

Las Candalistas General Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2022
9:30 Meeting- PV Library

President- Karen Stockbridge opened the meeting at 9:34am. Karen thanked everyone for attending our first in person meeting since November, 2021. Loved the energy in the room. Didn't have much to report on as she's been spending her time working on the Spring Event.

Chairman of the Board- Laura Webb

Laura welcomed everybody for being here as it's so nice to see everybody in person.

- Laura said that the Nominating Committee has been meeting for next year's slate of officers. Making pretty good progress. Will be meeting after today's General Meeting. Hopefully, in a few weeks, they will have all officers in place.
- Nominations for new Board members are being accepted. We have 3 Board Members leaving, Polly, Hollidae and Karen T. They have all been a wonderful support to her. The main responsibilities of the Board members are:
 - To review and approve any actions taken by the Officers if it pertains to the financial and standing rules of Las Candalistas.
 - Serve on the budget committee and attend the budget meeting in August.
 - Develop the method of selecting the Officers for Las Candalistas and are members of the Nominating Committee. Board gives final approval to the newly selected officers once they have been confirmed.
 - Serve on the Philanthropy committee in August and attend the distribution of funds meeting in June.
 - Board is also responsible for filling the positions of Officers that need to leave for personal, health, etc. reasons before their term has been completed.
- Voting to fill the 3 open Board positions will be at the April meeting. If voting members are unable to attend April's meeting, please contact Karyn Ferris to have an absentee ballot sent to them.
- Laura then welcomed nominations:
 - Karen Stockbridge nominated Janie Woodburn - Janie accepted.
 - Lynda Black nominated Karen Stockbridge - She will be thinking about it.
- If you would like to nominate yourself, please contact Laura Webb or another Board member. There is no prerequisite required.

OFFICER REPORTS:

V.Ps. Philanthropy-Cathy Howard & Kathy Black

- Wyland finally was able to bring their mobile lab to Kathy Black's school, Arnold Elementary a couple of weeks ago. Children from 1st, 2nd and special needs participated based on their curriculum.
- Dropped off the toys to fill up the toy box at the South Bay Dental Health. They were so excited that we were able to help them once again. They will send pictures.

- Manes for Movement - They have increased the number of programs offered which include hippotherapy, adaptive riding program and occupational and feeding therapy just to name a few. Please consult the Newsletter article for their wishlist.
- South Bay Wildlife Rescue will be attending our Spring Event and bringing their ambassador birds.
- Friends of Cabrillo is excited to be able to start their spring activity program. Up to 400 kids per day over the next 9 weeks will be participating.
- **Additional discussion** - Karen S. - Las Candalistas has sponsored 5 Wyland school visits so it's great to see that they are able to start visiting. It's hard to get into some of the schools. Talked to us about their docent program and hopefully we'll be able to participate. Wyland had a thank you Las Candalistas sign and Kathy Black made a Las Candalistas banner. Great PR to show our involvement in the community.

V.P.s Ways & Means- Lynda Black & Pat Hoffman:

- The SUP has been dropped off to the city of RPV, so now it's a waiting game. It was definitely a team effort. Lynda thanked Karen Stockbridge. Janie Hasselman, The Queen Bees and Greg Broussard.
- The Red Cross is in need of blood. Call 1-800-Red Cross. Located on Sepulveda in Torrance. Torrance Memorial is currently conducting a blood drive.

V.P.s Membership- Lorri Mino & Lisa Nesicolaci:

- Lorri said now is the time that we need to get new members to join. A great opportunity would be to have potential new members attend our Bake Day on March 22nd. Please consider bringing a friend. If you know of someone, please let us know. We would like to get together with them.
- Lisa wished all the March birthday gals a Happy Birthday!

Treasurer- Judy Armstrong:

Judy said we are in such a good place!

Event - \$77,479.38

Member - \$7,536.20

Property - \$1,369.28

Total - **\$86, 384.86**

Deposits for event vendors have already been paid.

Recording Secretary- Debbie Sampson:

Will defer to Debbie to report on the status of last month's meeting minutes when she returns from vacation.

Corresponding Secretary- Laura Henson-Broussard:

Will be eblasting digital invite for our Spring Event this week. Pass on to friends and family. Constant Contact will be sent on the 16th. Please check on all your tabs to make sure it's there. Please pass this information on also.

Parliamentarian Karyn Farris:

Our end of the year luncheon will be held on June 8th at the Bluewater Grill in Redondo Beach in the Avalon room. More information will be available at the May meeting.

New Business:

Excursions - Nancy Bruce and Sue Spellacy

- Nancy reported that they have been looking into wine tours in the Santa Ynez area. Dates will be 5/17-5/19. Based on 2 people per room, lodging should be about \$150 per person. Looking into hotels. If you are interested in attending, there will be a meeting at Nancy's home on Wednesday, 3/16, at 10:00 a.m. They passed around a signup sheet for those interested.
- Sue reported on the wine tasting tour. They are looking into a private wine tour, where there is no driving involved, on 5/17. Tour will be for 6 hours and provides lunch and includes all tasting room fees at 3-4 wineries. Looking at \$150-\$180 per person based on the number of people that attend.

Sunshine Report- Gina Radocchio & Susan Udewitz

Gina reported that Pat Hoffman and Ann Goodhart are starting to heal.

- Ann thanked all the members for their cards and emails. She is grateful for the great group of ladies we have. She hopes to see everyone next month.
- Pat is feeling better and is appreciative of all the cards and food drop offs. She is seeing a doctor next week to make sure her infection is gone and they will schedule another knee surgery.
- Karen said it was great to see Carla Smith here after her back surgery. She will be going in for shoulder surgery on 3/16.
- Janie Woodburn reported that Tim Hasselman isn't doing well. He had a blood clot in his lung that they are working on dissolving along with other health problems. He is currently home with oxygen. Please consider sending cards of encouragement to Janie H. at this time. Gina will see if she would like meals.

Insider - Karen Stockbridge:

She has been working on the Insider and picking it up from the printer's today. It will be sent out to our database and to the Sustainers. Extra copies will be available at our next meeting. She did something different this year where she included the Spring Event invitation on the front page which was a great cost saving effort. All of our donors and sponsors from Jan-Dec. 2021 and YTD were listed.

Thrift- Jan Raymond & Donna Ciminera

They are ready to start receiving any toiletries you can get them.

Spring Event Update - Cathy Howard, Lorri Mino, Lisa Nesicolaci:

Lorri started off by reading from the Bee Lessons by Howard Scott, a book given to Karen S. from Joan Kelly. The Queen Bees felt this represented the members of Las Candalistas:

BEE LOVE

In a hive, there is one queen. A few thousand male drones, and 40,000 to 50,000 underdeveloped female workers. The female workers all get along. They work together, hang out together, eat together, and defend against enemies. The cooperation stems from their love of the hive and their willingness to be part of a large family. The fact that it is a female-oriented society probably helps. **LESSON:** Leave it to females to run things well.

Lisa announced that she was passing around clipboards with sign up sheets where we needed help. Lorri invited all the chairs who wished to talk, to come up.

Laura Henson-Broussard - Reported that tickets for our event are now available for purchase on our website. All members who are not working a full shift that day, are being asked to purchase a ticket. If you would like to pay by check, please contact Lorri.

Garden Shop - Karen Stockbridge/Laura Webb - Looking to invade your garden if you have colorful succulents.

LC Creations - Lynda Black - Reported on a jewelry day at Selina's on 3/13. Get with Lynda if you would like to attend. Showed a pet toy they are making. Will be making bee earrings on bake day, 3/22. If you would like to make some for yourself, they are \$5. Please let her know.

Parking - Karyn Ferris - They are in need of 7 parking attendants for the day of the event. Please get with Karyn or Danielle Weinstock if you or your significant other would be willing to help.

Vendors - Susan Yamate - Announced a small typo in the newsletter. We are not able to order online.

Silent Auction - Sue Soldoff for Debbie Sampson - We're in need of Silent Auction items. Couple up with a friend and come up with an experience. Gift cards are great sellers. Seek out donations from business owners. A successful Silent Auction makes for a successful event!

Found Treasures - Judy Morehead - Grateful for all the items that have been coming in. 3/14 is the last day they will be receiving anything

Cashier/Will Call - Judy Armstrong - Announced that we're switching things up this year. Will have two sides for check in and check out. Also, at the end of the Silent Auction, Laura HB will be there with her handy, dandy Square to check out guests on the spot which will help with the

traffic at Cashier. They are also asking for LC Creations and Found Treasures to fill out a receipt with items listed.

Rentals - Cathy Howard for Nanci Browning - We are looking for equipment that members are willing to donate, i.e. folding tables, pop-ups, umbrellas, etc. A signup sheet was passed around. If you didn't get a chance to see it, please contact Nanci if you have something to donate.

Lunch Liaison - Lisa Nesicolaci for Gina Radocchio - Need flat wicker type baskets for the waitresses to carry food to our guests.

Logistics - Lisa Nesicolaci for Suzanne Manavian - We are in need of manpower. Please let her know if you have anyone that can help.

Bake Shop - Polly Goodman/Judy Morehead - A round of applause for these two fabulous women who stepped up to take over Bake Shop. We hope to see everyone at the Riviera Methodist Church on 3/22 for our bake day.

Lisa reminded everyone that is working to order their shirt on Amazon.

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Lorri Mino for Debbie Sampson

