

Las Candalistas General Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2022  
9:30 Meeting- St. Peter's By the Sea

**Call to order and welcome to members and special guests**- President(s) Laura Henson-Broussard and Debbie Sampson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Debbie welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. Gave a warm welcome to the top 6 Charities and recognized how busy they are and thanked them for putting together their video and were here today to speak. Debbie explained that after the charities speak, we will vote and the ballots will be counted during the meeting. The BOD will meet after our meeting and approve the Top 3. They will notify the charities and then notify the members of the final results.

Debbie went on to say how our organization is unique as our members nominate their charity in the summer. The Officers and BOD meet in August and whittle it down to the Top 6. The Top 3 get their first request and the rest of our funds goes towards the remaining charities. Last year 17 charities received some or all the money from their request. A big round applause to all of our members for making that happen!

**Introduction and Presentations of Philanthropies** - 1st Vice Presidents - Philanthropy - Cathy Howard & Kathy Black

Kathy applauded the commitment of the Philanthropies to children and the environment of the South Bay and that we're happy to help them with their mission. The following spoke about their organizations:

- 1736 Family Crisis
- Community's Child
- Friends of the Cabrillo Aquarium
- South Bay's Children Health Center
- Wyland
- Manes for Movement

**Chairman of the Board**- Laura Webb

Laura spoke to the Philanthropies. On behalf of the Board, we thank you for all you do and giving us the honor of supporting you. We appreciate you filling out your applications and providing us with your fantastic videos. We need to make a lot of money this year to support every one of our charities.

**Recording Secretary** - Lorri Mino

The minutes of the September General Meeting were approved.

**Treasurer** - Judy Armstrong

Provided us with the current budget numbers:

- Event Budget - \$22,596.20
- Members Budget - \$10,579.53

- Property Budget - \$717.14
- Total - \$33,892.87 and continues to grow!

Briefly explained the process on how to turn in your expenses if you want to donate them. In the summer, we try to create a realistic budget in order for you to be your creative self to make our events the talk of the town. If you wish to donate, turn in your receipts, she will write you a check, and then you write a check back to LC for that amount as a donation for underwriting that specific budget item. This way we know what the actual expense was. Please call or email her if there are any questions. This helps with keeping track of how much was actually spent on each budget item.

**Parliamentarian** - Lisa Nesicolaci

Lisa was busy counting ballots so Debbie reported for her that our November meeting will be held at the PV Library. Lisa is looking into what it would take to have our meetings held at St. Peters for the rest of the year.

**2nd Vice Presidents - Ways & Means**- Lynda Black & Debbie Bramhall:

Nothing to report.

**3rd Vice Presidents - Membership**- Susan Yamate & Randi Young

Fall Social was amazing. Congratulations to the new Provisionals on a great job. A big thank you to Donna and Michael Ciminera for hosting our event for the 2nd year in a row.

Met with a new member yesterday and she joined. Was going to attend the meeting today but got lost finding the church.

Emergency contact forms need to be filled out in case we need to contact someone for you.

**Corresponding Secretary**- Karen Stockbridge:

Extra rosters are for sale for \$5 if you would like one. She still has about 40 rosters that have not been picked up. Please look through the box to see if you live near any of them that you can deliver to them. If not, she will mail the remaining ones.

**Fall Fundraiser** - Lorri Mino & Janie Woodburn:

We're 9 days away from Starry, Starry Night....another Las Candalistas sold out event. We would like to thank all of those that have donated to the silent auction. We have so many great and wonderful items and experiences. We can't wait for you to see it. We're sure you'll find something that you would like to bid on.

We're still looking for volunteers to help work a 30-minute shift in the silent auction. It's a great place to hang out and you'll be right next to the bar. Let us know if you are interested.

If you could help stick around after the event and clean up, we would appreciate you.

Last but not least, we thank those that have donated wine, have already volunteered to help and purchased a ticket. We can't wait to see you next Friday at the Empty Saddle Club!!!

**Boutique** - Lisa Nesicolaci and Susan Yamate:

All chairs are in place. Passing around a sign up sheet to help out. There will be 2 shifts, 10-12:30 and 12:30-3 plus clean up. 18 Vendors have signed up with 11 of them being new to our events. There are postcards in the back if you would like to take some and pass them out. Found Treasurers need more holiday items. LC Creations will be holding one more jewelry workshop. They will also be having a group to decoupage and making wreaths. Look for information on these workshops. If you would like to bake something for the Sweet Shoppe, contact Irene Almeida.

**New Business:**

**President's Updates - Laura Henson Broussard & Debbie Sampson**

Weren't the charities awesome? We don't get to see all the other charities so with the help of the 1st Vice Presidents, we will meet them throughout the year as they will attend our meetings. Marine Mammal Care is scheduled for our November meeting. It's great to create strong partnerships with these charities. We have won awards from Community's Child, donations every year from Wyland and Cabrillo has offered us their facility as our venue for our Spring Event. Thanked Cathy and Kathy for a job well done.

Thanked the Provisionals and Donna and Michael Ciminera for a fabulous Fall Social.

Will be meeting with the Provisionals this week.

Thank you to Lorri and Janie for working on the Fall Fundraiser, another Las Candalistas sold out event.

Thank you to Lisa and Susan for the work they are doing on the Holiday Boutique.

Thank you to Selina who is chairing the small fundraisers and hosting the Pampered Chef party a couple of weeks ago. They donate 30% back to us and we are currently at \$1,126.50.

The Superstar award brings a little more awareness to those members that do things behind the scenes that maybe you don't know about. Laura presented this month's award to Val Stanton. Val comes into our events in stealth mode. You may not see her but you know she's been there by the lovely flower arrangements she creates for all of our events. Val has been a member since 2003. Besides being a floral genius, she is a singer and songwriter and used to perform at our Walk on the Wildside Events. Val is definitely a woman of many talents and we thank her for her hard work and dedication.

The Spring Event will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023. Start thinking about what you might want to do. Interest finders will be sent out.

We received several awards including the Making a Difference Award from Community's Child. Laura Webb, who volunteers in their Healthy Bag program, explained that this award is usually given to an individual and not an organization so this makes the award even more special! Laura showed all the awards we received during the Community's Child event that was held on 9/17.

Our holiday party this year will be held on Sunday, 12/11, at Raffaello's in San Pedro. It's going to be fun!

**Adopt a Family** - Kathy Black, Cathy Howard and Carla Smith:

Ho, Ho, Ho! We're back. Looking for Gift Cards for Target and Kohl's. If you would like to write a check, make it out to either Kathy Black or Las Candalistas. Would appreciate donations by Thanksgiving. Won't know who are families are until early December

**Sunshine and Rain Report**- Carla Smith

Doris Brigham has been diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer. She is currently stable. She had a procedure done and tests will be done at the end of the month to see if it worked. The cast is off her arm.

Wolfy had a doctor's appointment today and walked in on his own!

Pat Hoffman has been moved to another rehab facility to get some more aggressive PT. She is improving.

David Udewitz is currently in a rehab facility on 7th street right by San Pedro hospital. He is going through therapy everyday until 3:00. Visits and/or phone calls should be in the late afternoon.

**Small Fundraisers** - Selina Hamilton

Lynda Black - Las Candalistas has been signed up with Bettolino's Kitchen "Giving Tuesday" on 10/25. You can dine in or take out. Make sure you bring a printed flier that will be sent out soon or tell them you're with Las Candalistas. They will give us 15% of the total. Lynda to confirm that it's lunch and dinner and if alcohol is included in the 15%.

Lorri Mino - The Holly Jolly Crafty Workshop will be held on Sunday, 11/13, from 1-4 at the AR Workshop on Vista Montana in Torrance. Check out their website at <https://www.arworkshop.com/torrance/>

We will be conducting two different fundraisers.....

The first one is an in person workshop inside the store. This is limited to 30 people. This doesn't have to be just members. We will have the store to ourself and be able to bring in goodies and wine. You will get to choose what project you would like to work on when you register.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> one that starts on Monday, 10/24 and runs until the workshop, 11/13, is a DIY fundraiser. You can pick your project to do at home by yourself or with family and friends. You can have your own fun workshop at home. All DIY kits come with everything you will need for your project along with complete instructions.

Depending on how many attend the workshop and how many DIY kits we sell, Las Candalistas can make up to 20%. What a great way to make money for our organization by gathering and making something crafty that will last a lifetime.

**Friends and Family** - Ann Goodhart:

Ann announced that along with Janie W. and Janie H. they will be making our fabulous cranberry jalapeno jelly. These 3 courageous women, just couldn't let a Las Candalistas tradition die and we applaud them for stepping up to the plate! They will be selling it at the Holiday Boutique. A bake day is scheduled at the Riviera Methodist Church on Tuesday, 11/15. They need more jelly jars.

**Tablecloths** - Cathy Howard

If you are in need of tablecloths, please contact Cathy. Do not go up to Rancho and get them yourselves. Thank you.

**Book Club** - Marlyn Franklin

First book club meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 10/27, at 4:00. Amy Mosher is the hostess and picked the book they will be reading, The Boys in the Boat. There is a documentary on this on Amazon Prime.

**Dinner for 6** - Debbie Sampson:

It's getting ready to launch! She went through the process and if that sounds good to you, she asked that you let her know by Wednesday night.

**Thrift**- Jan Raymond & Donna Ciminera

Won't be collecting Thrift at the November meeting. You can still drop off at Jan Raymond's house by Friday. Make sure clothes are clean and electronics working. Need toothbrushes individually wrapped. If you get the multi-pack, please purchase the tops for them. Ask your dentist. Men's deodorant and men's bags are needed. Suggested using a shoe bag with a drawstring. That works well. Need women's cosmetics and nail polish Don't worry about the colors. Please bring your toiletries to the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Lorri Mino, Recording Secretary