

Las Candalistas General Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2024
Palos Verdes Library

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

President - Laura Henson-Broussard

- Welcome everyone. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break and were able to stay healthy.
- Once again, our meeting will also be available on Zoom. Thank you Danielle Weinstock for all your help in setting this up. 4 people attended Zoom (2-3 joined later in the meeting).
- Thank you to everyone that came to the holiday party. It was a lot of fun and the gift exchange was really interesting and a hit.
- Important news on the 2024 Fall Event. Because Amy and Debbie B. did such a great job at our 2023 event, we have had two provisionals that have stepped up to chair. They are Jan Schlesinger and Kelly Reinhart. We appreciate you so much and are here to help. It will be an author's theme like last year but stay tuned for more information after our fabulous Spring Event.
- The Men's Auxiliary, The Good Guys, have already held several meetings. The turnout has been good with Greg Broussard as the chair. For the Spring Event, they will manage the parking at the Norris, helping with loading, unloading and set-up. They will be making a list of all the guys that have trucks. They are meeting tonight and will be discussing sponsorships. Starting next month, they will start meeting in homes. The next meeting will be at Laura's house, maybe on the first Tuesday of the month. If any of your husband's or partners are interested, please have them contact Laura.
- Laura shared with us all the work her and Janis Davis have done on revamping our website. Janis found a great new graphic. Check out the Members Only where you can get information on events for members only, get forms, minutes, newsletter, etc. Click on the register button to log in. Username should be your email. You may need to reset your password. We also have a members only Facebook page. Search for it and ask to join. Laura or Debbie S. will let you in.

Recording Secretary - Lorri Mino

The minutes of the November General Meeting were approved.

Board of Directors - Amy Mosher, Chairperson

Welcome back to our second half of our fundraising year. BOD are working on forming a Nominating Committee for the officer slate for 2024-2025. The nominating committee consists of the 5 Board of Directors, 2 Officers (thank you to Karen and Randi who volunteered) and 2 members at large. If you are an officer and want to continue as an Officer in your current position or a different position, please reach out to the BOD, or Karen or Randi. Anyone who wants to become an Officer, please contact them. It's a great way to learn more about our organization.

Looking forward to hearing from you. Will hold an impromptu session this Saturday to check in with our group.

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

- Thank you to those of you that brought donations for Marine Mammal Care. We will still be collecting as we haven't set a date for delivering the donations. They will notify us when the next mammal release is. 10 members are allowed to attend.
- Got to experience the Wyland Mobile Learning Center. It's fabulous. Happy to have gotten to check it out. There are 2 more Torrance schools scheduled for this year. Kathy Black is working with Wyland to get dates.
- Will be working on a hike with the PV Land Conservancy in either April or May on a Saturday to see and learn exactly what they do.
- Botanical Gardens would love to host us for a behind the scenes tour.

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

Sponsorship updates - Working with Laura to get all of our Sponsors separated and identified in Greater Giving. Working on getting sponsors for Havana Nights. Worked on the contract for the Norris with Danielle.

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

Organizing another Open House for potential new members. Start contacting people you think may be interested in joining. Date for Open House will be 5/17 at the home of Debbie Sampson. Time TBD. Busy with updating Membership's standing rules.

Parliamentarian - Brenda Holcomb:

Nothing to report. Laura thanked her for setting up the meeting today, turning up the heat and finding the right person to get Zoom going.

Corresponding Secretary - Karen Stockbridge:

Nothing to report.

Treasurer - Lucy Huebner:

Great News - We are now current and no longer a delinquent charity. Lucy followed up on all the documents that had been sent in by Judy.

Property - \$610.68 (Closed account in November as it will go under Membership)

Membership - \$7,478.84

Events - \$57,600.16

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

- Thank you to the members that have expressed interest in helping and to those that have signed up already. We are sending another interest finder around today if you didn't get a chance to sign up at our last meeting. Struggling with anyone signing up for Silent Auction.
- Save the date will go out on Tuesday. Make sure you check your emails and spam for our Constant Contact. We encourage you to let your friends and family know as we will be competing with several other fundraisers that same night. Our event will hold up to 250 people and we would love to be sold out.
- We will have a trip to Cuba and 4 tickets for golf sponsored by Waste Management in Arizona, just to name a few of the exciting prizes.
- Our first meeting with our chairs will be on 1/31 at the home of Nanci Browning. Time TBD. Still working on reaching out to those that signed up on last year's interest finder.
- Michelle Joye offered a live auction item.

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

They still have cranberry jalapeno and jalapeno jelly on sale for \$10. Brought some to the meeting. We made \$12,500 - \$3,700 in expenses = \$8,850. They also received a \$1,000 donation to purchase supplies.

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

Gave presents and goodies to 5 families from Community's Child. Included 15 children and 5 moms. They received everything on their wish lists plus more!

Small Social FUNdraisers - Selina Hamilton (absent):

- A cookie exchange was held during the holidays which was a lot of fun for those that attended. It also made us a little bit of money. Thank you to Sally who offered her home for this event.
- Debbie Sampson reported on the Tuscan Wine event she will be hosting on 1/18. They are currently full but starting a wait list if you are interested. If you haven't paid, she will take cash, check (made out to LC), Zelle or Venmo.

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

The following was copied from the EBlast that was sent out this week from Sunshine and Rain:

Elaine Trutanich

Unfortunately Elaine recently received news that her Bladder Cancer has returned and has traveled to her lung. She is starting immunotherapy. When asked if there were any needs we could help with she replied "I have four 'over-attentive daughters'. We are glad she is in good hands! Prayers, cards and messages may be appreciated-

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Suzanne Manavian

Suzanne has suffered with many medical issues over the last few years. Recently she's had 5 strokes. When Carla spoke with her she relayed her enthusiasm about a 5th Grandchild coming soon! It's been a long time since she has been able to participate and we miss her. I'm sure that prayers, cards or messages would be appreciated-

Suzanne Manavian

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Susan Udewitz

Susan recently underwent hip surgery and a pacemaker placed within two weeks of each other and is recovering now. We will keep her recovery in our thoughts and prayers. Susan has appreciated the many well wishes thus far.

Susan Udewitz

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Joe Radocchio

Gina's husband Joe has been suffering side effects from his cancer therapy. He has been in very bad condition for the last few months. Luckily they were able to move him to Cedars.

It is a very scary time right now for them. Prayers are requested.

Gina and Joe Radocchio

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The Celebration of Life Service for Pat Hoffman is this Sunday at 10:30am.

Temple Menorah

1101 Camino Real, Redondo Beach

We hope that you are all in good health! Take Care Members!

Community Programs (Ralphs) - Cheryl Deppe:

Looking forward to getting the quarterly report from Ralphs. If you haven't signed up, please do. Open to family members and friends also!

Thrift - Donna Ciminera and Jan Raymond:

Collected some thrift today. 383 toiletry bags were donated to Beacon House, SHAWL, House of Hope, Harbor Interfaith, Toberman and YWCA, . Boys and Girls Club received some of the Bombas socks that were donated to us and they were thrilled. Other charities benefited from these socks also. We are approved every year to receive these socks if we don't break the rules.

You are not allowed to sell them to anyone or to give them to anyone to sell. They have to be donated. The bags were so much better this year. Cash donations are always welcomed. After 15 years, they announced that they will be stepping down from this position but will do it one more year to start training 2 new chairs to take over this fabulous job. It keeps you active with the group and you feel good about what you're doing. It's incredibly rewarding, especially this year. Joan Sedillo and Carla Smith put their name in.

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

All the people who came to the Huntington Library excursion were treated to a wonderful day. The next excursion they are working on is a wine tasting trip to Temecula. Looking at late February or early March and possibly reserving an AirBNB. It would be an overnight trip, possibly 2 nights. It will include a wine tour with transportation to the wineries. Average tour is 3 wineries. Tour will be 5 hours long. Enjoy a group dinner. Once you have committed and paid and you can no longer attend, there will be no refunds. You could find a replacement.

Bunco - Hollidae Brown and Paula Redmond:

Our next Bunco meeting will be held on Wednesday, 01/17, at the home of Rita Lollock at 6:30. Hollidae asked for 2 more players and we got them!

Book Club - Marlyn Franklin:

We held a December book club at the home of Lisa Nesicolci. We discussed 2 books from Rebecca Forester, *The Silent Witness* and *Hostile Witness*. Our next meeting will be held at the home of Judy Moorhead on 1/24 at 4:00. She has chosen *The Only Woman in the Room* which is about Hedy Lamar, her life and her inventions. If you would like to join, please contact Marlyn.

Polly informed us that she is currently training two new volunteers to help her with donor snap. They are Tracy Glover and Lois Riopelle.

Cheryl expressed her gratitude for the option of attending the meetings on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am

Respectfully Submitted by Lorri Mino, Recording Secretary