

Las Candalistas General Meeting Minutes  
October 11, 2023  
Palos Verdes Library

Meeting called to order at 9:35 a.m.

**Call to Order and Welcome - President Laura Henson-Broussard**

Laura welcomed everyone and a special welcome to our 6 Philanthropies giving their time and coming to speak at our meeting. Philanthropies were reduced from 14 to 6 and today we will be focusing on our Top 3. We try our best to give to all of our 14 charities. That's our goal. We wish you all luck today.

The charities spoke on the projects they would like us to fund in the following order:

Boys and Girls Club of LA Harbor

Community's Child

Manes for Movement

Marine Mammal Care Center

South Bay Children's Health Center

South Coast Botanic Garden

Voting for the Top 3 took place immediately following with a reminder from the Philanthropy VP's that we support the children and the environment of the South Bay.

**President - Laura Henson-Broussard**

- The Fall Social was a fabulous event. A big thank you to all the Provisionals.
- Our holiday party will be held at Raffaellos on December 3rd. A clipboard was passed around for members to sign up.
- Danielle Weinstock has volunteered to assist with working on getting Zoom up and running for our meetings. It will be tested at the November General Meeting and become part of the standing rules.
- The standing rules for Philanthropy and Financial have been revised and we will be voting on the changes next month.

**Recording Secretary - Lorri Mino**

The minutes of the September General Meeting were approved.

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

Thank you for all the Self care items for 1736 Crisis Center in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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

Nothing to report.

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

- 91 people RSVP'd to attend the Fall Social with 79 in attendance. It was so much fun and the Provisionals did an excellent job.

**Parliamentarian - Brenda Holcomb:**

Nothing to report.

**Corresponding Secretary - Karen Stockbridge:**

Our new rosters are in the back of the room. Make sure you pick yours up. If you see someone hasn't picked theirs up that lives near you, please consider delivering it. You may purchase an extra roster for \$5.

**Treasurer - Lucy Huebner:**

Budget as of 9/30:

Property - \$610.60

Membership - \$11,391.58

Events - \$22,392.05

**Fall Event Updates:** Debbie Bramhall and Amy Mosher

We're SOLD Out! 225 tickets were sold (5 comp'd). Looking forward to spending the afternoon together.

- We still may need to get help and may be contacting you.
- We're having Zula Naya Africa Safari in our silent auction for \$3,800 for two. Julie Waldron, Hollidae Brown and Debbie Sampson talked about their latest adventures in Africa on this same tour to drum up business and answer questions. Las Candalistas gets 50% of the profit. Our goal is to sell 5 trips but we may be able to sell more. We will have a representative at our event.
- Found Treasures needs help on Thursday to move all of their stuff out of storage at 3:30 and help to unload it at the event on Friday at 7:30.
- Wear something nice to the event.

**Friends and Family Sale:** Kathy Black (absent) and Cathy Howard

Orders are due today. Some jams and the soups will be sold at the event.

**Adopt-A-Family:** Kathy Black (absent) and Cathy Howard

They need your donations. Funds are low. If you want a tax donation, make the check out to Las Candalistas and write Adopt-A-Family in the memo portion.

**Small Social FUNdraisers:** Selina Hamilton (absent)

Laura reported that the Charleston Gift Wrap will end 11/06. Get your order in ASAP as their inventory is running low.

The floral arrangement class at Nancy Pearson's is sold out but they are working on planning another one.

**Sunshine and Rain - Karyn Ferris (absent) and Carla Smith:**

- Members that would like to remain private are looking for meals to be cooked for them. We asked to get clarification and more information.
- Suzanne Manavian is still recovering from knee surgery. She has also been suffering some small strokes and is unable to drive.
- Donna Scoular is scheduled for shoulder surgery on November 14.
- Ginny Bleier passed away. Donations to Las Candalistas in her name are welcomed and appreciated.
- Dita Lantz is in Hospice. (Update - Unfortunately, Dita has passed away).

**Thrift - Donna Ciminera and Jan Raymond (absent):**

Collecting thrift today. There will be no thrift collecting in November. Toiletries will be collected up to the November meeting only. Bring to Jan's house. Make sure you call first. Still need 8x5 cosmetic bag. Also toothpaste and toothbrushes. No socks please.

**Excursions - Cindy MacFarlane, Shelley Pogorelsky and Trish Winchester (all absent):**

Laura reported that they are planning a visit to the Huntington Library on 11/13. The cost is \$34 per person. Need 10 people to attend for a group discount. Email Cindy MacFarlane if you are interested in going.

**Bunco - Hollidae Brown and Paula Redmond:**

Bunco is held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month except for the month of December. First come, first served when the Evite comes out at the beginning of the month.

**Book Club - Marlyn Franklin:**

The book for this month is Tomorrow, Tomorrow, Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin. Book Club will be held on Wednesday, 10/25 at 4:30 p.m. at the home of Susan Yamate. Contact Marlyn if you are interested in attending.

**President - Laura Henson-Broussard:**

Once the bottom 3 are notified and Eblast will be sent out on our new Top 3.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.`

Respectfully Submitted by Lorri Mino, Recording Secretary