# LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING May 17, 2022 Las Vegas High School Cafeteria – 5:00 p.m.

The annual meeting of members of the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association ("LVHSAA") was held in the cafeteria at Las Vegas High School, 6500 E. Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas. Director Laura Beverlin Chadburn and Historian Joe Thomson were unable to attend. The following directors were present:

Crystal Beville Jakke Cline-Hicks Farley Patty Haack Allen Kaercher Maria Konold Bruce Langson Diane Striegel Laura Ungaro David Williams

The meeting was also attended by LVHSAA members Robert Bray (LVHS Staff) and Larry Hahn (1956).

The cheerleaders, in uniform, were there to greet everyone at the entrance. The first hour of the meeting was "Meet & Greet" for non-member alumni and parents of Senior students. Members of the LVHS Orchestra, under the direction of Jordan Bushey, provided music during the first hour while everyone visited and enjoyed the delicious cookies and Pineapple Upside Cake provided by Chef/Teacher Benny Colley and his culinary students.

Those attending included alumni Anthony Edwards (1980), Roger Sheehy (1961), David Williams, III (1997), plus parent alumni Shari Adair (1990) and daughter Ashley (2022), alumni Marguella Jackson (2000), and guest Rebecca Edwards

In addition, we were honored to have several members of the LVHS staff in attendance, including Megan and Brian Dunkelberger, Student Council Advisor Kelly Winfield and Vice Principal and Activities Director Marianne Ramos, plus 8 members of the Student Council and 4 of our 2022 scholarship recipients, Rian Dunkelberger, Edlyn Limon, Aidan Wilson and Hensoncuyler Razote.

President Bruce Langson did introductions and opened the meeting.

# <u>Membership</u>

Membership Chairperson Jakke Cline-Hicks Farley gave an update on LVHSAA membership. The LVHSAA currently has 496 paid members and 51 honorary and free memberships, for a total of 547 members in good standing. Jakke encouraged non-member attendees to join the LVHSAA.

# Scholarships & Grants

Bruce Langson announced that since inception, the LVHSAA has awarded a total of \$305,979 in scholarships and grants, including eight scholarships to graduating Seniors this year for a total of \$14,000 plus 4 continuing second year scholarships totaling \$8000 to 2021 recipients. Since 2010, the LVHSAA has awarded 100 scholarships to graduating Seniors, totaling \$182,000 plus 17 continuing scholarships, totaling \$30,000, for a grand total of \$212,100. In addition, they have given \$93,879 in grants.

Patty Haack gave a review of accomplishments of the LVHSAA since inception:

- \* Paid for cheer costs, Stuco packs, class fees, AP fees, caps and gowns,
- yearbooks, gift cards and bus passes for less fortunate students
- \* Paid for Chromebooks and Laptops for graduating students
- \* Helped pay for Mariachi uniforms
- \* Provided funds for a new sound system for the Auditorium
- \* Helped with expenses for students to attend Close-Up Program, Global Citizens
- Program, Yearbook Camp and a Medical Conference
- \* Purchased media tables and chairs for Library

- \* Donated a trailer for storage of supplies for needy students
- \* Paid for shelving for storage of supplies for needy students
- \* Paid for Spirit Packs for Basketball and Football Teams
- \* Provided funds to assist needy students/families
- \* Provided miscellaneous supplies for classrooms

### **Other Activities and Accomplishments**

Maria Konold gave a review of other activities and accomplishments of the LVHSAA since inception:

- \* Raised funds for Scholarships and Grants through:
  - . Individual Donations
  - . Fund Raising Events
  - . Memorabilia Sales
  - . Scholarship Raffle at Wildcat Reunion
  - . Wildcat Reunion Program Ads
  - . Vehicle Donation Program
  - . Yearbook Auctions
- \* Designed and built Senior Squares Monument at "old" LVHS campus (LV Academy)
- \* Maintained Website & Social Media
- \* Published Wildcat Tales Newsletters
- \* Held annual Wildcat Reunions with over 500 attendees each year (none in 2021)
  - . 467 attendees from classes of 1939 through 2021 (82 year span)
    - . Participation of LVHS marching band, Spectrum, ROTC Color Guard, PAL, cheerleaders and Student Council
- \* Assisted in getting *entire* "old" campus at 7<sup>th</sup> and Bridger added to National Register of Historic Places (previously was only main building and gym)

### **Future Plans and Goals**

Bruce reviewed the future plans and goals of the LVHSAA:

- \* Continue awarding annual scholarships to graduating seniors
- \* Continue awarding annual continuing scholarships
- \* Support LVHS students and faculty with grants and donations
- \* Provide assistance for homeless and less fortunate students
- \* Increase LVHSAA membership, concentrating on younger classes
- \* Hold at least one fund-raising event annually for the Scholarship Fund
- \* Coordinate program for donations of vehicles and other items of value to benefit the LVHSAA Scholarship Fund.
- \* Collect and maintain library of all LVHS yearbooks
- \* Maintain Senior Squares Monument at old LVHS (Las Vegas Academy)
- \* Hold annual Wildcat Reunion for all alumni
- \* Maintain Wildcat Alumni database
- \* Provide information to class contacts to assist in planning their reunions.
- \* Maintain the LVHS Alumni website
- \* Publish Wildcat Tales Newsletters semi-annually
- \* Establish a Wildcat Lair and Alumni Museum for LVHS memorabilia
- \* Maintain relationship with the Las Vegas Academy
- \* Collect memorabilia and maintain display at LV Academy
- \* Work with Las Vegas Academy and Clark County School District to assure the preservation and updating of the historic buildings on their campus

#### **Business Meeting**

The business portion of the meeting began at 6:00 p.m. The Las Vegas High School Spectrum song and dance group under the direction of Janet Tyler started off the meeting with a wonderful performance.

# Approval of Minutes

Due to the pandemic, the 2021 elections were done by mail-in proxies, so there were no minutes.

# Annual Election of Board of Directors

The LVHSAA Bylaws require 10% of the membership for a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the members, and that valid proxies are counted in the number of votes made on any action. As of the date of the mailing of ballots, we had a total of 486 paid members and needed a minimum of 49 members to vote, either in person or by mailed-in proxy, for the election of the board. We received 169 (35%) proxy votes plus votes of 10 members in attendance. Congratulations were given to Maria Konold who was unanimously reelected to the board for a three year term.

#### Financial Reports

Patty gave a review of all income and expenses since the 2021. The association currently has a net worth of \$69,420. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed by attending members to approve the financial report.

### **Ratification of Corporate Actions**

A motion was made and seconded, and unanimously approved by all attending members that all activities and transactions reported by the LVHSAA Board of Directors and reflected on the books and records of the LVHSAA to date are deemed to have been taken in the best interest of the corporation and are hereby ratified, affirmed and approved.

#### 2022 Annual Membership Meeting

The next Annual Membership Meeting will be held in May, 2023 in the LVHS Cafeteria. The exact date will be announced at a later date.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Any corrections to these minutes will gladly be accepted. Please note that these minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next Annual Membership Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Haack, Secretary/Treasurer LVHS Alumni Association