

Las Candalistas General Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2021

Via Zoom

Call to Order President Paula Tuckerman called the meeting to order at 9:31a.m.

Paula welcomed everyone to the meeting and was pleased that we had 47 members on the zoom call. She said that we once again had a challenging year ahead of us. She thanked everyone for stepping up last year and hoped that we can continue to. She apologized for leaving excursion chairs out of the roster. She thanked both Nancy Bruce and Sue Spellacy for agreeing to do this job.

Board of Directors – Laura Webb

Laura thanked everyone that had stepped up to take on a role. She was sad that we weren't meeting in person. She said we are at the beginning of another year and lots of exciting things were planned.

Recording Secretary—Debbie Sampson reported the June 2021 General Meeting Minutes have been approved.

Treasurer -Judy Armstrong announced the following Account Balances:

Events - \$ 4,794.35, Members - \$13,095.13, Property - \$1,369.13 , Total - \$19,258.61

Parliamentarian – Karyn Farris

Karyn said that the October meeting would hopefully be held at the PV Library. The vote would take place at the end of the meeting and that she had booked the library for an extra hour to accommodate this.

1st Vice Presidents-Philanthropy – Kathy Black, Cathy Howard

Cathy said that we had 17 charities apply. The Top 6 selected philanthropies chosen for 2021 - 2022 are:

1. 1736 Family Crisis Center
2. Boys and Girls Club of L.A. Harbor
3. Community's Child Inc
4. Family Promise of the South Bay
5. Friends of Cabrillo Aquarium
6. South Bay Children's Health Center

The six selected charities will be presented in October and the vote will be at the end of the meeting.

They have all been asked to submit a video which will be sent out to all members before the October

general meeting. Dependent on the COVID situation, the charities may be at the meeting. Paula

Tuckerman thanked both Cathy and Kathy for all the work that had gone into liaising with the charities, especially Kathy who was in her classroom when we held the Officer/ BOD meeting.

2nd Vice Presidents - Ways & Means – Lynda Black, Pat Hoffman

Lynda and Pat told members that the cook days had been booked and would be at the Riviera United

Methodist Church on the 28th/29th September. The church is flexible if we need to cancel due to COVID.

They do insist that everyone on the premises wears a mask. The jams and jelly committee were

concerned about members working in the kitchen with masks as it gets very hot, they will decide if they will do it there after their next meeting.

3rd Vice Presidents- Membership – Lorri Mino and Lisa Nesicolaci

Lisa re-introduced the new members, Deborah Bramhall, Stella Bullock, Marlene Savodnik, Susan Yamate and Randi Young.

The total membership is: 32 Actives, 31 Associates, and 74 Sustainers for a total of 137.

Lisa said that they had Las Candalistas Lanyards printed for the name tags. They will be given out next time we meet in person. They ask that active and associate members look after their own. They suggested that members should keep them in their car, so they have them for each meeting. Lisa and Lorri will keep the lanyards for the sustainers unless any sustainers wanted to keep their own.

Lorri reminded members that The Fall Social is on Saturday 25th September at Donna Ciminera's, from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00p.m. She thanked last year's and this year's Provisionals for all their hard work in preparing for the event. Over 60 members had so far signed up to attend. The theme was 'Bees'.

Members were asked to bring appetizers or dessert dependent on their last name. They would provide, coffee, water, and a signature drink. Lorri asked that everyone will be required to show proof of vaccine and will be required to follow any CDC guidelines.

Corresponding Secretary- Laura Henson-Broussard

Laura said that she had taken over the role from Laura Webb and had big shoes to follow. She thanked Laura for getting most of the roster done. She said that they will distribute the roster at Laura Webb's house later that day between 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the following day 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. She encouraged members to pick up for friends that couldn't get there. Laura said that a digital copy of the roster had been sent out to all members that morning.

Fall Fundraiser—Ann Goodhart, Laura Henson-Broussard, Lorri Mino, Debbie Sampson, Janie Woodburn

Lorri informed the group that the Fall Fundraiser would be "A Night at the Ranch....under the October Moon". She explained that the E4H would not be held this year mainly because of issues at the Norris. The event will be held at the Empty Saddle Club on Saturday 30th October, from 5:00p.m. to 9:30 p.m. It was the first time that she had been there, but said it was a fabulous venue. She said because of its popularity we would be holding a wine pull again and that there will be a free etched beer glass and a glass of beer.

Janie said she was excited to be working with Jean Cordero who will be providing appetizers and a served buffet dinner. The food will be served and eaten outside. She was working with Ann on designing the table decorations. It would be a simple fall theme.

Ann said she was very excited to report that we had secured a live band. Renee and Andy will perform earlier in the evening and the rest of the 'Hard Rain' band will join them after dinner. The exciting news was that Malaga bank had offered to underwrite half of the cost of the band!

Laura said that a Constant Contact email had already been sent out to our guests on our data base and that we will be hitting our social media hard. She asked that all members on Instagram, Facebook, Next-door and other platforms, 'like' our pages and share the content. Postcards have been designed and ordered. She thanked Karen Stockbridge for her help. There was a link on the Constant Contact to purchase tickets, the link is also on our website. Members can pay by check and asked members to send those to Polly Goodman.

Debbie said that Hollidae and Kathy were organizing the wine pull and we need lots of wine donations, valued at \$20 and more. She asked members to contact Hollidae and Kathy directly. Debbie said that we would be having a silent auction and would love prize donations she needs items by the 10th of October. She informed the group that she will be away for a few weeks but to text or email her as Nick will be home and can receive items.

She said that the most exciting news of the night was that for the first time, we would be holding a live auction, and that the auction company help provide vacation packages. This is very new for our group, so she encouraged members to look at the packages and to spread the word. We would probably get the auctioneer to auction a couple of our top price silent auction items too. Debbie asked that if members can't attend to not buy tickets but to make a donation instead, as that skews the catering numbers and we have to pay for meals according to the ticket sales. The venue can hold 200. We hope to sell out, but need members' help in spreading the word to family and friends.

Friends and Family—Janie Woodburn and Laura Webb

Laura said that they need jars. Lynda Black informed Laura that she had got 5doz. Laura said that they would be chopping peppers that week. She thanked Doris Brigham for her very generous donation to underwrite some of the jams and jellies.

They will decide about the church use at their next meeting and inform members via an eblast.

Rummage Sale – Donna Ciminera, Polly Goodman, Marge Rankin, Jan Raymond, Karen Stockbridge.

Polly thanked the committee for sorting out Ladera Linda, especially as the conditions were so horrible. Because Ladera Linda is going to be demolished most things have to go. They decided to call the sale 'Hidden treasures.' The sale would be at the Rancho Palos Verdes city hall on October the 2nd. It will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00p.m, with set up beginning at 7:00 a.m. The city will be giving us tables, but there would be no 'manpower' so husbands and sons were needed to help set up. They need members to help the day before and on the day. Jan Raymond will co-ordinate the list of helpers and she would liaise with Judy Moorhead for Found Treasures. Karen Tucker offered to coordinate some refreshments. They will be hiring a truck, but they would welcome members with large vehicles to help move things as well.

They would like members to spread the word via social media etc. Paula Tuckerman thanked the group for all the hard work sorting out the storeroom and for organizing the sale.

Sweet Shoppe – Lisa Nesicolaci

Lisa said that she has offered to do the Sweet Shoppe, but she doesn't particularly want to do it online. She hasn't had chance to discuss with Paula yet, but hoped to do it in person, perhaps with some boutique items.

(Debbie left the meeting to take Nick to a Dr's apt, Laura Henson Brousard took over the minute taking)

Thrift—Jan Raymond and Donna Ciminera

Jan and Donna are still doing toiletry bags. They'll be done by mid-November. Members can drop stuff off at Jan's, just call first. Ask your dentist for toothpaste, brushes.

There will be no thrift pick up. They listed places in the Newsletter where you can drop stuff off.

Amazon and Ralph's –Cheryl Deppe

Cheryl Deppe is taking this over. Mary Ross handled it for a few years. Details are in the Newsletter and also on the Donate page of our website.

Sunshine and Rain – Gina Radocchio and Susan Udewitz

Donna Scoular is recovering from shoulder surgery; phone calls & cards are fine.

Patt Crane is recovering from cellulitis. She'd be happy to give an informative talk about it. It started as a "sunburn" feeling on the bottom of her foot.

Suzanne Manavian's husband is still critical. Suzanne recently sent out an update to all members.

Donna Ciminera had shoulder surgery and is doing well.

Karen Tucker talked about Freddie. Freddie had back surgery 8/31 but had complications from the surgery. She's home now. Cards are welcome but no phone calls or visits right now.

Sharon Logan reported that Ahna Small fell cleaning windows and reinjured the hip she had surgery on. She seems well. Sharon thinks cards would be ok.

Several new grandmas.

Donor Coordinator – Polly Goodman

Polly reports that reservations for "A Night at the Ranch" are coming through Donor Snap. She is collecting them. We're also getting general donations on a regular basis through Donor Snap.

Please update any addresses or emails of guests/donors that you know have changed.

Amy Mosher will be learning Donor Snap and helping Polly.

Adopt-A-Family –Kathy Black and committee

Cathy Howard spoke for Kathy Black. The committee is working on this and will report later.

Old Business- Paula Tuckerman

Insurance: All our meetings are covered. The rummage sale is covered. Paula will let insurance know about Fall Fundraiser.

Chamber of Commerce: Paula has been to a few of their meetings which has been helpful. They usually have one that meets during our General Meeting, unfortunately. We will reach out to them about advertising the rummage sale.

PV Coordinating Council: We have renewed membership.

Ladera Linda: covered earlier

New Business:

Farmers' Market: Will not do Oct 3rd because rummage sale is Oct 2nd. Will do the first Sunday of every month. Thanks to Judy Moorhead, Cathy Howard, Barbara Smith, Debbie Bramhall, Marlyn Franklin

Rancho Storage: covered earlier

Holiday party: President's responsibility. TBD

Excursions: We now have chairs: Nancy Bruce and Sue Spellacy.

They are thinking of: A Santa Ynez wine trip in the Spring of 2022. Wine tasting plus other activities. Maybe 2 nights. Will send out an interest finder in Jan. Excursions are a great way to get to know members outside of LC related events.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Sampson,
Recording Secretary

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