

Las Candalistas General Meeting Minutes
March 08, 2023
9:30 Meeting- PV Peninsula Library

Meeting called to order at 9:42 a.m.

Call to Order and Welcome - President(s) Debbie Sampson (absent) and Laura Henson-Broussard
Laura thanked everyone for coming. Debbie is still in England so she's flying solo today but if
Debbie were here, she would say everyone looks smashing!

- Thank you to Lynda Black who hosted the Barsha fundraiser on 3/01
- The Insider has been emailed to members and mailed to all on our mailing list. It will also be included in a Constant Contact marketing email later this month. Thank you to Karen Stockbridge for creating the Insider and Irene Almeida and her team for prepping it for mailing.

Guest Speaker from Providence Trinity KidsCare - Kristin Conforti

Kristen appreciated being there and thanked us for our support.

- In 2001 Trinity Kids Care was founded with 22 children. They currently have 307.
- Kids come to them when there is nowhere else to go for Hospice and Palliative Care support. They wrap their arms around them and their family and help make decisions for them.
- Help with pain management on Palliative Care and they can live a long happy life in their service.
- Provide at home Hospice care - their staff on call includes a physician, nurse, social worker and non-denominational chaplain.
- Strengthen family supports - help with saving costs.
- Assist with end of life care. Physicians available at all hours.
- Provide expressive therapy for all family members including massage, art supplies and music skills.
- Delivery of medical supplies - wheelchairs, bed, etc.
- Grief support for the entire family for 13 months. Kids get extra care.
- Financial support and assistance with medical bills.
- Child care approach is based on the needs of the family. Everyone is different.
- Fundraising includes Layla's walk hosted by Jack Black. There are usually 300 people in attendance.
- Bring in support dogs which are customized to the family's needs.
- Provide bereavement services and bring in art supplies for the siblings to do things together.
- Music therapy - Record the child's heartbeat and a musician puts it to music.
- Never turn anyone away. Only organization in Southern California that offers these services.
- Breach the gap of pay for family members that have to take a leave from work to be with their child. Provide food, gas cards, Uber, etc.
- 67% of families live below the federal poverty line.

- Sunday by the Sea wine tasting event on April 30th.

Recording Secretary - Lorri Mino

The minutes of the February General Meeting were approved.

Chairman of the Board- Laura Webb

The Nominating Committee met and she is happy to report that we have our slate of Officers for 2023-2024. They will be announced at the June luncheon.

April is the month they hold their annual Board of Directors meeting and election for new Board Officers. We have two vacancies to fill. Currently have two nominations, Amy Mosher and Carla Smith. Open for more nominations through this month. Let Laura know if you're interested before the last week of March.

Spring Event - Lynda Black, Laura Henson-Broussard, Debbie Sampson (absent), Karen Stockbridge (absent) and Randi Young (absent)

Laura - Tickets are on sale. Spread the word. Constant Contact and the Insider have information on how to purchase tickets. PV magazine also has a full page ad that was donated to us. You can go online or pay Laura after the meeting. Hoping all members only have to work 2 hour shifts. All members attending, regardless if they are working, need to purchase a ticket. Passed around the sign up sheet again for those that were unable to sign up at our last meeting.

Chef Dora is our caterer and the menu will consist of tray passed appetizers, mushroom and brie quesadillas and chicken satay, a plated green salad and a buffet that includes a chicken dish, braised short ribs, green beans with blistered tomatoes and rice. Chef Dora is donating the dessert. Special dietary needs can be accommodated. Chef Dora is also donating a dinner for 8 people in your home along with Catalina View wines.

Jane McNeil suggested they send something out to the Sustainers to donate.

Lynda - Plan on having a bar area that will also include cocktails to purchase along with beer and wine. Keeping the cocktails simple. Looking at one of our sponsors to do a signature drink for us. 4-5 bartenders will be at the event. This is the first year we will profit from alcohol sales.

Working on sponsorships. We have received some very generous donations from family members. Let Lynda know if you can think of any businesses that may be interested. Water Replenishing Company, Malaga Bank and Janice Hahn have signed up as sponsors.

SILENT AUCTION - Lorri Mino - Excited that so many of you have reached out with your silent auction ideas. We have so many great items and they keep coming. Reminder that everything is due on April 12th. If we haven't heard from you and you would like to donate, or if you would like to donate money, please contact Lorri as soon as possible. We have some ideas if you need some help deciding.

Karyn Ferris said they are working on the jellyfish and going down to the Cabrillo Museum to check out the location to get an idea on where to hang the jellyfish and how many are needed.

1st Vice Presidents - Philanthropy - Kathy Black and Cathy Howard

- Working with the Philanthropies and keeping in contact with them through email and text.
- The Momentum tour went well. The Director of Special Needs Services spent the entire time with them. Were able to view their feeding rooms and the warehouse.
- The tour of Manes for Movement is at 4:00 today. Working on setting up a tour with Marine Mammal Care.
- Point Vicente will be the speaker at next month's meeting.

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

- We currently have 136 members. Tracking about 6 new members. Inviting them to meetings to check us out.
- A member survey was passed out at last month's general meeting in regards to other options of having our meetings. 26 responded out of 38 attendees. 16 said Zoom was the best option. The next was late afternoon. Trying to accommodate working women and women who travel. More to come.
- Looking into holding an Open House to recruit new members in May. All other organizations they have looked into do this with much success. A form was passed out to write down information of potential new members you may know. We need to build up our Active level. Our standing rules say we can have 55 and we only have 33.

Treasurer - Judy Armstrong

Provided us with the current budget numbers:

- Event Budget - \$67,458.11
- Members Budget - \$8,060.86
- Property Budget - \$610.42

Parliamentarian - Lisa Nesicolaci

- April and May meetings will be held at the library.
- We will be voting for the Board of Director openings in April. If you would like an absentee ballot, contact Lisa.
- Our June luncheon will be at Blue Water Grill on 6/14. The cost will be \$55 per person.

Small Fundraisers - Selina Hamilton

Laura reported for Selina:

- 3/01- Lynda Black hosted dinner at Barsha. The Officers had their meeting and ordered food after the meeting. The food was very good. Lynda said it was a windy night but it looks like we had a good turnout.
- 3/17 - Joanie Sedillo will be hosting a Cabi party on 3/17. We will receive 10% of sales. Bubbles and nibbles start at 4:30 and the demonstration will be held at 5:30. If you would

like to attend, please RSVP to the E-vite that was emailed out. You can also support by purchasing online. The link is in the March Newsletter.

- 3/23-3/24 - Wine tasting at Debbie Sampson's is sold out! There is a waitlist for Friday, not on Thursday. If you have not paid yet, please pay your \$40 by check to Judy Armstrong, or Venmo or mail to Debbie.
- 4/8 - Tupperware at the home of Pat Hoffman from 1-5. Evite will be sent out. 50 people can attend.

Thank you for supporting all of our small fundraisers.

Excursions - Cindy MacFarlane and Susan Sanborn

Going to the Flower Fields in Carlsbad isn't going to work out due to transportation. Looked into getting the bus from Janice Hahn's Office but she is already giving us a donation and getting a party bus would be \$75 per person. Looked into whale watching but there is nothing local. Closest locations are Dana Point or Newport. In keeping with the theme of our Spring Event, checked into the Long Beach Aquarium. Could get a ticket for \$26 if anyone is interested in them setting it up.

Thrift - Jan Raymond and Donna Ciminera

Drop off your thrift at the end of the week at Jan Raymond's home. Toiletries any time.

Book Club - Marlyn Franklin

Their book for this month is a historical novel called Horse, a story about a horse called Lexington. They have been experimenting with different times and days to meet. Their next meeting is Wednesday, 3/22, at the home of Debbie Bramhall. Contact Marlyn if you would like to attend.

Bunco - Hollidae Brown and Paula Redmond

Bunco will be held on Wednesday, 3/15, at the home of Debbie Bramhall and have twelve players.

President's Updates - Laura Henson Broussard & Debbie Sampson

- The Superstar awards for March were presented to Donna Ciminera and Jan Raymond for everything they do for thrift and the toiletry bags. Donna has been a member since 2000 and Jan since 2002. They have held every office and are always ready to help out when needed. Thank you for all you do for our organization.
- We will be reviewing the standing rules as some of the information needs to be updated. The membership will vote on the proposed changes to the standing rules at the May General Meeting.
- Please remember to buy your tickets for our Spring event. Our last 3 events have sold out. Our charities appreciate your support.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Lorri Mino, Recording Secretary