

LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PTA MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2011 9:00 a.m.

Readers of minutes: Ellen Brice, Linda Dowley, Sarah Schrier

Officer's Reports

President's Report- Betsy Mueller

*Thank you to Betsy Chadwick for planning and running the Senior Exhibitions.

*The volunteer option on the PTA website is working great. Please check it for opportunities to volunteer. Right now we need parents to monitor the High School exit exam that will be administered to the sophomore class.

*On February 22nd there was a tour of LJHS for incoming 9th graders where approximately 50 people showed up. We will host a welcome event for these new students and their families on May 3rd. Look for an eblast for more information.

*We will have our parent dinner this fall in September.

Treasurer's Report- Lee Trahan

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

Checking Account balance on hand 1/31/2010 **\$16,356.11**

Income

Date		Definition/Destination	Category/Description	Amount
2/28/2011	Deposit	Cal PTA	Programs -Grant for Life 101	\$500.00
1/7/2011		correction from January typo		\$12.76

Total Income **\$512.76**

Expenses

Date	ck #/other	Destination	Description	Amount
1/7/2011	3979	Marlena Poulin	Hospitality -Jan. PTA mtg	(\$12.16)
2/4/2011	3982	Follett Library Resources	LTF	(\$610.54)
2/8/2011	3983	Interquest Detection Canines of SD	Health & Safety – 1/31/11 Dog visit	(\$200.00)
2/9/2011	3984	Wendy Wira	Mini-Grant	(\$114.00)
2/9/2011	3985	Ninth District PTA	Admin. - Founder's Day Brunch	(\$50.00)
2/25/2011	3986	Betsy Mueller	Hospitality – Science Night	(\$65.87)
2/25/2011	3987	Girard Mattio	Mini-Grant	(\$347.80)
2/26/2011	3988	San Diego Unified PTA	Membership Dues	(\$49.50)

Total Expenses **\$1,449.87**

Checking Account Balance on Hand 2/28/2011 **\$15,419.00**

Savings Account Balance on Hand 1/31/2010 **\$10,608.43**

Income

Date	Source			Amount
2/28/2011	deposit	US Bank	Interest	\$2.03

Savings Account Balance on Hand 2/28/2011 **\$10,610.46**

Linda Dowley moved that we accept the Treasurer's report and ratify the checks as written; the motion was seconded and approved by all.

*Lee Trahan asked for a vote to change the budget and move \$350.00 from the gift to the school into hospitality for the 8th grade welcoming dinner refreshments.

Linda Dowley moved that we accept this change to the budget; the motion was seconded and approved by all.

Senior Class- Kiersten Gore

*The senior letter will be sent out the first week of April outlining information on senior dues, graduation and all senior activities.

*They are still in need of volunteers for Grad Night. Please email Kiersten at kierstengore@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Programs- Linda Rutgard

*Life 101 received a \$500.00 grant from the national PTA association. Life 101 will be on June 1st and will include presentations on money, roommates, and other things that our college bound seniors should be aware of. Please look for volunteer opportunities.

*We had 30-40 parents at our SPEAK (suicide prevention) program. Resources from the presentation will be available on the PTA website.

Ways and Means- Cal Mann (presented by Betsy Mueller)

The following mini-grant requests were presented:

Ryan Lindenblatt, Mathematics, \$350.00, digital video camcorder.

Brenda Henderson, Music, \$350.00, hard case, power cables, keyboard.

Shauna Brammer, Science, \$350.00, chemicals, tissue, blades, artificial blood, etc.

Jewel Weien, English, \$272.00, books.

Rachel Tenenbaum, Science, \$350.00, plants and materials for lab work.

Linda Rutgard moved that we approve all mini-grant requests; the motion was seconded and approved by all.

Committee Reports

Counseling- Susan Saeed (presented by Betsy Mueller)

* The news and announcement page in the counseling section -of the school website is being updated so you will be able to access all important announcements and dates like the upcoming college night on April 12th.

EWaste- Jane Wheeler

*They collected 10,000 pounds of ewaste at the event. The students really got involved in getting the word out and actively participated. It was a huge success.

Governance- Linda Dowley

*The pass rates for basic Geometry and Intermediate Algebra are dismal. The math department is looking for ideas to increase performance and get struggling students to utilize the free tutoring that is available. Students also need to be appropriately placed in classes to ensure success.

*Other issues being addressed are declining AP pass rates and the dire budget situation.

*The next Governance meeting will be Monday, March 7th at 2:30 in room 302. Feel free to attend. If you would like an item placed on the agenda please contact a Governance member.

Class of 2012- Cindy Polger

*The junior class will be hosting a rummage sale with the Interact club on May 22nd from 7:00-9:00 a.m. Please save items to donate.

Health and Safety- Pat Robbins

*Suicide prevention presentation was successful.

*Project Heartbeat wants to purchase 4 AED machines for the campus, but with all the budget cuts the school may not have the nurse manpower to maintain the machines.

Legislation- David Bark

*Please contact local and state legislators to encourage them not to cut K-12 education budget.

*You can sign up through the national PTA website to receive sexual predator updates for your neighborhood.

Nominating Committee- Marilynne Leadon

*The following slate of officers will be presented at the next PTA meeting for your vote:

President	Betsy Mueller
Treasurer	Lee Trahan
Historian	Amy Heap
Parliamentarian	Marilynne Leadon
Executive VP	Cal Mann
VP Ways & Means	Betsy Mitchell
VP Programs	Margaret Ohara
VP Membership	Angela Rhodes
Membership Asst.	Christine Barone
Corresp. Secretary	Wendy Neri
Recording Secretary	Angela Schuetz
Auditor	Sue Schriebman

College Night- Sarah Schrier

*The presentation Planning for College: A Parent's Perspective will be held on May 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parker Auditorium. There will be four panelists that will present useful information with a Q & A session following. They will have a tip list for parents as well.

Foundation- Dana Irwin

*The Conquer the Cuts program is underway, a letter will be sent to all families. They need to raise \$200,000.00, so please donate and encourage others to donate.

*The annual golf event will be held on April 18th at the La Jolla Country Club. There will be a 19th Hole party for non-golfers to attend.

La Jolla Cluster Association- Linda Dowley

*The cluster schools are pursuing academic autonomy for all feeder schools to increase flexibility.

Principal's Report- Dana Shelburne

*Final stages of WASC accreditation process. Starting March 20th they will be auditing the school, interviewing teachers and parents, visiting classrooms and will present a report.

*The high school is collaborating with Muirlands to make sure the math and language programs are preparing the students for high school.

*There is currently a disconnect between student grades and CST scores. Since the school is judged by our performance on these tests, we will be making the students accountable for their scores by making class placement conditional on CST scores.

*Support our girls' soccer and water polo teams in their CIF games this week.

Meeting adjourned 10:10 a.m.

*Attached Budget v. Actuals report presented by Treasurer, Lee Trahan:

	Approved	Actual
	Budget	2/28/2011
Beginning Cash Balance - Savings	\$10,586.62	\$10,586.62
Interest	\$43.00	\$20.69
Ending Cash Balance - Savings	\$10,629.62	\$10,607.31
Beginning Cash Balance - Checking	\$5,694.54	\$5,694.54
Income		
AP Conference Host	\$7,500.00	\$6,900.00
Blast Off	\$3,000.00	\$4,477.85
Blast Off Concession Change	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
E-Waste Program	\$1,000.00	
Library Tribute Fund	\$1,500.00	\$1,920.00
Membership Donations	\$8,000.00	\$6,724.00
Membership Dues	\$13,500.00	\$11,340.00
Senior Disney Grad Night 2010	\$20,000.00	
Fall Parent Dinner	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
Hospitality (refund of advance)		\$133.00
Bank Fee Refund		\$23.00
Programs (Cal State PTA Grant)		\$500.00
Total Income	\$59,700.00	\$33,217.85
Income + Balance Brought Forward	\$65,394.54	\$38,912.39
Expense		
Administrative (supplies, copying)	\$1,421.87	\$413.07
AP Conference Host	\$3,500.00	\$3,247.00
Blast Off	\$1,500.00	\$3,115.38
Blast Off Concession Change	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
E-Waste Program	\$1,000.00	
Gift to School	\$4,194.54	\$587.03
Graduation (decorations, refreshments)	\$500.00	
Health & Safety	\$3,000.00	\$1,154.05
Hospitality	\$2,350.00	\$1,444.59
Library Tribute Fund	\$1,500.00	\$1,432.56
Mini Grants	\$10,000.00	\$2,466.88
Parent Programs	\$400.00	
PayPal Expense	\$300.00	\$101.57
Registration	\$500.00	\$107.75
SD PTA (membership, ins, assessment)	\$4,450.00	\$3,648.00
Senior Disney Grad Night 2010	\$20,000.00	
Student Planner	\$4,078.13	\$4,078.13
Fall Parent Dinner	\$4,000.00	
Bank Fee		32.12
School website transition and upkeep	\$1,500.00	\$465.26
Total Expense	\$65,394.54	\$23,493.39
Income - Expense	(\$5,694.54)	\$9,724.46
Ending Cash Balance	\$0.00	\$15,419.00