

Las Candalistas Officers Meeting Minutes
February 2nd 2022
9:30.am @Cathy Howards

Officers present: Judy Armstrong, Karyn Farris (via phone), Cathy Howard, Lynda Black, Lorri Mino, Lisa Nesicolaci, Debbie Sampson, Laura Henson Brousard (via phone) and Karen Stockbridge.

Not present: Kathy Black, and Pat Hoffman

Board of Director members present: Laura Webb

President- The meeting was called to order at 9:340am. Karen Stockbridge thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She explained that Karyn Farris was on the phone rather than attending as she had found out that morning that she had been exposed to Covid. Laura Henson Brousard was also attending via the phone as she was in Texas visiting her new grandbaby. Karen said that she would change the order of the meeting round slightly.

Parliamentarian Karyn Farris

Karyn said she had contacted the library and cancelled the February meeting, as we were going to be on zoom again because of Covid. They are giving us a refund. She said that she had been reconsidering the June lunch venue because of the unknowns with Covid. She had contacted a number of places. Many had not got back to her yet. Palos Verdes Golf Club has the rose garden that hold 80 people. A discussion took place as to whether 80 would be enough spaces and other places that could be tried. Debbie Sampson suggested Terranea, as they have several restaurants and outside spaces. The number that has attended the June lunch in the past was also discussed. Judy Armstrong said she would check the accounts as she had paid previous June lunches. Laura Webb contacted Amy, who said she didn't have that info, but she thought it was 80 – 100 people. Most at the meeting thought it was more round 60 – 70.

BOD –Laura Webb

Laura said that the Board of Directors had put together a nominating Committee and the first meeting was the following Tuesday. A short discussion took place about Provisionals that may be suitable for various positions. It was suggested that the Membership application forms should be changed to include Members previous work info and to include their skillsets. Laura also said that the BOD was going put the review of the standing rules, to one side and re look at it later in the year.

Phylanthropy - Cathy Howard & Kathy Black

Cathy said they had collected a lot of items for both Toberman and Marine Mammal care. Cathy said that they were going to be collecting toys again for the South Bay Children's Health Center. Karen thanked them both, she said that she felt Cathy and Kathy had done an amazing job over te last year and that the charities had greatly benefited from their dedication and passion. Lorri Mino said that she had arranged her donation for January via Amazon and that they were delivered directly to the charity, but with a note indicating it was from Las Candalistas.

Membership- Lorri Mino and Lisa Nesicolaci

Lorri said that they had received interest from new prospective members via the website and from the Christmas boutique. They have decided that to start with they would send them information about the club, and the standing rules so that they would have all the information before meeting them. Officers agreed that this was a great idea, and to consider perhaps even composing a FAQ Document. Lorri also said that Marlene hadn't been receiving LC emails. Laura Henson Brousard said she would investigate why she hadn't. A discussion also took place about Las Candalistas using abbreviations/lingo. It was suggested that a glossary of terms should be added to the roster. Laura said she would add that to the future rosters.

Treasurer Report- Judy Armstrong

Judy to give the budget update. The current balances, are:

Event - \$82,459.23

Member - \$8,301.35

Property - \$1,369.43

Total - **\$92,130.01**

She added that we needed to approve the Spring Event Budget. It was carried over to the Spring Event section later in the meeting.

Recording Secretary- Debbie Sampson

Debbie reported that the minutes of the January meeting have been approved.

Corresponding Secretary- Laura Henson Brousard

Laura said she enjoyed doing the newsletter. Laura answered some questions on the issue of LC emails going to promotional and junk emails.

Ways & Means- Pat Hoffman and Lynda Black

This would be discussed as part of the Spring Event further in the meeting.

Old Business-

Storage Update – Karen Stockbridge

Karen said that she was really pleased to report that Ladera Linda was now empty! She said that the Storage group led by Polly Goodman, did way more than was first asked of them. So many people had helped. They have appointed some coordinators for the Rancho storage area that would hold the combination code, Polly Goodman, Judy Moorhead, Hollidae Brown and Karen Stockbridge. They were very keen to not let members have free access as in the past items had been borrowed and items had also just turned up. During the Spring Event, the event Chairs would also have access. Karen also said that Polly and a few others were working on an inventory. The new storage area could be accessed Mon – Friday after 2:00pm and Saturdays and Sundays. The chain is closed by the school district at 5:30pm.

New Business

Insider – Karen Stockbridge

Karen explained that the Insider would be going out in March and that the front page would be a poster advertising the event. The rest of the newsletter would be 'Inside'. She explained to Officers that the last few years we have featured someone. We have featured Jim York, Kenny from Toberman and last year the Chair of Community's Child. She asked if anyone had any ideas. Debbie Sampson suggested a long-standing member like Doris Brigham. It was decided that as she had just celebrated 50 years it was an excellent idea. It was also suggested Janie McNeil. The Officers said that she would be a good idea for the following year.

It was agreed that a donation envelope would be included in the magazine, but there would be no return envelopes for buying tickets. There would be clear instructions on how people could buy them. Karen said she would check if Polly still had enough envelopes.

Goats – Karen Stockbridge

Karen said that she would take this to the March Meeting as she wanted to be able to pass round a collection for it, and that wasn't possible on zoom.

New Business

Spring Event- Cathy Howard, Lorri Mino and Lisa Nesicolaci

Lorri said that they were meeting weekly. Most of the Chairs were in place except for Bake. They were having a zoom meeting the following Thursday with all the chairs.

Lorri asked why we didn't ask members to pay? Karen Stockbridge replied that we never have. They did introduce members paying for the E4H to offset the costs as most members did eat the food provided by the caterer and the free wine.

There was a brief discussion on how to manage members that didn't work fulltime. It was felt that because of Covid we would be having only 250 guests so would need less members helping. So those not helping would need to pay to attend. Those working would work for the duration of the event except for small breaks for shopping and the bathroom.

The price has been raised to \$100. Karen Stockbridge pointed out that she had seen that 'Vista for Children' were advertising their event for \$250!!! None of the Officers present had been to one of their events. It was decided that at the February General Meeting it would be worth enquiring if any members were going so that they could feed back.

A discussion took place about Bake, it was decided that there would just be one bake day and just a few breads would be made. The rest would be made by individual bakers. They would need to be wrapped the same, so a wrap day could be arranged for the Monday of the event week.

The Chairs said that they were relieved and pleased that they had found a speaker who was interesting, her name is Alysa Kimiko.

, and she is only charging \$200, compared to \$850 that another speaker wanted! She would be discussing the importance of the honeybee, what goes on in the hive, and how to have a bee friendly garden.

They were still looking for an image for the poster. Karen Stockbridge emphasized that we need this done for the March Insider!

Chef Dora is doing the catering and Gina is the catering liaison.

The Chairs had met with Judy Armstrong, Karen Stockbridge and Laura Webb to re look at the budget. Some changes had been made and the new budget presented for discussion and approval. Lorri pointed out that Jim York had given up his 10% commission, so the Brights rental had been reduced by 10%. The portaloos were discussed and it was decided to go for the basic ones which would reduce the costs. The speaker had been confirmed at \$200. Judy made the adjustments.

MOTION

Lisa Nesicolaci proposed "To approve the new Spring Event Budget as attached" this was seconded by Cathy Howard.

Everyone voted in favor, Laura Webb will take it to the Board of Directors for approval.

Other items discussed:

- The event would need to go in PV Magazine, Daily Breeze and the Peninsula – Laura HB and Karen S would work on this they would check on the previous report that Irene did.
- Wine purchases – Lorri would check with Jim York if we could have mixed cases.
- Debbie said that we had received a substantial check from a member, for the Silent Auction. She was thinking of putting together a Paso Robles weekend, and asked Officers what they thought? Officers thought it was a great idea. Lynda Black said that she was a member of a winery and had contacts for a hotel and she would contact them too.
- Debbie said that she had rewritten the Las Candelistas Fact sheet and it had been approved by the President and the BOD. It was sent out in the newsletter.
- The approved bar companies could not do the event. This meant we can pour our own wine, but we would need liquor liability – Karen S was investigating. Our normal insurance company don't cover it. CVG had given the name of a company to try. Karen S would contact them.
- Lynda Black had discovered that if we have a tent we have to apply for an SUP. CVG hadn't advised on this. It was decided to have a separate meeting after the Officers meeting to go through the SUP application. Karen S, Lorri M, Lynda B and Cathy H would go through the application.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.