

Las Candalistas Officers Meeting Minutes
January 03, 2024
Zoom Meeting

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

Absent: Debbie Bramhall and Debbie Sampson

Board of Director member present: Janie Woodburn

Special Guests: Nanci Browning, Cheryl Deppe and Selina Hamilton

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

Presidents Welcome - Laura Henson-Broussard:

- Thank you to Janie for filling in for Gina who is going through a bad time.
- Holiday party went really well. Thank you all for coming.
- Our thrift ladies did their toiletry packages . Pictures were on social media and on our website,
- Kathy Black and Cathy Howard did a great job with Adopt a Family. We were able to give 5 families from Community's Child a very, merry Christmas.
- Cookie exchange at Sally's was a lot of fun.
- Went with Brenda to the Women's Club holiday party. Checked out the caterer they use, Apple Spice. Really good. Nice to see how other groups organize their events.

Recording Secretary - Lorri Mino:

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

Board Update - Janie Woodburn:

Getting ready to start up with the Nominating Committee for next year's Officers. Need 2 Officers to be part of the committee. They will be getting with us to see what we want to do next year. Meeting next Saturday for a get together as not all Board Members will be present.

1st Vice Presidents - Philanthropy -Lisa Nesicolaci and Debbie Sampson (absent):

- During the month of December, the Wyland Mobile Center visited two Torrance schools. Debbie and Lisa got to attend one of them and they were highly impressed. It's huge which makes it hard to get into some of the schools. They have 3 more tours scheduled. If interested, you can become a docent. Kathy Black working on that.
- Collecting donations for the Mammal Marine Care Center for January. A list of all the items they need was noted in the January newsletter. Bring to the General Meeting They invited us to another release of the seals. Debbie and family were able to attend.
- Looking into scheduling a tour of the Botanic Gardens behind the scenes with all the work they are doing. Also a hike with the PV Conservancy to see all that they do. Stay tuned.
- Nothing new to report on the June Luncheon.

2nd Vice Presidents - Ways and Means - Lynda Black and Debbie Bramhall (absent):

- Getting things set up for those we want to contact to become one of our Sponsors and populate them into Greater Giving. Working with the Spring Event Chairs. Went over the contract for the Norris. We will need to provide our own linens.

Parliamentarian - Brenda Holcomb:

Requested a check from Lucy to pay for the rental of a projector and laptop for our remaining meetings.

Corresponding Secretary - Karen Stockbridge:

Target date for Insider will be early March as it will serve as an invite for Havana Nights. Send her pictures, logos, articles to add, i.e. Wyland visits. Decide who we can focus on as a Community Partner. Leaning toward PV Magazine.

Treasurer - Lucy Huebner:

- Event - \$57,600.16
- Membership - \$7,478.84 (outstanding checks)
- Property - \$610.68 (last time we will be reporting on this as we voted to include this into the membership account.
 - We are current as a charity!. Will follow up with an email.
 - Sent an insurance check that was received from the bank.
 - Friends and Family - \$8,359 - Budgeted \$11,000. Supplies were more expensive this year. Still have some products left to sell. Maybe at the Spring Event.

New Business - Laura Henson:

- Great news for our 2024 Fall Event - We have 2 Provisionals that have signed up to be our Chairs. They are Jan Schlesinger and Kelly Reinart. The theme will be an author's lunch again.
- Website has been revamped. Lost some data that we need to input. You might need to reset your password. Under events it shows our big events and our small fundraisers.
- Need to revisit and expand Sunshine and Rain and make sure we are using this position to its full potential in supporting our members. There is no procedure written for this. We do have a line budget item for \$300 for this to send flowers, etc.

3rd VP's Membership - Susan Yamate and Randi Young:

- Working on another Open House for new members. Looking at 5/17 as a possible day from 4-6 on a Friday. Location TBD.

Spring Event Chairs - Nancy Browning, Cheryl Deppe, Selina Hamilton and Danielle Weinstock (absent):

- Danielle is looking into the gambling license.
- Laura is working on the Save the Date that will be going out on 1/16.
- An Interest Finder was passed around at our last meeting but didn't get much response. Will be passing it around at our next meeting. Need to reach out to Provisionals to get them involved.

- Got the ball rolling with Chef Dora. Will meet in the next few weeks to get everything confirmed.
- Nanci reported she is working with Debbie Sampson, auctioneer and the prize supplier. Reached out to some people on the committee she's overseeing but haven't heard back from many.
- Have Provisionals seek out Silent Auction items. Susan Yamate mailed them. So far, haven't heard back.
- Lynda Black is working with Kelly and Laura, the realtors who are our sponsors, to add our Save the Date to their monthly newsletter. It will be in color.
- The Good Guys will help with parking.
- They need to get with Karen and Laura to discuss social media.

Membership Standing Rules Discussion:

The following are proposed changes.

- Remove the associate level.
- Keep an honor roll system volunteer log.
- Dues to be increased for Active members.
- Delete 55 active members allowed.
- Do we need Associates and Voting Associates?
- Huge discussion on tiers of membership.
- Karen came up with a clear and precise requirements that need to be fulfilled and to perhaps pick what they can do instead of doing all of them
- Majority of Officers are frustrated that not all Active members are doing their part.
- Rules were written during the Walk on the Wildside.
- Perhaps recognize those that step up and follow the guidelines.
- To be continued.....

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Lorri Mino, Recording Secretary