

Las Candalistas October 2021 Officers' Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2021

Meeting called to order at 9:31 a.m. by 1st Vice President Cathy Howard.

Officers present: Judy Armstrong, Karyn Farris, Cathy Howard, Lynda Black, Lorri Mino, Lisa Nesicolaci, Laura Henson Broussard, and Debbie Sampson.

Not present: Kathy Black, Pat Hoffman.

Board of Director members present: Laura Webb, Karen Tucker, Hollidae Brown, Polly Goodman, Janie Hasselman.

Board Member- Laura Webb

Laura thanked Cathy Howard for taking the reigns as Chairman for this meeting.

She congratulated everyone involved in the sale on Saturday. She announced we made over \$5,000.

Judy Armstrong added we were still receiving money in so the total would be higher. Laura

congratulated Polly on leading the successful sale and everyone else that helped.

Laura explained the route that the Board of Directors had decided taking to find a replacement

President. Laura said they were asking the Officers in numerical order. They had so far asked first VP's

Cathy Howard and Kathy Black. Laura Webb then read this section from the standing rules:

V. Officers

E Duties of Officers:

1. President(s)

h. In the absence of the President(s), her duties shall be assumed by the President Elect or the Vice Presidents in the numerical order listed in section V. If required, a Successor will be determined by the Board of Directors, subject to a vote of the General Membership.

Debbie Sampson queried the Board's interpretation of the rules. She interpreted them as 'if the President is absent from a meeting the Officers would be asked in numerical order to chair the meeting. But in this situation where the President resigns then the Board of Directors would choose someone, but it would need approval of the General Membership. Laura Webb suggested that the Board review the Standing Rules as they are vague in certain areas.

Laura informed Officers that a name had been put forward and they would get the nominating committee together to talk to this candidate and see if other members were interested.

Laura Henson Broussard questioned if the candidate was well qualified and has said they would take the role, why do we need to pursue other members? Lorri Mino suggested if we could fill the vacancy by Wednesday wouldn't it be a great way to start the October meeting. She asked if we could discuss the candidate. Laura Webb told officers that Karen Stockbridge had been suggested and had agreed that she could take the role on. She has some parameters, like not wanting to chair the Spring Event role. She also preferred to do her LC job between the hours 8:am to 5:00pm, Mon to Friday, and her family came first. Officers felt they were acceptable and thought Karen would be the ideal replacement and would be a great leader.

Laura said that she would arrange a meeting with the Board and Karen. It was also agreed that we should look at the role of President elect. If Karen agrees they would send out a ballot for voting, and request the votes be returned by Sunday night.

Recording Secretary – Debbie Sampson reported approval of the September Officers' meeting minutes.

Treasurer -Judy Armstrong reported the following account balances:

Events -\$16,615.90, Members - \$11,820.64, Property -\$1,369.20, Total - \$29,805.79

Parliamentarian – Karyn Farris

Karyn said that the votes for the Philanthropy's will be after the general meeting, but the absentee ballots would need to be in by 5:00pm on the 13th of October. Karyn asked if she should chase anyone that doesn't vote. Hollidae as a past Parliamentarian, confirmed she shouldn't. Members need to take responsibility themselves.

Karyn confirmed that the library had been booked for the November meeting. A discussion took place as to whether to book for 2022. It was decided it would be better to book and cancel incase they get booked up.

1st Vice President-Philanthropy - Kathy Black, Cathy Howard

Cathy confirmed that the top six Charities will be at the general meeting. The videos would be sent out to all members on Friday.

Some items had been requested by a lot of the charities. Members had been asked to drop off at either Cathy's or Kathy's.

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

Lynda said that they had inquired about RMUC for a Hybrid Sale organized by Lisa Nesicolaci and Selina Hamilton for Dec4th. The sale would be 10am to 2:00pm and would consist of the baked goods, Boutique items and Found Treasures.

Lisa Nesicolaci added that Selina was leading the boutique. They were hoping to have a few Vendors. She asked Officers views about the Vendor charge. Officers and Board members felt the price was right. Debbie pointed out that in the past if a Vendor hadn't done well, they had negotiated with them. Lisa asked if anyone had the vendor form. Karen Tucker said she would send them to Lisa. An eblast will go out about the sale.

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

Lisa confirmed that we had 32 actives, 31 associates, 73 Sustainers giving a total of 136 members. She was excited to announce we have a new member called Sylvia, Irene is her mentor and will introduce her at the October meeting.

Report on Night at the Ranch– Debbie Sampson, Laura Henson, Lorri Mino

Laura, Lorri and Debbie were pleased to say we had sold around 120 tickets. The postcards were designed by Karen Stockbridge and had gone out to everyone on our data base.

They confirmed they needed more wine for the wine pull and silent auction prizes.

They were going to rent heat lamps. A member had donated some money so they would be used to part pay for some lamps.

Laura said they would like to purchase some contactless terminals for the square. This was approved.

Judy Armstrong reported that we need new calculators which she would purchase.

Jean Cordero is doing the catering despite losing her daughter.

Adopt-a-Family – Kathy Black, Cathy Howard

Cathy said they would be requesting money/checks to be made payable to Kathy Black or Las Candalistas. It was pointed out that members can't write their donations off if written to Kathy. Cathy confirmed gift cards would be acceptable too. She added that they won't know the families until after Thanksgiving.

Hidden Treasures Sale – Polly Goodman

Polly thanked everyone that had helped and said it went better than she could have imagined. They took nothing back to Ladera Linda. Beacon House took a carload as did a few other charities. A truck load went to Salvation Army. She was pleased it went so smoothly and very pleased with the amount of money taken. She thanked Karen Tucker for thinking about refreshments and thanked all the men that helped. She said the next step was to get the cooks in the group to take a look at the things there and work out what is needed to keep. They have another storage unit, but it isn't in great condition. Doug Smith will be asked to go and look at it and see if he can secure it more.

Judy said that she has taken the cashiering items home and encouraged other people that have a responsibility look at their items and take those home. Karyn Farris added she had already taken home all the coffee items.

Friends and Family – Laura Webb

Laura said they need an eblast to emphasize the deadline date. Members could take them to the General meeting. They were excited they received an order from Dallas.

Corresponding Secretary- Laura Henson

Laura said that a lot of the rosters had gone, but some will need mailing.

New Business –

Storage was covered under a different item.

Letter from Shelley Pogorelsky - Shelley sent an email to Officers and Board members about our Covid Policy at the recent Sale. The Board said they will craft a response that they were following CDC guidelines. The discussion led to the library, and it was emphasized that members would wear masks.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Sampson,
Recording Secretary

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