

Las Candalistas Officers Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2021
9:30.am

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

Not present: Kathy Black, and Laura Henson Brousard

Board of Director members present: Hollidae Brown

President- The meeting was called to order at 9:33am. Karen Stockbridge thanked everyone for accommodating her schedule and changing the meeting to today. She also thanked the 'Ranch hand crew' for such a successful event. She said we would discuss more later.

BOD - Hollidae Brown – On behalf of the Board of Directors, Hollidae thanked Karen Stockbridge for taking over the reigns of the Presidency. She also thanked the Chairs of the Night at the Ranch for a fabulous event.

First V.Ps. Cathy Howard & Kathy Black – Cathy said they were thrilled to have representatives from our top Six charities at our first in-person meeting in 18 months at the October 13th meeting. Each charity gave heartfelt and thoughtful presentations on their organization's history, mission, and primary program for which they are seeking funding. All eligible voting members in attendance cast their votes for the Top Three after the presentations were completed. Eligible voting members that were not present at the meeting had been given an absentee ballot upon request from Karyn Farris, Parliamentarian. The votes were tallied by our Parliamentarian, two officers and a board member. She confirmed that the top three for this year are 1736 Family Crisis Center, Community's Child, and Friends of Cabrillo Aquarium. Cathy said that they will be collecting, cans for Communities Child for Thanksgiving, and used books for Family Promise.

Ways & Means- Pat Hoffman and Lynda Black

Lynda said everything was confirmed for the Holiday Boutique at the Church.

Membership- Lorri Mino and Lisa Nesicolaci

Lorri and Lisa said they didn't have much to report, the lanyards had been well received, they still have some members who haven't picked them up.

Treasurer Report- Judy Armstrong

Judy said although it was very early days it looks like the event was very successful. The current balances, but this will change dramatically are:

Event - \$32,094.03

Member - \$11,062.92

Property - \$1,369.26

Total - **\$44,526.21**

She added that this time last year we were only at \$ 36,633.05

Parliamentarian Karyn Farris- Karyn reported that the voting for the top 3 Charities at the October general meeting went very smoothly, she thanked those that helped tally the votes.

Recording Secretary- Debbie Sampson – Minutes of the October meeting have been approved.

Corresponding Secretary- Laura Henson Brouard absent.

Karen thanked Laura for getting out the newsletter as well as managing the social media and having just completed the Fall fundraiser!

Old Business-

Ranch Event Report- Lorri Mino and Debbie Sampson

Lorri and Debbie thanked everyone that helped set up and, on the night, as well as those donating prizes and those that attended the event. The event was sold out, and we had a waiting list! They said that they had met on the Sunday to count the money, but there were still a few adjustments. They will announce the results at the General meeting.

Lots of discussion followed. Everyone agreed the event was very well received and lots of good comments had been received especially regarding the auction and the auction company especially the MC. We were lucky with the weather, having heaters helped, perhaps a few more if we repeated the event. Last minute changes by the venue put a few spanners in the works mainly isolating the silent auction, but the MC managed to encourage guests into the bar and the silent auction did well. Having had a debrief the main area to improve would be the checking out and making it clearer to guests how they had to do it. It was suggested that the cash desk could go in a pop up with better lighting, and cash out the silent auction separately. The food was awesome, and we did even better because Laura Webb's son underwrote the catering.

Adopt a Family update- Cathy Howard

Cathy said that they were aiming for 3 families. They were going to do the shopping, so gift cards were the most useful, although members could Venmo and pay checks.

Friends & Family- Cathy Howard

Cathy reported that Friends and family had gone well despite there being a jar shortage and a few shortages of some ingredients.

Storage Committee Report- Karen Stockbridge

No additional storage has been found. We will need to move things from Ladera Linda to the 2 storage units. Large cars and menfolk will be needed.

Holiday Boutique- Lisa Nesicolaci

Lisa reported that they were on track for the event. They needed help on the day with setting up and set down and during the event. They are asking for volunteers to let Lisa know, she will put together a work schedule.

Holiday Party- Karen Stockbridge

Karen said that she had decided not to organize a holiday party for 2 reasons. She was late in taking over the role and with the Covid situation it might be better to wait for the spring when we could do something outside.

New Business-

Spring Event- Karen said that a van request had gone out to Janis Hahns office, and we had secured the vans. Catalina Gardens had also been secured.