

Las Candalistas General Meeting
February 8, 2023
PV Library

Meeting called to order at 9:30 am.

Laura Henson-Broussard, Co-President, welcomed everyone and thanked those who brought donations for our charities.

Guest Speakers:

Cancer Support Community South Bay - Jackie Suiter, Executive Director, explained new name and location, extending an invitation to Las Candalistas to visit at any time. Their organization serves 2500 cancer patients with over 200 programs, free of charge. All done through donations, grants and fundraisers. Las Candalistas donations help their Children's and teens program. Their mission is Support, Education and Hope. Video presentation of children.

Family Promise of the South Bay - Lori Eastman, Executive Director, talked about their summer camp and mentorship program servicing 117 children that Las Candalistas donates to. A free camp for kids experiencing homelessness, so their parents can work. It is a 6 week program from 7am - 6pm. It includes field trips, help with homework, games, physical activity, a STEM curriculum and socioemotional curriculum for the children to have a safe person to talk to. Video presentation of the children was showed.

Jocelyn Fermin, Operations & Engagement Manager spoke of ways to volunteer and get involved:

- Snack Packs
- Dinner drop off
- Children and Youth events
- Workshops (taxes, healthy meals, etc.)
- Donations (furniture, clothing, money, etc.)

Board of Directors - Laura Webb

Still accepting nominations for BOD. There are 2 openings. If you want to nominate someone, please talk to them first and give their names to the BOD by the end of the month.

A nominating committee has been formed to put officers in place for next year. Thank you to all of the officers who have confirmed they will continue with their position, but there are still openings available. Most importantly, we need a treasurer. There are a few past treasurers willing to help. Please consider taking a position. Nominating Committee: **Members at Large** - Polly Goodman and Hollidae Brown, **Officers** - Laura Henson-Broussard and Susan Yamate and the **BOD** - Laura Webb, Sharon Logan, Gina Radocchio, Janie Woodburn and Janie Hasselman.

Spring Event:

Randi Young - All Chair people in place:

- Center Pieces, Stella Bullock & Debbie Bramhall
- Ambiance, Karyn Farris & Joanie Sedillo
- Jams, Ann Goodhart & Janie Hasselman
- Sponsors, Lynda Black
- Bar, Cheryl Deppe
- Bar Ambiance, Janie Woodburn
- Silent Auction, Lorri Mino
- Check-in, Cathy Howard & Kathy Black
- Check out, Nanci Browning
- Raffle, Judy Armstrong, Laura Webb & Carla Smith

Karen Stockbridge - Still need help, sending around a sign-up sheet for various positions and times:

- Set-up 3:00-6:00 (bar, tables, reception area, Silent Auction, etc.)
- Sell raffle tickets and glow bands
- Sell drink tickets
- Silent Auction (manning during and closing time)
- Check-in
- Live Auction spotters
- Check out
- Tear down/clean up

- Sunday (last sweep/clean up)

Debbie Sampson - New Live Auction company. Been doing it for 20 years and has great tips to help us. Given us 3 companies to work with for trips with great packages such as a Villa in Bali with chef and driver, House in Italy with cooking classes and the ever popular African safari. These trips are great, but cost us money. Put on your thinking caps for some unique experiences like the tree house, where we get all of the money. Maybe you know someone with a beautiful garden or a chef. Auctioneer will be Comedian Gary Cannon.

Lynda Black - Still need volunteers for sponsorships.

Laura Henson-Broussard - We need people to come, spread the word! A save the date went out through Constant Contact. Please forward to all of your friends and family. Also, please follow our social media. We are on Instagram and Facebook. Follow us, like us and share.

The Insider will be coming out at the end of the month with the invitation on the cover. Ticket reservations will be opening online soon. We want to encourage everyone to do it that way.

Philanthropy - Cathy Howard

Next month we will have a speaker from Pointe Vincente Interpretive Center. Our tour to Momentum Pediatric Therapy Network is this Friday, February 10th at 10:00. There is still room if you would like to join.

We are working on a tour of Manes for Movement for March. More info to follow.

Membership - Susan Yamate & Randi Young

Happy birthday to our February ladies. Please fill out the emergency contact form if you haven't done so.

We have been doing research on other organizations like ours such as Vistas, Sandpipers and PV Juniors, to compare. Most things very similar. We need to attract and motivate more new members, so we may need to think about alternate meeting times and adding Zoom. To get working women or stay at home moms with younger children, evening meetings may be a good option.

We are also reviewing our status levels. Many people only want to be "workers", so a new lever with higher dues and no requirements is something to explore and discuss.

Treasurer - Judy Armstrong

Balances for February 2023

Event - \$64,422.96

Members - \$8,090.86

Property - \$ 610.40

Total - \$74,124.22

Sunshine and Rain - Carla Smith

- Carla retired after 49 years as a pediatric nurse.
- Gina Radocchio informed us that they are doing research for Joe and would appreciate positive thoughts and prayers.
- Monika said that Wolfy is doing an MRI every 3 months. Having one today.
- Suzanne Manavian is going through some health issues and would appreciate prayers and messages.
- Linda Rodrick is going through some lung issue and would appreciate cards and messages.
- Jane Butler Jackson will be having carpal tunnel surgery in the next few weeks.
- Cheryl Deppe told us that she saw Pat Hoffman and she is looking well.
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All of our members thoroughly enjoy receiving our emails, cards, support and messages!

President's Update:

Debbie Sampson - Presented February Superstars to Cathy Howard & Kathy Black. Both have done an outstanding job as Officers of Philanthropy, building a relationship with our charities. Added to their job this year was offering our charities to come and speak with us and coordinating this for us. Plus, they both did Adopt-a-family this year. They have gone above and beyond!

Small Fundraisers - Great success in the fall with Pampered Chef, A/R Workshop and Bettolino's. Coming up:

- Barsha Restaurant in Hermosa Beach on March 1st 5:00-9:00. Reservations recommended dine in or take out. Must mention Las Candalistas and we will receive 20% (including alcohol).

- Cabi Party at Joanie Sedillo's house on March 17th. 4:30 Social, 5:30 demonstration. We will receive 10% of sales.
- Wine tasting; 2 events March 23rd and 24th at Debbie Sampson's house. \$40 a person and you can still join a wait list for the 23rd.
- Tupperware party at Pat Hoffman's house in April. More info to follow.

Excursions - Cindy MacFarlane

Exploring a few options:

- The Flower Fields in Carlsbad. Open March 1 - Mother's Day, best time beginning of March through the beginning of April. We could get a group rate for a group of 20 and maybe get a party bus and lunch. With a show of hands, it looked like at least 20 are interested and thought the bus would be fun.
- Rodger's Garden - shopping and lunch.. More than 8 people we would have to pay for the room charge of \$250.

Book Club - Marlyn Franklin

February book is a psychological thriller, *The House Maid*, by Freida McFadden. Debbie Bramhall will be hosting on February 23rd at 5:00.

Bunco - Hollidae Brown

JoAnne Mineo will be hosting the next Bunco on February 15th. It is full, but you can still join the wait list on evite.

Dinner for 6 - Debbie Sampson

One group had to postpone because of illness. New groups starting.. Everyone says it is fun and tasty.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 11:06 am.

Respectfully submitted by - Lisa Nesicolaci for Lorri Mino