomson and Maria Konold are the LVHSAA Liaisons with the Las Vegas Academy.

Memorabilia Display at Las Vegas Academy

Joe and Maria will be changing the display during the holiday break.

PROGRAMS AND GOALS

Class Reunions

As far as we know, all class 2018 class reunions have been held. Classes of 1989 and 2009 are already starting plans for their 2019 reunions,

Senior Squares

Nothing to report.

Vehicle Donation Program

No update.

HISTORIAN UPDATE & LVHSAA-LVA JURIED ART EXHIBIT

Many thanks to Donna Andress (1943) who recently donated a scrapbook with lots of photos and LVHS history. Thanks also to Lorraine Cross and Jerry Goodfellow who donated a beautiful clock trophy and memorabilia that belonged to Lorraine's father Loren Cross, who was the band director from 1950-1953.

The LVA Juried Art Exhibit will be deferred until next Spring.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Nothing new to report.

WILDCAT REUNION

Future Dates

Future dates have been set for 09/21/19, 10/17/20 and 10/16 21. We are currently reviewing the contracts for those dates.

Student and LVHS Staff Volunteers

We asked Debbie Brockett if it would be possible to have more assistance from students and LVHS staff at next years Wildcat Reunion, as we were short-handed this year due to some that were unable to attend at the last minute. She suggested the Honor Society (contact is Richard Brannon) students, PAL students (contact Lisa Peltz) and Key Club (contact is Brian Dunkelberger). Teacher Margie Babcock has volunteered to help us again next year. We advised Debbie that the LVHSAA would be willing to help with transportation of the students to the reunion next year if needed.

Banners

Some of the board felt that the banners from the school that we displayed in the ballroom at the reunion were too high and not really visible to attendees. Patty will check with the Orleans to see if they can be displayed in the Hospitality Room and be lower. If not, we will consider donating them back to the school.

T-Shirts for Student Council Raffle Ticket Sellers

The board agreed that we should continue providing t-shirts for the STUCO ticket sellers. Patty will check into pricing and the possibility of ordering only L & XL shirts now rather than waiting until next year.

Hats

Our entire inventory of hats has been sold. Patty will order more so we have them available for holiday orders.

OLD BUSINESS

Educational Trust Proposal (Bryce Harper)

Bruce forwarded the Bryce Harper letter to Baseball Coach Sam Thomas, who has forwarded it to Bryce's agent. He advised that we probably won't hear anything until after Bryce's contract is settled.

Float Update

Rollie advised that the float needs refurbishing. Patty will research possibilities and pricing on-line. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

Grad Lists

We still need grad lists for classes of 1986, 1998 and 2003. We will borrow those yearbooks from the school so we can type the grad lists. Jill will pick up the yearbooks from LVHS. The 1959 yearbook that we borrowed from the school was returned to Debbie Brockett at the meeting.

Homecoming

The Wildcat Float was in the Homecoming Parade on October 12. Board member Jill Leone was the Grand Marshall of the parade. It was decided that next year the float will not participate in the homecoming halftime parade.

LVA Legacy Project

No update.

Mission Statement

No update.

Nevada State Tax Exemption

Our application for Nevada State tax exemption was denied. Senator Richard Bryan has reviewed it and has filed an appeal with the Tax Commission.

Scholarship Mentor

Jill and Cristina have volunteered to help us stay in touch with the scholarship recipients. Patty has provided them a list of past recipients and their last known contact information.

UNLV Classes

Laura Ungaro reported that the classes she has attended on non-profits and fund raising will be very helpful to her as the Fund Raising chairperson of the LVHSAA. A motion was made and approved by the board to fund another UNLV class in December.

Urban League

Laura Ungaro and Jill Leone will be meeting with a representative at the Urban League in the near future. The meeting was delayed due to a change in personnel at the Urban League.

Yearbooks

We still need 19 yearbooks to complete our LVHSAA library.

NEW BUSINESS**Veterans Day Parade**

The Wildcat float will be in the parade on Sunday, November 11. Cristina Sa will bring cheerleaders to ride or walk with the float. The marching band will not be participating, as they will be out-of-town for a competition.

Wildcat Tales Newsletter

Patty asked for volunteers to write some articles for the next newsletter which she hopes to send out by the end of November.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The next meetings are scheduled for Sunday, January 13 and February 17, 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Haack, Secretary/Treasurer
LVHS Alumni Association