

Las Candalistas Officers Meeting Minutes
May 4th, 2022
9:30 a.m. @ Karyn Farris's home

Officers present: Judy Armstrong, Karyn Farris, Cathy Howard, Lynda Black, Lorri Mino, Lisa Nesicolaci, Laura Henson-Broussard, Karen Stockbridge.

Not present: Kathy Black, Pat Hoffman, Debbie Sampson

Board of Directors member present: Polly Goodman

Special Guest: Savannah (Cathy Howard's granddaughter)

President- Karen Stockbridge:

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am. Karen started by saying 'Yay for us!' for a successful Spring Event. All the numbers are not in but we will exceed our goal for Spring Event income plus we have the added income from the after sale.

We are in the final stretch of our season. It's time to for all Officers to submit timelines and update binders so we have an easy transition for the new Officers. Lynda Black suggested we have some of the timelines on the Members Only section of the website for easy access.

Philanthropy - Cathy Howard:

Cathy has the new contact for TrinityKids Care: Kristin Conforti, Development Officer. Kristin also attended our 2022 Spring Event. Philanthropy is requesting gift cards for TrinityKids Care this month.

All 3 of our top philanthropies for this season will attend the June Luncheon (2 people for each philanthropy). At the luncheon, each philanthropy will have a moment to say a few words after receiving their check.

Cathy will bring the Philanthropy Nominations Forms to the General Meeting next week.

Cathy will send out a reminder for nominations when the deadline of June 30th nears. She will include a list of philanthropies that have been nominated, so that some of our regular philanthropies have a chance to receive a nomination, in case they were overlooked.

Before the philanthropy selection meeting, Cathy will send out a spreadsheet listing the all the nominated philanthropies, amounts requested, and a brief summary of their major/minor projects.

New idea: Lynda has a friend who has a dog shelter. While this charity does not fall within the guidelines of our bylaws (they cannot be nominated), we can collect items for them, outside of LC.

BOD –Polly Goodman:

Nothing to report

Ways & Means - Lynda Black:

Lynda has requested refunds from RPV and Riviera Methodist Church.

Membership- Lorri Mino and Lisa Nesicolaci:

Lorri and Lisa stated that two new members have paid their dues and will attend the June Luncheon. One other new member has paid but cannot attend the June Luncheon. Another person will pay soon, but cannot attend the luncheon.

Dues are slowly coming in. It was talked about and decided that this year the deadline of June 30th for payment of dues will hold. Any member who has not paid their dues by then will not be in the roster. There are always about 20 members who membership have to chase down every year. Lisa and Lorri will follow up with unpaid members close to the deadline. We will even offer credit card payment over the phone (with a \$5 fee) to those who are out of town.

Status changes: Only 2 have been reported so far.

Treasurer Report- Judy Armstrong:

The balances, as of 4/30, are:

Event - \$129,224.08

Member - \$4579.32

Property - \$1,176.28

Total - **\$134,979.68**

Recording Secretary:

Debbie was not present.

Corresponding Secretary- Laura Henson Broussard:

Nothing to report.

Parliamentarian - Karyn Farris:

Karyn reported that 37 members have paid so far for the June Luncheon.

Karyn has received 7 requests for Voting Associate status. A reminder will be sent before the June 30th deadline. It was suggested that it may be best for the Membership Chairs to collect the requests for Voting Associate Status, rather than the Parliamentarian. There seems to be some confusion with Membership collecting Membership Status changes and Parliamentarian collecting Voting Associate requests. It may be best for one group to collect everything. Then Membership would pass the Voting Associate requests onto the Parliamentarian.

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

Cathy, Lisa and Lorri have sent out an email to all committee chairs requesting reports by May 31st.

Notes from the event:

The shuttle that was sent to us via Janice Hahn was not the correct size (it was a full size bus) so we could not use it. This mistake occurred even after it was confirmed 2 days before the event that we requested a small shuttle. Contact has not been made yet to Janice Hahn's office. We had to scramble and use personal vehicles to transport guests to and from Abalone Cove. Husbands drove the cars. It turns out that this was a good thing. The guests enjoyed the personal touch and the husbands enjoyed talking to the guests. This may be what we do from now on. Or, if we are able to use shuttles in the future, maybe the husbands can be docents on the shuttles and talk about LC, help them on and off, etc.

Parking: Karyn Farris noted that 12 handicapped spaces are necessary. We only had 8 this time.

One of our members, Liz Swanson, who is with RPV-tv, shot a video of the event which included an interview with President Karen. It came out great and we will use this as PR on our website. The video aired on RPV-tv.

Cashiering: Judy states that cashiering did not go well. The cashiers were overwhelmed, there were not enough cashiers in general and more need to take credit cards. The wifi was not good and the square system would not always work. The lines are long, guests get impatient. The backup comes mostly from Found Treasures. Guests begin shopping and paying for Found Treasures as soon as the event begins, at 10:00. Some suggestions to correct this:

- (a) Have 6 Square systems available. Most people pay via credit card.
- (b) Since we can't rely on wifi, the best solution is to use our phones as hotspots. This will drain batteries so portable chargers are needed (if no electrical outlet is near).
- (c) Found Treasures should have their own cashiers. This year invoices were written up before coming to cashiering, that helped, but it wasn't enough.
- (d) Found Treasures also needs their own Will Call.

Reservations: Polly reports that check-in went smooth and quick. It was suggested that wristbands be used next year for even faster check-in. It was also suggested to use email tickets (i.e., when a guest registers for our event, they are emailed a ticket which they can present at check-in).

New Business:

1. Who creates the interest finder? It was decided that this is the President's job. Judy has it in Word and will send to Karen

2. Purchase of LC needed items: Debbie had mentioned to Karen that this would be a good time to purchase much needed LC items, since we have had a good year financially. One item we need is a higher quality wireless microphone system, that can Bluetooth. The microphone we currently have is old and of low quality. Nick Sampson will research this for us. We could also use more Square contactless readers and portable phone chargers, for cashiering. Laura will price these out. These items would need to be approved by the Officers and BOD before purchase and must be purchased before June 30th.
3. Date and time of June In-Out Officer's meeting: This meeting will be held at Debbie's home, on Wednesday June 1st. The Out portion will be at 9:30 (9:00 social) and the In will start at 10:00. Debbie will decide what she wants to do after that, a friendship salad or something else.
4. Small business fundraisers: Judy Moorhead has a friend who sells doTerra Essential Oils and would like to host a fundraiser where a certain percentage of product sold goes to LC. Other home/small business have suggested they would like to do this as well. It was suggested that we have create a new President's Special Committee for this. Maybe called Community Fundraising or Social Fundraising or Ad Hoc Fundraising. It could be combined with the Ralphs/Amazon giving. This member would be in charge of publicizing the fundraisers to members (through eblasts and the newsletter), but would not be in charge of planning the fundraisers themselves.

Other Business:

Polly is still looking for an apprentice (s) to help her with Donor Snap. She would like to eventually hand it over to someone else, since she has been handling it herself since we started using it. Please let her know if you think of a member that is capable of this position.

Another new President's Special Committee would be Container Manager.

Mail: Currently, Judy is picking up the mail from our PO Box but it was suggested that either the President or Corresponding Secretary be in charge of this.

Mailing Address: Laura suggested that we change our mailing address from our current PO Box to a UPS mailbox, which would be an actual street address. This would allow us to use the LC address for billing purposes rather than member's personal addresses. Many businesses do not accept a PO Box as a billing address. This is something to think about next season.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 11:19.a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Henson-Broussard for the absent Debbie Sampson, Recording Secretary

Approved:

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