

Las Candalistas General Meeting
Wednesday September 14th
St. Peter's By the Sea

Meeting called to order at 9:33 am.

Co-Presidents – Laura Henson-Broussard and Debbie Sampson:

Laura welcomed everyone and said that Debbie was stuck in London with Covid. Not the original plan and we would miss her cute British accent. She thanked officers for helping set up, Val Stanton for her beautiful flower center pieces and welcomed 6 new Provisionals. She mentioned that the music playing before the meeting was by Andy & Renee, who will be performing at Starry Night. Laura said that she and Debbie are excited to be co-Presidents, bringing many years of LC experience between them. Debbie sent a note expressing excitement for the year to come. She said have fun and get involved.

Laura expressed that Teamwork makes the Dream Work and we have an incredible leadership team again this year. Las Candalistas is celebrating 55 years this year. Las Candalistas has survived many years including 2 years of COVID, but we were able to adapt and still raise money for our charities. Last year was our best year to date and we were able to give out even more money than was asked for. Laura said they have many new ideas this year, including being more connected. We will be emailing minutes to all members, getting to know all of our philanthropies a little better and having social groups. **Fundraising, Friendship and Fun!**

Board of Directors – Laura Webb:

Laura welcome everyone back and expressed how nice it was to all be together in person again. She said please listen to all of the information and choose a job that suits you.

Recording Secretary – Lorri Mino:

No minutes to approve.

Treasurer – Judy Armstrong:

Judy thanked the audit committee; Janie Woodburn, Hollidae Brown, Sharon Logan and Lynda Black. She also thanked everyone who attended the budget meeting. It was challenging this year, but everyone survived. Reports for August: Event Account - \$965.21, Members Account - \$11,223.69, Property Account - \$717.11.

Parliamentarian- Lisa Nesicolaci:

Lisa announced that the October General Meeting will be at St. Peter's and the rest of the year (November, January, February, March, April and May) at PV Library. We will no longer be having hostesses providing refreshments. After COVID, most people already bring their water/coffee. Anyone is welcome to bring a special dish to share, if they would like. Please brings plates/cutlery as well.

1st Vice Presidents – Philanthropy – Kathy Black and Cathy Howard:

Our top 6 charities for 2023:

1. Community's Child
2. 1736 Family Crisis Center
3. Friends of Cabrillo Aquarium
4. Wyland Foundation
5. Manes for Movement
6. South Bay Children's Health Center

These top 6 will be at our October General Meeting to present. They will also be making videos that we will be sent out to everyone via eblast before the meeting.

Las Candalistas is receiving an award from Community's Child at their fundraiser this weekend. A few of our members will be attending. They are so thankful for what we do for them and the community.

Additional philanthropies will be attending our general meetings throughout the year to present and we will be able to donate specific items they need. 5 of the remaining 8 have signed up to attend so far.

2nd Vice Presidents – Ways & Means – Lynda Black and Debbie Bramhall:

Working on visiting and confirming some new venues for this year's events.

3rd Vice Presidents – Membership – Susan Yamate and Randi Young:

All dues have been paid. We have 33 - Active, 27 - Associate and 73 – Sustainers for a total of 135 members.

Please wear you name tags/lanyards.

Introduced our 6 new Provisionals: Rena Eisenstein, Brenda Holcomb, Janice Petrosino, Anna Pinto, Trish Winchester and Michelle Young.

New form to fill out with emergency contact, that we will keep with us at all meetings/events.

Fall Social on September 24, please rsvp with names. A list must be given to the gate at Donna's house in order to enter.

Corresponding Secretary – Karen Stockbridge:

Pick up your roster today. Extra rosters \$5. Will send out a PDF for your phone in an eblast.

Fall Fundraiser – Lorri Mino and Janie Woodburn:

We are excited for Starry, Starry Night at the Ranch. Everything is moving along and we are almost sold out. Get your tickets asap! We have some fabulous Silent Auction items, but we still need more. Please consider donating. We still need help, especially with set up and clean up, please contact us if you can help.

Wine Pull for Starry, Starry Night – Kathy Black and Hollidae Brown:

We still need wine donations (white or red). Wines must be a minimum of \$25 (sale price).

Hollidae will pick up if needed or you can drop off at Kathy's or Hollidae's house. PLEASE solicit friends, family and businesses, so it isn't always us donating.

Boutique – Lisa Nesicolaci and Susan Yamate:

Holiday boutique again this year, bigger and better. Will be held at St. Lawrence Martyr Church Hall on November 19th, 10-3. We will have LC Creations, Sweet Shoppe, Found Treasures, coffee bar, info/donation booth and 15 vendors. Will be sending out sign-up sheet for help, flyers, postcards and social media posts soon. Please spread the word and bring friends.

Found Treasures – Hollidae Brown:

Accepting holiday items only at the moment for the boutique. Limited space at the container, so let Hollidae or Judy Moorhead know if you have more items.

Sweet Shoppe – Irene Almeida and Kathy Black:

Please contact them if you would like to donate and baked goodies for the boutique.

Spring Fundraiser – Announcement:

Laura Henson-Broussard, Debbie Sampson, Karen Stockbridge, Lynda Black and Randi Young will chair. Cabrillo Aquarium has offered their venue for free. They have tables and chairs, no restrictions on vendors, the whole parking lot for free and a beautiful patio. It will be an evening event in April with 300-350 people, a fun dance band, LC creations and Sweet Shop to keep our LC brand.

Collaborating with Cabrillo and Wyland for some exciting surprises.

Spoke to BOD and officers and everyone agreed it would be an exciting partnership.

We won't have an evening event every year, but want to take advantage of this generous gift, especially since we have a history with the aquarium in years past with our children's walk.

Holiday Party:

Laura Henson Broussard said mark your calendars for December 11th to celebrate the Holidays at Raffaello's in San Pedro. More info to follow.

Introduction of President's Committee Chairs – Laura Henson Broussard:

- **Small Fundraisers – Selina Hamilton**
First one Pampered Chef, October 2nd at her house, evite sent out. You can purchase for yourself or donate items to Las Candalistas for Silent Auction. Also, items that the party earns, will be donated to the auction.
Lynda Black is also working to get Las Candalistas on the schedule for Giving Tuesdays at Bettolino's restaurant.
Watch for details!
- **Book Club – Marlyn Franklin**
There have been 10 interested responses. Marlyn plans on having a zoom meeting to ask everyone where, types of books, day and time, how many in the coming week.
- **Bunco – Hollidae Brown and Paula Redmond**
Every month on the 3rd Wednesday 7:00-9:00. Rotate houses and host will take care of snacks, bring beverage of your choice. Meeting to further discuss and organize on September 21st at Paula Redmond's house.
- **Dinner for 6 – Debbie Sampson**
Debbie has details and will inform everyone. Donna Ciminera explained; 3 couples rotate homes, 3 times a year.
- **Adopt-A-Family – Kathy Black, Cathy Howard and Carla Smith**

102 shopping days left until Christmas! Accepting cash, checks and gift cards from Kohl's, Amazon and Target. Won't receive families with specifics until after Thanksgiving. You can bring donations to October and November meetings. Receipt for your donation, available on our website.

- **Amazon and Ralph's – Cheryl Deppe**

We have 53 members signed up with Ralph's and received \$404 last quarter. Please sign up and shop.

With Amazon we earned about \$40. Please remember to sign into "Smile" and choose Las Candalistas.

- **Donor Coordinator – Polly Goodman and Laura Webb**

Polly has managed the master data base for many years. Laura will now be learning and helping her. Please let them know if someone has passed away or wants off of our list. This is the only way to clean up our list.

- **Rancho Storage Manager – Polly Goodman**

If you need access to the container, you can coordinate a time with Polly (who has the key to the gate). We are only allowed there on week days after 3:00 pm or weekends.

- **Excursions – Cindy MacFarlane and Susan Sanborn**

They are currently brainstorming. Thinking of a day trip to Temecula with a limo and a picnic at a winery. Pass on any ideas or suggestions!

- **Sunshine and Rain – Carla Smith and Susan Udewitz**

Monika Bauer - Wolfy home, improving, still no answers, continued prayers appreciated.

Pat Hoffman – Currently at Drifwood Rehab. Recovering from second implant and infection. Affected her kidneys, so on dialysis. You can visit, but you must make a reservation. Would love cards and crunchy salty snacks.

Doris Brigham – Thank you for the food delivery. She has no pain. She would love cards and visits (please call first).

- **Photography – Marlyn Franklin and Susan Udewitz**

Everyone welcome to take pictures and send to Laura Henson-Broussard for our website and social media

- **Tablecloths – Cathy Howard**

Everything has been organized and labeled. All colors, sizes, etc. are on a spreadsheet. If you need tablecloths for an event, PLEASE do not just go to the container and get them! Ask Cathy and she will coordinate with you. Also, please clean tablecloths and return to Cathy, do not return directly to container.

- **Thrift – Donna Ciminera and Jan Raymond**

Thank you for toiletry donations. Will be collecting at the October and November meetings. You can also drop at Jan's house or bring to the Fall Social at Donna's house. Will collect CLEAN men's, women's and children's clothing, towels, sheet and small appliances that work. Also collecting for the Holiday Toiletry Kits: New Items – deodorant, tampons, pads, shampoo, make-up, nail polish, toothpaste, toothbrushes. Your dentist may be willing to donate.

- **Web Mistress – Laura Henson-Broussard and Janis Davis**

We also have a members only site. If you have any questions or need help, ask Laura. Plans to add more this year.

- **Social Media – Laura Henson-Broussard**

We are on Facebook and Instagram. Please follow and like us. Request to join our members only Facebook page.

- **Constant Contact – Laura Henson-Broussard**
Contact Laura if anyone is interested in learning and eventually taking it over. Our invitations to our fundraising events are mostly done via Constant Contact.
- **Insider Newsletter – Karen Stockbridge**
More info to follow in January/February.
- **Bulk Mailing – Irene Almeida**
- **Cashier – Nanci Browning**
Nanci going to have a team for the whole year at each event. This will help ease some of the load on our Treasurer.
- **Member’s Hospitality - OPEN POSITION**
Looking for someone to organize food for our members during our bake days and workshops.
- **Friends and Family -OPEN POSITION**
Looking for chairs. People with past experience willing to help and guide. Only making Cranberry Jalapeno (our most popular) is an option. It is crucial that someone step up ASAP as this is the time of year we make the jellies.

Adjournment:

Laura Henson Broussard thanked everyone for attending and reminded them that the October meeting is an important one with the presentation of our Philanthropies. We will also be taking a full group picture, so please come. She also reminded members to purchase their Starry Night tickets. She ended by announcing there is a ‘sweet treat’ for everyone, a cake celebrating our 55 years, with our logo and our group photo on it.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00

Respectfully Submitted by: Lisa Nesicolaci **for** Lorri Mino, Recording Secretary