

**Las Candalistas Officers Meeting Minutes**  
**November 1, 2023**  
**Home of Lisa Nesicolaci**

**Officers present:** Lynda Black, Debbie Bramhall, Laura Henson-Broussard, Brenda Holcomb, Lucy Huebner, Lorri Mino, Lisa Nesicolaci, Debbie Sampson, Karen Stockbridge, Susan Yamate and Randi Young

**Board of Director members present:** Sharon Logan and Amy Mosher

**Special Guest:** Danielle Weinstock

Meeting called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Laura thanked Lisa for being our hostess this month. She then introduced our special guest, Danielle Weinstock, to discuss setting up Zoom for our Hybrid meetings:

**ZOOM - Danielle Weinstock:**

She has volunteered to help us get Zoom up and running. We now have an account with Zoom. To have a fully integrated hybrid meeting for members to participate they need to be seen, heard and ask questions. Need to have commitment and time for people to get used to it. The benefit is for those that work can attend a meeting.

Danielle to research how we can record the meeting and if a link is then sent to the administrator for her to be able to send it out to our members to view. Will try a practice run at the November General Meeting.

**Presidents Welcome - Laura Henson-Broussard:**

- Holiday party is booked and set for Rafello's on Sunday, 12/03. \$55 per person payable to Laura. Similar menu to last year's party. Need a minimum of 60 members to attend. Will pass another clipboard around for the party at the next General Meeting.
- Contract has been officially signed for the Norris for our Spring Event. Lynda has approved it. Will offer free Wifi. One half of the deposit is due in January.

**Recording Secretary - Lorri Mino:**

The minutes of the October Officer's meeting were approved.

**Board Update - Sharon Logan:**

Busy working on our By-laws and standing rules. A big thank you to Debbie B. and Amy for the fabulous Fall Event.

**1st Vice Presidents - Philanthropy -Lisa Nesicolaci and Debbie Sampson:**

- Will not be looking into volunteer opportunities with our Philanthropies until next year. They didn't really respond to our call for help.
- Will be collecting books this month. Bring to the General Meeting.

- Botanical Gardens suggested we have an excursion there to experience a behind the scenes tour of their Trolls exhibit.
- June Luncheon - Brenda looked into other venues for us to hold our June Luncheon other than the Blue Water Grill. Purpose of this is to hopefully get more members that will be willing to attend, if we can get the cost down, as it is a General Meeting and to invite all Philanthropies that we will be presenting a check to. She reported on the Elks Lodge in San Pedro, Woman's Club in Redondo Beach and St. Peters by the Sea. She reported on catering by Apple Spice and Debbie reported on Chef Dora. After much discussion, we decided to book St. Peters. Brenda to find out what time frame they can give us. Leaning towards Chef Dora for catering. Debbie to look more into what they can provide.

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

- Lynda talked with Laura and Kelly, one of our sponsors, and they loved our event. She noticed they were passing out newsletters and asked if they could advertise our Spring Event and she said yes to putting it into their January and April newsletter. Have the article ready by December for them.
- The Water Replenishment company donated \$500 to our Fall Event.
- Working on Honda to be a sponsor. Thanked Lucy for helping her work on the very extensive grant.
- Working on the LC insurance. Need to look into when the library needs an insurance update.

**3rd Vice Presidents - Membership - Susan Yamate and Randi Young:**

- Held an After Action Review on the Fall Social with the Provisionals. They were all very positive and loved working together. Suggested putting in the budget rentals (when needed) and the set up and take down of tables, etc. Don't do a special cocktail.
- Working on updating the Member's Application. Laura suggested they type up a rough draft of what you think you would want to ask and what we need to know and present at the next Officer's meeting.

**Parliamentarian - Brenda Holcomb:**

Standing rules vote at the November General Meeting will just be by show of hands. A quorum of 25 voting members needs to be at the meeting.

**Corresponding Secretary - Karen Stockbridge:**

Mailed out and delivered the rest of the rosters.

**Treasurer - Lucy Huebner:**

- Event - \$54,867.31
- Membership - \$7,688.95
- Property - \$610.60
- 2 checks have already come in from the Charleston Wrap Fundraiser that is still going on until 12/06.

- Had some questions in regards to the money donated for the centerpieces as the money wasn't adding up. How much for the center pieces and how much for donations? Need to have separate envelopes in the future.
- Updates from the Fall event - Money raised was in the mid \$30K. Still need to pay bills.
- Provided us with a raffle status update. Sent 5 years of taxes to the Department of Justice to try and get in better standings and not be delinquent. If we can't get this taken care of, we cannot have casino night at our Spring Event.

**Fall Event Chairs - Debbie Bramhall and Amy Mosher:**

- Thank you to Debbie and Amy for chairing their first event and the hard work they did to make it so successful. Have heard so much positive feedback from guests that thoroughly enjoyed the event. Considering doing this type of event next year but maybe not authors but definitely speakers and not so many. It was suggested that maybe start lunch a little later so there is more time for shopping.

**Standing Rules/Bylaws Discussion:**

- What tiers of status do we want for Membership? In the past, it was geared to what they did for Walk on the Wildside. The roles of members are changing and we need to reflect that in our standing rules.
- It was obvious by the amount of discussion, nothing was going to be decided at this time. Members that have followed the rules, have very strong feelings on how to get those Active members that don't follow the rules to participate. Because of this, we are strongly leading towards some type of "worker bee" role. Laura will take everything into consideration and work on it.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted by:** Lorri Mino, Recording Secretary