

Las Candelistas General Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2022
9:30 Meeting- PV Peninsula Library

Meeting called to order at 9:34 a.m.

President's Debbie and Laura welcomed everyone. Debbie explained that we would start our normal meeting while waiting for our guest philanthropy speaker.

Chairman of the Board- Laura Webb

From the Board of Directors, have a happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful holiday season during December and January. See you next year. Enjoy.

Recording Secretary - Lorri Mino

The minutes of the October General Meeting were approved.

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

Remaining meetings will be held at the Peninsula Center Library. We have a new member, Carolyn Pohlner who unfortunately wasn't able to make it to today's meeting. We currently have 137 members:

77 Sustainers

26 Associates

34 Actives

No General meeting in December.

Guest Speaker from the Marine Mammal Care Center - David Bader

In keeping with the promise of Debbie and Laura to invite charities that aren't in our top 6 to inform us of their organization, we had the pleasure of welcoming David Bader from MMCC.

- Dave Bader is their Chief Operations and Education Officer.
- The hours to visit their facility is after 1:00 p.m. during the week and 10-4 on the weekends.
- Their mission is to rehabilitate marine animals and provide education on the ocean's conservation.
- He explained how the Marine Mammal Protection Act was started in 1972 because of the video of the humpback whales singing and was sent to National Geographic. This changed the view of the Marine Mammals. They are part of a network of other charities with the same cause including Sea World.
- They were established in 1987 after the close of Marineland and became a 501(c) in 2016.
- Their only revenue stream is through philanthropic support.
- Elephant Seals and Harbor Seals are their main patients with some sea lions and fur seals. Most of the marine mammals are brought in because of malnutrition and dehydration and babies that have just left their mamas. Natural injuries, natural illness, environmental stressors and pollution are other contributors to their becoming a patient.

- Domole acid toxicoses from algae is becoming a big problem that causes neurological damage.
- Patients are fed 3 times a day.
- Aluminum and glass are much better than plastic.

Fall Fundraiser - Lorri Mino and Janie Woodburn

Thank you again to everyone that attended and volunteered at our first sold out fundraiser of the year. They announced that Starry, Starry, Night brought in \$36,500 in spite of rising costs and donations being down. They brought ambiance to sell.

Treasurer - Judy Armstrong

Provided us with the current budget numbers:

- Event Budget - \$33,980.56
- Members Budget - \$10,594.28
- Property Budget - \$717.17

It's really important to get the bills paid and cash turned in for our events that are still coming this year. Drop off everything in Judy's secure mailbox.

Boutique - Lisa Nesicolaci and Susan Yamate

The Boutique is less than 2 weeks away. Thank you to all the chairs and to everyone who is stepping up and helping. If you would like to volunteer to help, there are still some positions open. Susan showed one of the vendor's creations. Donna Ciminera suggested advertising on Next Door. There will be a lot of new vendors this year.

Spring Event Reveal - Lynda Black, Laura Henson-Broussard, Debbie Sampson, Karen Stockbridge and Randi Young - 2023 Spring Event Chairs

The reveal started off with an awesome video, created by Debbie and Nick Sampson, on our next year's Spring Event, *Jammin with the Jellyfish*.

Laura HB - Event will be held on 4/29 and the time TBD. The venue will be at the Cabrillo museum which was donated to us for free. The Cabrillo museum has history with us as they were part of the Children's Walk on the Wild Side. Docents will be on hand if you would like a tour and the gift shop will be open.

Karen Stockbridge - Excited about the new band for this year's event, 80's Magic. They have a really fun energy and are very professional. If you have a special 80's song you like, let Karen know as they said they would take 2 requests and if they don't know how to play it, they will learn. We do not want to lose the special touch of Las Candalistas or our identity so we are planning on having abbreviated shops for what we're known for. We hope to have 300-350 guests so we need your help getting the word out as that's a lot of seats to fill. We need to work on getting sponsorships and people to underwrite an expense.

Lynda Black - We plan to draw on the inspiration of the jellyfish at the aquarium. The colors are ocean blues and coral. Start thinking of some fun creations with jellyfish.

Randi Young - Still working on catering. It will be a buffet. Would like to have 3 bars. Working on Rentals. If you know any good and inexpensive rental companies, let them know. New live auctioneer, Gary Cannon who is also a comedian and has warmed up the audience for TV shows

like The Masked Singer, etc. Excited about him. Vision is to upscale a tad but keep the Las Candalistas touch.

Debbie Sampson - Have already received a live auction piece from Wyland. The winner will also get a copy of the video of Wyland creating the painting and it will be framed. Need to get more items donated to the live auction as it's pure profit. Start looking at options. The Wyland mobile may be at our event and have it stay in San Pedro for a couple of days to get children in to see it. They have had problems getting it into schools because of the size of the mobile lab. All Actives need to sign up to chair or co-chair on the interest finder that will be passed around and also emailed out to the members. Some of the positions are:

Ambiance

Prop Builders - Would like 2 super duper ocean themed bars

Check in Manager

Centerpieces

Garden Shop

Creations

Sponsorship (Need Chair, Co-Chair to make up a small team)

Programs

Silent Auction

Sweet and Bake Shoppe

New Business:

President's Updates - Laura Henson Broussard & Debbie Sampson

- Our first Holiday Party since Covid will be held on Sunday, 12/11, from 5:30 - 8:00 at Raffaello's. Come dress festive or dress based on your favorite holiday character. Everyone attending to bring a wrapped gift of your favorite thing in the price range of \$5-\$10.
- The Superstar award was presented to Janie Woodburn and Lorri Mino for their involvement in the Fall Event and for all they have done for Las Candalistas! In Janie's 16 years as a Member, what hasn't she done.....She has chaired Entertaining for the holidays in 2016/2017/2021 and this year 2022.

She has also chaired the Spring Event – 2010/2020. She did the Fall event this year and has gone straight on to helping organize the jams and jellies. Her creative touch often finds its influence at all our events. In Lorri's 3 years as a member, she has chaired 3 fundraisers in a row, the last 2 fall fundraisers and this year's spring event. She has served as Membership VP for 2 years and is currently the Recording Secretary. She is also organizing the AR Workshop for our small fundraisers. Thank you to these two Superstars!



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

Cathy announced that their stocking needs a whole lot of filling. You can Venmo Cathy at cathy-howard-35, and also by check, cash or gift cards to Target, Kohl's and Amazon. The stocking was passed around.

Cathy also announced that the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium will be having a Holiday Market on Sunday, 11/27.

Small Fundraisers - Selina Hamilton

Debbie announced that Pampered Chef brought in \$1,126.50 and that Judy Armstrong has volunteered to host another one sometime next year.

Lynda Black informed us we made \$468 at our Bettolino's fundraiser. They said it was the largest check they donated to an organization this year. Thank you for everyone that participated.

Lorri Mino - The AR Workshop will be this Sunday, 11/13. We still have slots available. You also still have time to order your DIY kits.

Amazon Smile and Ralphs - Cheryl Deppe

If you use the Amazon app, you will be prompted to update your charity on Amazon Smile. We have made \$436 from Ralphs and \$43 from Amazon Smile.

Friends and Family - Ann Goodhart, Jams and Jelly Angel:

They'll be "jammin" at the RUMC on Tuesday, 11/15, starting at 10:00 a.m. They need a lot of help to make 400 jars of our cranberry jalapeno. Positions include chopping jalapeno and green peppers, measuring ingredients, stirring, laddling, and in the afternoon, adding labels. You can drop in for a few hours or plan to stay all day. If you plan on staying all day, you can take a lunch break or bring your own lunch and beverage. All members must have hair pulled back or wear a hat (or you can wear a fancy hairnet that will be provided to you), closed toe shoes and your Las Candalistas apron.

Sunshine and Rain Report- Carla Smith and Susan Udewitz

Was just informed that they found 2 spots on Wolfy's spine and he will be undergoing a lumbar procedure. Monika Bauer is having shoulder surgery on Thursday. Continued prayers for both of them.

Carla read a lovely thank you card from David Udewtiz.

Sue von Nordenflycht told Carla that Doris Brigham has been in and out of the hospital with issues on her pancreas due to her cancer. Hoping to get out today.

Pat Hoffman update - Not home yet. Looking for a caregiver. Will be home in 2 weeks. She's walking more than she ever has.

Shelley Pogorelsky's arm is on the mend.

Jane McNeil announced that Nancy Welsh, a long time supporter of Las Candalistas, husband died. Notes to Nancy would be nice. Jane to provide her address.

Thrift - Jan Raymond and Donna Ciminera

It's time to be putting together the kits. Everything is in Donna's garage. The last day to accept any toiletries will be November 18th. Text or email Donna if you plan on dropping something off due to her security gate. Still low on toothbrushes and razors for men. Would like some more lipsticks and nail polishes for the ladies. They won't be accepting any clothing until our January meeting. Take to charities directly if you can't wait. Contact Jan for charities.

Book Club - Marlyn Franklin

Their November book choice is The Library Book and their meeting will be held on 12/1 at Joanie Sedillo's home. If anyone is interested in attending, contact Marylyn.

Bunco - Hollidae Brown and Paula Redmond

No Bunco in December.

Dinner for 6 - Debbie Sampson

Everyone that has signed up has been notified on who they will be dining with. Please take pictures when you meet with your groups.

Found Treasures - Judy Moorhead

Due to the school holiday on Friday, they will be up at Rancho pricing found treasures at 10:00 if anyone would like to join them.

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Lorri Mino, Recording Secretary