

LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 11/13/16

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

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| Laura Beverlin Chadburn | Jill Leone |
| Rollie Gibbs | Matt Shlisky |
| Patty Haack | Laura Ungaro |
| Bruce Langson | |

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 the October 16, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved by attending board members.

Financial Report

The LVHSAA Income and Expense Statements and Balance Sheet as of 11/13/16 were reviewed and unanimously approved by the board.

2016 Budget

The 2016 Budget was reviewed and unanimously approved by the board.

2017 Budget

A discussion was held on items to be included in the 2017 budget, which will be finalized at our January, 2017 meeting.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Fund Raising

Laura Ungaro gave a review of the visit by several board members to Boomtown at the Springs Preserve, due to open in February, 2017. Allen Kaercher, who was unable to attend the meeting, is planning a fund raising event there for the LVHSAA in April, 2017. He is also having a painting of LVHS done by well-known local artist Roy Purcell, which will be auctioned at that event. Details will be discussed at our next meeting. Patty reported that we did not receive any donations to the scholarship fund since the last meeting.

Membership

Since October, 1 member passed away and 57 memberships were renewed (2 as lifetime). No new memberships were received. We currently have a total of 244 paid annual members and 163 lifetime members, plus 8 honorary members and 10 free members (2016 grads and scholarship winners), for a total of 425 members in good standing. There are 107 memberships that expired 09/30/16 that have not yet been renewed.

We discussed ideas on how to increase membership. Bruce suggested that we ask those attendees at the Wildcat Reunion that are not members, if they would like to join then, and to allow them to pay by credit card. If they join, we would put a “New LVHSAA Member” sticker on their badge. The board concurred with this suggestion. Patty will talk to the Orleans staff to see if we can resolve the problems we experienced in the past when trying to accept credit cards there.

Scholarships

The board approved giving scholarships totaling \$16,000 in 2017, ranging from \$1000 to \$4000 each. The actual number of scholarships will be determined at the Scholarship Review Committee in April. Jill suggested that we provide flyers to the Senior Counselors in mid-January to make the students aware of our scholarships. We also discussed adding scholarship information to our LVHSAA.com website and having the school provide a link to it from their website scholarship page. Patty will talk to our webmaster Dave about the best way to do this. Jill will determine who the contact is at the school for this.

Wildcat Reunion

Bruce suggested a new photographer and will provide Patty with his contact information. Bruce also suggested that we allow credit card purchases for the memorabilia at the reunion. The board concurred.

It was suggested that we have a live or silent auction at the reunion to benefit our Scholarship Fund. We might consider purchasing and using some of the art by the Las Vegas Academy students, specific to the old LVHS campus.

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

The board reviewed and approved one request from a student for assistance to participate in the Close-Up Program next year.

The board also reviewed a grant request from the LVHS Librarian for two multi-media tables, flexible chairs and tall chairs, to create a "Learning Commons" area in the library. Jill provided helpful insight into this project. Bruce will contact the Librarian to get a little more information and will update board members so they can make a decision on this request by email.

Alumni Donations

The school has created a donation center for needy students. They need food, school supplies, clothing, etc. It was agreed by the board that we will put something on our website asking alumni for donations.

LAS VEGAS ACADEMY LIAISONS

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

Memorabilia Display at Las Vegas Academy

Joe will be changing the display in the Spring, 2017.

Auditorium Renovation

Joe is helping the Academy with a project for renovation of the old auditorium on the corner of 9th and Clark.

LVA Fundraiser

The Academy recently held a fund raising event at the Rio Hotel. Rollie and Naomi Gibbs attended. The LVHSAA placed an ad in their program for that event.

PROGRAMS AND GOALS

Class Reunions

Class of 1967 is working on plans for their 50th reunion next year. It will be the night before the Wildcat Reunion.

Homeless and Needy Students

The LVHSAA recently provided \$1500 to LVHS for storage supplies for their new donation center to house food, clothing, school supplies, etc. for needy students. They are currently storing the supplies in the former photography lab, but need a larger storage space. Rollie reported that the two 40 foot trailers that will be donated by Art Goldstrom (class of 1953) for this purpose may not be available for a couple of months.

Senior Squares

Rollie will take care of having the light sensor replaced.

Vehicle Donation Program

Bruce sold the GMC pick-up that was recently donated. Another car has been donated by Diane Pahor Belt (1956).

Wildcat Float

New fringe has been installed on the float.

HISTORIAN UPDATE & LVHSAA-LVA JURIED ART EXHIBIT

The second annual LVHSAA-LVA Juried Art Exhibit at the Las Vegas Academy was held on Friday, October 21, 2016. It was a big success. There were 285 entries from the LVA students. A total of 36 awards were presented to the students. It was decided next year that we will also give the winners ribbons to hang on their art work.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

No update.

OLD BUSINESS

Veteran's Day Parade

The Wildcat float was in the Veteran's Day Parade on November 11. Riding the float was Federal Judge L. D. George (class of 1948), our celebrity alumni, plus several board members, six LVHS cheerleaders and several members of the class of 1965. It was agreed by all that we will enter the float in the parade again next year.

Yearbooks

Patty reported that we now have 28 yearbooks in our LVHSAA library, and 10 yearbooks available for our next yearbook auction. Jill will contact the LVHS Yearbook Advisor again 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

Rather than giving the 2017 grads a letter offering them free one-year memberships in the LVHSAA, it was decided that we will make that offer part of the ad that we place annually in the LVHS yearbook. Rather than a half-page, we will do a full-page ad. Jill will ask the Yearbook Advisor about placement, pricing for a full page ad, and deadline.

Wildcat Tales

Bruce volunteered to write articles about vehicle donations and scholarships for the next edition, to be sent out soon.

2017 Yearbook

Jill will determine the price of the yearbook so we can purchase one for the LVHSAA library.

LVHS 7th Street Campus Building Preservation

Bruce will be meeting with LVA Principal Scott Walker in December regarding funds available for preservation of the main building.

Future Board Meetings

It was suggested that we change our meetings from Sundays to a weekday – possibly Wednesday afternoons. Patty will send an e-mail to all board members to get a consensus.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The next two board meetings dates will be announced via email once we decide whether or not to change to weekday meetings.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Haack, Secretary/Treasurer
LVHS Alumni Association