

Las Candalistas General Meeting Minutes
November 08, 2023
Palos Verdes Library

Meeting called to order at 9:40 a.m.

President - Laura Henson-Broussard

- Welcome everyone. So glad you are here for this important meeting for voting on changes to our Standing Rules and testing Zoom. Thank you to Danielle Weinstock for all her help taking this on and thank you to Brenda Holcomb for reading the Roberts Rules to make sure we are doing everything rules.
- Huge thank you to Debbie Bramhall and Amy Mosher for taking on the Fall Event. This was their first time chairing an event on top of their role of Officer and Board of Directors. We are looking for members to start thinking about chairing next year's Fall Event. Anyone interested, please contact Laura.
- We have a quorum in attendance for the voting of the Standing Rules. Thank you again to Brenda and thank you to Gina Radocchio, our board member who has a lot of knowledge with this and our by laws. Laura read through the proposed changes of the Financial and Philanthropy standing rules and a change to the Treasurer under Officers. The vote was done by a show of hands for all members eligible to vote. 34 votes in favor of all changes.
- Please RSVP to our Holiday Party by 11/18 by emailing or texting Laura. Laura passed around a clipboard to sign up. The cost is \$55 per person.
- The first meeting of the Good Guys (husbands of our members) is meeting today at 5:00 p.m. at Brouwerij West. Greg Broussard is running this group. We've had 18 men sign up. YAY!

Recording Secretary - Lorri Mino

The minutes of the October General Meeting were approved.

Treasurer - Lucy Huebner:

Budget as of 10/30:

Property - \$610.60

Membership - \$7,688.95

Events - \$54,867.31

Have a number of outstanding checks that need to be adjusted. Everyone needs to be turning in their check requests from the Fall Event.

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

Putting a halt to asking the Philanthropies for anything they need help with until next year. Thank you to everyone who brought books today for Cancer Support and Trinity Care. If you didn't bring them today, you can still drop them off at Lisa's. Laura Webb reported that Community's Child could use more help on Thursdays from 10-12 for their healthy bag program. South Coast Botanic

Gardens has offered a behind the scenes look to see what they do as a Philanthropy. Inviting PV Land Conservancy to do a presentation or get them to lead a hike so we can see what they do.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Thank you for making the new Provisionals feel welcomed at the Fall Social. The Provisionals did an excellent job.

Parliamentarian - Brenda Holcomb:

Nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary - Karen Stockbridge:

Nothing to report.

Fall Event Recap - Debbie Bramhall and Amy Mosher:

Amy - Hopefully everyone had a great time at the event as it was fun doing it. Thank you to the venue for working with us so nicely. They made everything happen. Armando was a big help during the event. We appreciate everyone that attended, brought a guest or gave a donation. Also a big thank you to our sponsors.

Debbie - Thank you to Amy for all her help considering how busy she was. Lorri was a rockstar for doing the silent auction. She keeps breaking records. Debbie S. and all her help with the authors. We received so much positive feedback having the authors there. LC Creations always amazes us. Friends and Family was a big success and appreciate all the help from everyone. Sweet Shoppe was sold out by lunch. Thank you to all of you. Stella and Randi did a fantastic job on the dining room ambiance. Karen, Laura and Amy for publicity, bookmarks and social media. It was so helpful to have tables set up for Found Treasures. Irene for getting the postcards out without much notice.

Still crunching the numbers but it looks like Between the Covers brought in \$37,000! The big seller was Africa with the Silent Auction a close second to Africa in bringing in the most money. We sold 6 trips! Thank you to Karen who coordinated everything and got the rep to come to our event.

If anybody is interested in chairing next year's event, contact Laura. It's fun and you can make it your own. Provisionals are able to do it next year!

Spring Event - Nanci Browning, Cheryl Deppe, Selina Hamilton, Danielle Weinstock:

Cheryl and Danielle reported on our next event Havana Nights on 4/27/24 at the Norris Pavilion. There will be gambling, dancing, mojito bar, silent and live auction, full dinner, complimentary cocktail and hors devours. Venue can hold 260. Passed around an interest sheet.

Friends and Family Sale - Kathy Black (absent) and Cathy Howard

Thank you everyone who helped with everything. So appreciative. Sales are great but still have more to sell. Brought jams for sale today. Will announce the numbers at our January General meeting. Reminder to pick up your order at Kathy Black's tomorrow from 1-4.

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

Box is in the back of the room to put your donations. Still need a lot more. Would like to adopt 4 families this year. Using families from Community's Child.

Small Social FUNdraisers - Selina Hamilton (absent):

The floral arrangement class at Nancy Pearson's and instructor Stacey Navarro was so much fun. We made \$400!!!

Debbie Sampson will be having another 2 night wine tasting extravaganza at her house since the last one was such a success. Event will be held on January 18th and 19th. Won't have to buy a certain amount this time and there will be cheaper wines as well. Stay tuned.

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

- Congratulations to Randi Young and Paula Redmond on the birth of their granddaughters!
- Donna Scoular is scheduled for shoulder surgery on November 14.
- Pat Hoffman has been admitted to Torrance Memorial due to lethargy, difficulty breathing and confusion.
- Janice Petrosino is on the mend from back surgery. Is using a back brace. Cards would be appreciate
- Susan Udewitz was hospitalized with swollen feet and high blood pressure Will have hip replacement on 12/21.
- Shelley informed us that she had spoken with a former member, Ann Boyt, who suggested making a donation to Las Candalistas in honor of Dita Lantz

Community Programs (Ralphs) - Cheryl Deppe:

We currently have 52 members signed up. We received a check in the amount of \$373.90 for July-September. Let's push to get more members to sign up and and get your family to sign up also. It's good at all Kroger stores. Check the bottom of your Ralph's receipt to make sure you are signed up.

Thrift - Donna Ciminera and Jan Raymond:

Last day for cosmetics and toiletries. They will take them up to Friday, 11/10. Drop them off at Jan's house. Jan suggested checking out the Last Chance store for great deals on toiletries. Goal for this year is to make 400 bags, 120 go to the men.

Excursions - Cindy MacFarlane, Shelley Pogorelsky and Trish Winchester:

Cindy reported that our first excursion of the year will be on Monday, 11/13, at the Huntington Library which includes the Huntington estate and garden tour and a \$20 voucher for lunch. We would like more people to sign up. Working on our next excursion for sometime in February.

Bunco - Hollidae Brown and Paula Redmond:

Our next Bunco meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11/15, at the home of JoAnne Mineo. We would like more players. If you're interested, please contact Paula or Hollidae.

Book Club - Marlyn Franklin:

We are reading the 1st 2 books of Rebecca Forster, who was one of our authors at our Fall Event. They are Hostile Witness and Silent Witness. Her books are all based in the South Bay and are really great. Book Club will be held at the home of Lisa Nesicolaci on Wednesday, 12/13, at 4:30 p.m. Contact Marlyn if you would like to attend.

President - Laura Henson-Broussard:

- No General Meeting in December.
- Hope to see you all at the Holiday Part. Bring an unique \$10 gift from a Thrift Store for our gift exchange.
- LC Creations for sale on the back table.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.`

Respectfully Submitted by Lorri Mino, Recording Secretary