

# LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2010 9:00 a.m.

Readers of minutes: Ellen Brice, Andrea Brown, Cal Mann

## President's Report - Sarah Schrier

\*Next PTA meeting will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the LJHS library at 9:00 am. It will be a brief business meeting and an information exchange for those taking on new responsibilities for the next school year.

\*The PTA teamed with the administration for the Teachers' Administration Lunch. We'd like to recognize the Cookie Lady for their contributions to the event.

\*Approximately a dozen of the red and white PTA tablecloths are missing, if you have any, please return them to the PTA cupboard.

\*Acceptable grade level dinner activities have been defined by the school's ASB advisors in the following letter. Please use as a guideline for planning grade level dinners.

**Joe and I have had numerous discussions regarding the Parent Dinners between each other and with Mr. Shelburne. Through these discussions, we have decided to support Parent Dinners at the junior and senior grade levels only. We don't feel great about the idea of having a Dinner every year, as it seems like we are continuously going to parents for help and do not want to "nickel and dime" you! We would also prefer that there would not be pressure to donate and that the ASB kids be a part of the work and planning for the event. That way it will be a more collaborative event than a parent led event. Additionally, we prefer the dinner occur in the first semester to allow time to go by between two events. Hope this helps your discussions. Please let me know if you need any more info.**

**Kerry Dill**

## Financial Report- Amy Heap (presented by Sarah Schrier)

\* The following Treasurer's report was presented (see attached Budget v. Actuals report):

Checking Account balance on hand 3/31/10 \$20,833.55

### Income

Date		Definition/Destination	Category/Description	Amount
4/6/10	Deposit	Membership, Donations, Directory	don-\$100	\$100.00
4/9/10	Deposit	Library Tribute Fund	Library Tribute Fund - income	\$50.00
4/16/10	Paypal deposit	Membership, Donations, Directory	don-\$488.70	\$488.70

**Total Income      \$638.70**

### Expenses

Date	ck #/other	Destination	Description	Amount
4/9/10	3896	Martin Teachworth	Mini-Grant - Science	(\$303.77)
4/9/10	3897	Follett Library Resources	Library Tribute Fund - expense	(\$565.54)
4/9/10	3898	Interquest Detection Canines of San Diego	Health & Safety - 1 dog visit	(\$200.00)
4/14/10	3899	Rachel Tenebaum	Mini-Grant - Science	(\$197.60)
4/14/10	3900	Foundation of La Jolla High School	Gift to School - 1/3 cost of LJHS website design	(\$2,200.00)
4/14/10	3901	Christina Chute	Mini-Grant - Nurse	(\$25.06)
4/19/10	3902	Linda Dowley	Hospitality	(\$36.24)
4/19/10	3903	Borders	Mini-Grant - English	(\$344.17)
4/19/10	3904	La Jolla High School	Student Planners - 1/2 cost	(\$3,800.00)
4/19/10	3905	Trang Vu	Mini-Grant - Math	(\$343.00)
4/23/10	3906	Howard Tenenbaum	Mini-Grant - Science	(\$348.50)
4/28/10	3907	Betsy Mueller	Administrative - PTA Leadership Conference	(\$50.00)
4/28/10	3908	VOID	VOID	\$0.00
4/28/10	3909	Ninth District PTA	Administrative - PTA Leadership Conference	(\$50.00)
4/28/10	3910	Nationwide College Tours	Mini-Grant - AVID	(\$413.00)

**Total      (\$8,876.88)**

## Expenses

Checking Account Balance on Hand 4/30/10 \$12,595.37

Savings Account Balance on Hand 3/31/10 \$10,577.40

### Income

Date	Source		Amount
3/31/10		Interest	\$3.04

Savings Account Balance on Hand 4/30/10 \$10,580.44

\*Linda Dowley moved that we ratify the checks as written, seconded and approved by all.

### **Class of 2011- Melissa Pouk**

\*The junior class is hosting a rummage sale next Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Westbourne parking lot from 9:00 to 3:00. Set up will be the night before in the small gym. Please sign up to help with the set up or for working the event. Please send an email out to invite your friends to come. You can drop off donations in the office; a tax receipt will be available. If you have any large items to donate, pick up is available.

### **Ways and Means - Cal Mann**

\*There is no money left in the budget, so the mini-grants are closed for this year. We received a thank you from the AVID students that were able to attend a college trip based on an approved mini-grant from last month.

### **Rotary and Interact Club- Cal Mann**

\*There will be a car wash on May 15<sup>th</sup> at the La Jolla Methodist church on La Jolla Boulevard to support the Interact club.

\*As of last Saturday, the Interact club has completed 12 homes and 1700 volunteer hours for the year.

\*Interviews for Rotary college scholarships will be this weekend.

\*The Rotary Club has secured funding for the music program here at the high school and at the middle school.

### **Programs- Linda Rutgard, Tina Greenberg**

\*Sophomore and Junior parents are invited to attend a college prep night on May 12<sup>th</sup> at the 6:30 p.m. in the Parker Auditorium. There will be a panel of parents discussing guidelines and tips with your student's college application process.

\*The last two Principal's Chats will be held May 11<sup>th</sup> at Memorial at 6:00 p.m. and May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Karen Feeney's home. The administration will be discussing summer school, transportation changes and senior activities.

\*The Life after High School program is scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup>. All seniors will be able to attend, but volunteers are needed to sign students in and out. There will be two shifts: 7:15-7:45 and 11:15-11:45. Please let the committee know if you can help. At the event there will be LJHS alumni presenters, some directly from their colleges via Skype.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Blast Off 2010- Vera Pitrofsky**

\*Blast Off will be held on September 24<sup>th</sup> this year. Please attend and volunteer to help with the event. (They will need people to work the snack shack and to pick up items at Smart and Final).

### **Counseling Liaison- Susan Saeed**

\*Please attend the Parent Prep college meeting on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the school.

### **Newsletter/ eblasts- Teri Newlee**

\*The last newsletter will be sent out in June.

\*eBlasts will only be sent out once a week next year, and will contain all school related news.

\*With the upgrading of the LJHS website, all information needed will be easily accessible by parents and students.

### **GATE- Lee Trahan**

\*The school board decided to keep weighted grades for AP classes, but since they can't pay for all students to take the tests, students are no longer required to take the test for a weighted grade.

\*There is a GATE meeting on Monday night at 6:30 p.m. at the Ballard Center in Old Town. They will be evaluating GATE practices and procedures for the future.

### **Governance- Linda Dowley**

\* The Governance team finished conducting its evaluation of the Principal's job performance. They will send the report to the Superintendent when completed. Thank you for your participation.

\*Other topics for discussion included the WASC evaluations, updates on the cluster committee and the new AP weighted grade policy.

\*The final meeting will be held June 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have any items you would like to add to the Governance agenda contact one of the parent reps (Linda Dowley, David Bark, Mary Jane Linsky, Sandra Sloan, John Brice).

### **Grade Level Reports**

#### **2010- Jessica Wood**

\*The seniors talked with the underclassmen about the importance now placed on STAR testing results.

\*Grad night tickets will be on sale the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> during lunch. Please complete the forms (they can be found on the school website) and bring your student I.D. and \$95.00 to sign up.

\*Senior dues are due today.

\*Thank you to all the parents for all your help and support.

#### **2011- Cheryl McCarthy**

\*Junior class parents are in charge of the prom coat check, so please sign up to help.

\*Junior class is also in charge of helping with baked goods and drinks for graduation.

### **Health & Safety- Pat Robbins**

\*The nurse here and at Muirlands have been taking a class regarding health issues facing our students today. There is a Scared Straight presentation, discussion of social hosting laws, and a discussion of teenage depression and suicide. The school system is working with the Light For Life/Yellow Ribbon Society in order to bring awareness of teenage depression and suicide to the community. It gives signs to look for in your child and discusses ways parents can support their teens.

### **Legislation- David Bark**

\*Parcel tax still an upcoming topic.

\*Non-profit organizations by law are not allowed to lobby elected officials. The PTA can only encourage members to contact politicians individually.

**Library Tribute Fund- Lynne Kennedy**

\*The fund has raised \$1,656.00 to date. Donations are up 50% from last year, and the librarian is using the money for individual books and for completing the world religion series.

**Registration- Cal Mann**

\*The registration schedule is finalized. You can go to [ljhsregistration.org](http://ljhsregistration.org) to find dates and to sign up to volunteer.

\*Registration forms will be available August 1<sup>st</sup> on the school website.

**Website- Kathy Fackler**

\*The new school website is slated to be ready by the fall. Thank you to the Foundation and PTA for paying for the web designer. The vision for the website is to have a calendar, sign-ups and news easily accessible. Volunteers will be needed once the website is up and running to help with updating the site.

**Foundation- Vera Pitrofsky**

\*Golf tournament was successful, and the foundation is now encouraging everyone to attend the Nautilus Gala on May 21<sup>st</sup>. We need more donations for the auction and underwriting is still available.

**La Jolla Cluster Association- Linda Dowley**

\*There will be a rally at Balboa Park tomorrow morning against all the spending cuts in education. The Cluster Association is sponsoring a bus. If you would like a ride be at Muirlands at 8:45 in the morning. The bus will be returning at around 12:15. You can sign up at [lajollacluster.com](http://lajollacluster.com).

\*There will be a Candidates Forum moderated by the League of Women Voters in Parker Auditorium on May 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The candidates for School Board will be there and they will be accepting questions from the audience.

**ASB- Vince Gumina**

\*The seniors won the Dodge Ball tournament.

\*The deadline for senior dues has been extended to next Friday, after that the price will go up to \$95.00.

\*Link Crew applications are available on line for incoming juniors and seniors.

\*ASB elections are two weeks from now for next year's ASB officers.

\*The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Teens for a Cure Walkathon will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please sponsor and donate.

\*Please plan on attending the rally for education spending, it is at 10:00 tomorrow at Balboa Park.

\*Thanks to all the parents who helped with the freshman dinner.

\*ASB is considering a book sale to be held at the library to raise money.

**Principal's Report- Dana Shelburne**

\*Thank you from the teachers for a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week.

\*The district website lists all rules and requirements for what a free public education is defined as, and this has limited what schools can ask parents to pay for. Therefore some fees will no longer be asked for. The school is not sure where they will get the funding to recover these costs. Exceptions include: food, field trips, excursions, spectator sports, and parking.

Meeting adjourned 11:10 a.m.

\*Attached Budget v. Actuals presented by President, Sarah Schrier

	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Actual</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>4/30/10</b>
<b>Beginning Cash Balance - Savings</b>	\$10,543.51	\$10,543.51
Interest	\$51.00	\$36.93
<b>Ending Cash Balance - Savings</b>	<b>\$10,594.51</b>	<b>\$10,580.44</b>
<b>Beginning Cash Balance - Checking</b>	<b>\$5,726.22</b>	<b>\$5,726.22</b>
<b>Income</b>		
AP Conference Host	\$8,000.00	\$7,500.00
Blast Off	\$4,500.00	\$1,820.80
Blast Off Concession Change	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
E-Waste Program	\$1,000.00	
Family Directory	\$3,600.00	\$3,144.00
Library Tribute Fund	\$1,000.00	\$1,606.67
Membership Donations	\$8,000.00	\$7,778.49
Membership Dues	\$13,500.00	\$13,585.59
Moneybooks	\$2,000.00	\$1,100.00
Paypal Test Electronic Deposit		\$0.33
SAT Prep Class	\$15,000.00	\$10,880.00
Senior Disney Grad Night 2009 Refund	\$11,100.00	\$11,100.00
Senior Disney Grad Night 2010	\$26,000.00	
Tote Bags	\$1,600.00	\$1,008.75
Welcome Back Dinner	\$4,000.00	\$2,115.00
2008-09 Mini Grants Lost Checks		\$362.14
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$100,500.00</b>	<b>\$63,201.77</b>
<b>Income + Balance Brought Forward</b>	<b>\$106,226.22</b>	<b>\$68,927.99</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Administrative (supplies,copying)	\$1,700.00	\$915.55
AP Conference Host	\$4,800.00	\$3,537.29
Blast Off	\$3,000.00	\$1,041.93
Blast Off Concession Change	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
E-Waste Program	\$1,100.00	\$117.61
Family Directory	\$2,000.00	\$1,182.77
Gift to School	\$7,376.22	\$2,200.00
Graduation (decorations, refreshments)	\$500.00	
Health & Safety	\$3,000.00	\$2,492.89
Hospitality	\$2,000.00	\$901.94
Library Tribute Fund	\$1,000.00	\$1,138.87
Mini Grants	\$10,000.00	\$7,715.22
Moneybooks	\$1,000.00	\$575.00
Newsletter	\$2,500.00	\$575.68
Parent Programs	\$400.00	\$44.00
Registration	\$1,000.00	\$316.25
SAT Prep Class	\$13,500.00	\$9,892.01
SD PTA (membership, ins, assessment)	\$4,450.00	\$4,329.00
Senior Disney Grad Night 2009 Refund	\$11,100.00	\$11,100.00
Senior Disney Grad Night 2010	\$26,000.00	
Student Planner	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00
Tote Bags	\$800.00	\$639.65
Welcome Back Dinner	\$4,000.00	\$2,254.82
2008-09 Mini Grants replacement check	\$362.14	\$362.14
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$106,226.22</b>	<b>\$56,332.62</b>
<b>Income - Expense</b>	<b>-\$5,726.22</b>	<b>\$6,869.15</b>
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$12,595.37</b>