

Las Candalistas General Meeting Minutes
May 10, 3034
9:30 Meeting- PV Peninsula Library

Meeting called to order at 9:32 a.m.

Call to Order and Welcome - President(s) Debbie Sampson and Laura Henson-Broussard
Laura welcomed everyone. It's a beautiful day and this promises to be a fun meeting. Trying something new today. We are testing a hybrid meeting with Zoom. Thank you to Nanci Browning and Cheryl Deppe for being our volunteers. We had technical difficulty at first as we couldn't hear them but then Danielle Weinstock added speakers and voila, we could hear them.

Thank you to everyone that came to Jammin with the Jellyfish and all your support. It was a success for LC and their charities. Thank you for coming to the meeting today as our year isn't over yet. We still have a lot on our calendar, Potential new Members Open House, Philanthropy Distribution and our June luncheon which is always fun! A big welcome to some visitors today checking us out as potential members, Peggy (Carla Smith's friend) and Emma (Jane McNeil's friend). Everyone pat yourself on the back as you're really making a difference in the South Bay.

Guest Speaker from South Bay Wildlife and Education - Christina Jones

Christina is the new Director of the organization due to Ann Lynch's retirement from doing rehab. Christina was Ann's Assistant Director for 30 years and with Ann's leadership, she felt confident to take on the position. Ann is still involved as the CFO. They are currently in the process of retaining all new permits. You cannot get a permit in an already existing name so they added Education to their organization name. Working with Wetlands and Wildlife to tag on to their federal permit. In the process for the permit to take their birds out to events and out to the schools. The program helps get people involved and teaches them on how to not to harm them.

The property they had with the flight cages has decided to sell the property. They don't have anywhere for the birds to go. Looking for help in finding locations. They require a minimum of 2 acres to have room to build flight cages. This will be very expensive. Christina is continuing to do rehab at her home and then sends them on to another rehab organization that has flight cages. They still have volunteers that are itching to get to work. They were hoping to set up shop next to the Marine Mammal Care but they haven't had any updates.

Chairman of the Board - Laura Webb (absent)

Janie Woodburn welcomed their two new Board members, Carla Smith and Amy Mosher.

Recording Secretary - Lorri Mino

The minutes of the April General Meeting were approved.

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

The event is over and the team was anxious to share with us the success of our Spring Event. They started out with a cute video with pictures from members and PV Magazine. The format they used in telling us the amount that we made was showing us our top 10 money making events and ending with #1 which was Jammin with the Jellyfish at \$69,159!!!!

Debbie -

Missing Randi as she's traveling.

It truly takes a village and thanked everyone for their help and attendance.

Thanks to Laura HB for check in/check out and learning the new software which made such a great addition. She did all the training for the members, all the social media and communicated with all of our guests and made sure they were kept up to date on the event and that all of them had a credit card registered with us. She was also on que to keep to the budget.

Laura -

Said she's willing to share her knowledge on software as she's done with reservations. Thanks to Nanci Browning for her meticulous research and came up with the one that we purchased. Also thank you to the following:

- Kathy Black, Cathy Howard, Irene Almeida, Susan Yamate and Greg Brousard for learning the new software and being her check in committee.
- Amy Mosher, Mary Ross, Lucy Hubner, Michelle Joye and Hollidae Brown for passing out the bid paddles and name tags.
- Danielle Weinstock and Nanci Browning for check out

Big thanks to Lynda Black. She's awesome and dealt with rentals, helped with the bar (first time we did the bar ourselves), Sponsors, secured alcohol and developed relationships.

Lynda -

Thanks to the following:

- Laura Webb, Danielle Weinstock and Lisa Nesicolaci for their help with contacting Sponsors which brought in additional money.
- Karen Stockbridge and Cheryl Deppe for their help with planning the bar and for Karen coming up with the signature drink and Cheryl's expertise and know-how.
- The drink ticket crew sold over 400 tickets.
- Janie Hasselman, Donna Ciminera and Karen for providing lemons, limes and oranges.
- Big thank you to all the husbands.

Still have wine for sale from J Lohr at \$10 a bottle, Sauvignon Blanc, Cab and Chardonnay.

Karen Stockbridge did a fabulous job with the amazing band, silent auction, organizing labels, program and postcard, signage and shopping and purchasing the much needed pashminas.

Karen -

It was awesome having Randi and Lynda as newer members helping out. Randi being new to our co chair team and she was responsible for Ambience, tablecloth coordination, helped Lynda with rentals. Then I went on to mention her team...

Myself, and Lorri Mino would like to thank everyone so much who donated an item(s) to the silent auction. We made over \$8,500 which appears to be a record. I want to thank Lorri who worked tirelessly collecting all the donations, learning the new software to input all the bid sheets, making displays for the acrylic holders, coordinating the delivery of all donations to the venue and was in charge of set up and check out. Also delivered all items not picked up at the event.

- Thank you to our silent auction helpers that set up, helped manage while auction was open and tear down:
 - Hollidae Brown
 - Danielle Weinstock
 - Amy Mosher
 - Marlyn Franklin
 - Janice Petrosino
 - Ann and Jim Goodhart
 - Karyn Ferris
 - Janie Woodburn
 - Joanie Sedillo
 - Cindy and Jerry McFarland
 - Don Young
- Thank you to Janie Woodburn for the lovely decorations for our bars which included a pelican with a gorgeous orchid display, clamshell with succulents and orchids and a Mermaid that Belinda Krekorian helped with giving her a headband of seashells.
- Irene Almeida was responsible for getting a committee together to mail out the Insider. She also added postage to our postcards. Thank you!
- Thank you to Polly Goodman for creating all of our labels and keeping track of our donors.
- Daughter in law, Sunday created the jellyfish graphic for our event. Thank you to her!
- Thank you to Judy Moorhead and Lisa Nesicolaci for selling our pashminas and for Janie Woodburn going downtown with her to help purchase.

Randi was new to our co-chair team and was a great asset. She was responsible for Ambience, tablecloth coordination and helped Lynda Black with Rentals. Randi would like to thank her team:

- Shout out and thank you to the Table Centerpiece ambience crew (Debbie Bramhall and Stella Bullock), jellyfish makers (Karyn Ferris, Joanie Sedillo, Donna Ciminera, Janice Petrosino, Marylyn Franklin, Brenda Holcomb, Sharon Logan and Cindy McFarland, tablecloth management (Cathy Howard and special thank you to Monika Bauer who ironed 16 of the fitted tablecloths) and Ann and Jim Goodhart for table set up.

Debbie had a vision for this event and talked us all into joining her on her journey. She was our fearless leader from start to finish, refusing to do anything halfway, communicated with Cabrillo Museum management and the Live Auction Company, lined up the live auction prizes and coordinated with the caterer. Created all the technical presentations during the program with husband Nick.

Debbie -

Thanks to the following:

- Our jam committee, Ann Goodhart, Janie Woodburn, Janie Haselman and Laura Webb. Still have some jam available, small \$5, big \$10.
- Judy Armstrong for securing the glow bands we used for the Heads and Tails game and for getting her family to help put the bands together which was not an easy task. The game brought us an additional \$2,000 in income.
- Judy Armstrong, Don Young, Susan Udewitz, Carla Smith, Stella Bullock for selling the glow bands.
- Cindy McFarland and Debbie Bramhall who were Live Auction spotters for the evening.
- Julie Waldron and her husband for picking up the much needed Starbucks and returning the container the next day.
- Bob Ameida and his help with car parking.
- Cathy and Dave Howard and everyone else that helped with tear down.
- Huge thank you to our husbands that came out and helped us. Big thank you to her husband Nick for all of his help with adding and editing the presentations and all the tech equipment and Doug Smith for his help setting up in the afternoon.
- Really pleased with the event. We still have table overlays for sale for \$5, napkins at \$1 each. Add your name to the list that is being circulated. Pashminas on sale for \$10. Only black available.

Cute cupcakes with ocean life cutouts were passed out in lieu of the after party since our event was the party!!!

1st Vice Presidents - Philanthropy - Kathy Black (absent) and Cathy Howard

- We have now heard from all the 14 remaining charities speak at our General Meeting. Great job!
- Toured the Marine Mammal Care yesterday. They currently have 60 patients. We were able to view a feeding. They will be keeping us informed on future release dates. Also visited their classrooms.
- We have 3 scheduled Wyland mobile lab visits to our Title 1 schools in the Fall.
- Nomination forms for Philanthropies for next year are due on 6/30. Already nominated are Community's Child, Cabrillo Museum and Cancer Support.
- Philanthropy Distribution meeting is scheduled for Monday, 6/12 at 4:00 p.m. at the Malaga Cove Division of the library. Officers and Board members are the only ones that can vote but if you would like to attend to support your charity by saying a few words, you can.

3rd Vice Presidents - Membership- Susan Yamate & Randi Young (both absent)

- Lisa Nesicolaci reported that the new Potential Member Open House will be held on 5/19 at the home of Debbie Sampson. Give this information to your friends. We have 7 RSVP's and 2 maybes.
- Dues are due by 6/30. Lisa collected them at the meeting but they are due to either Susan or Randi.
- Changing your status is due by 5/15. If you are changing to Associate, be sure to include if you want to be a voting Associate.

Parliamentarian - Lisa Nesicolaci

June Luncheon will be on 6/14 at the Blue Water Grill. Make sure to get in your reservation.

Treasurer - Judy Armstrong

Audited figures for April (Spring Event money not included in totals as it has not been deposited into our accounts yet):

- Event Budget - \$88,254.22
- Members Budget - \$4,872.32
- Property Budget - \$610.47
- Grand Total - \$93,737.01

Thanked Laura HB for bringing on the new software system. Check request deadline is 5/30.

Sunshine and Rain - Carla Smith and Susan Udewitz:

Monika Bauer requested continued prayers for grandson, Wolfy as he is scheduled for another MRI of the brain and spine. Pray that there are no new tumors. Prayers for two families that would like to remain anonymous as they go through their cancer journey.

Small Fundraisers - Selina Hamilton (absent)

Thank you for supporting all of our small fundraisers. We raised an additional \$5,500!

Book Club - Marlyn Franklin

Susan Yamate will be hosting this month's meeting on Wednesday, 5/31, at 4:30 p.m. This month's book is the Henna Artist.

Bunco - Hollidae Brown and Paula Redmond (absent)

Bunco will be held on Wednesday, 5/17, at the home of Janie Woodburn's and we are full.

Dinner for 6 - Debbie Sampson

Still a couple of groups that need to meet. Setting up the last round for May-June.

Thrift - Donna Ciminera and Jan Raymond (absent):

Do not bring anything to the June Luncheon. Will continue to collect toiletries during the summer.

President's Updates - Laura Henson Broussard & Debbie Sampson

- The Superstar awards for May were presented to the Spring Event Chairs!
 - Karen Stockbridge - Has chaired many events and has been our past President twice.
 - Lynda Black - Brought new ideas and was great working with her.
 - Randi Young - Will receive when she returns.
- Please plan on attending the June Luncheon. It's a lot of fun and it's an opportunity to see our Top 3 receive their checks and meet any new members that sign up!

- Debbie surprised us with presenting an extra special reward. She was surprised that this member hadn't been acknowledged before for her 10 years of maintaining our website, social media, Facebook and Instagram! It's a lot of work. Congratulations to Laura HB!

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Lorri Mino, Recording Secretary