

Las Candalistas General Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2024
Palos Verdes Library

Meeting called to order at 9:36 a.m.

President - Laura Henson-Broussard

- Welcome everyone. So great to see so many members in attendance. Happy Valentine's Day.
- Thank you Nanci Browning for your help with setting up Zoom today.
- Welcome to our potential new member Valerie brought in by Shelley.
- The Men's Auxiliary, The Good Guys, met at Laura's home on the 6th. There were 12 in attendance and Greg made Gumbo. They discussed how they are going to help with the Spring Event. They are all very gung ho.
- Spring Event ticket sales start right now. The Greater Giving site is up and running. Check out the Constant Contact that will be coming out. If you would like to purchase your tickets today, please do so after the meeting. You still need to register your credit card if you are paying by check.
- Still working on the standing rules dealing with Membership. Held a small meeting that included Randi, Susan, Janie, Brenda and Donna. Making progress. Will have the Officers vote in March and present to the voting members at our April General Meeting.
- Julia Parton of Malaga Bank is Membership for the PVP Chamber of Commerce. We have been invited to attend their meeting on Thursday, 2/15. They will be recognizing Las Candalistas as we have been with them for 15 years. Brenda Holcomb will attend on our behalf. In the past, we haven't been able to attend the meetings as they were held on Wednesdays but they have moved them to Thursdays.
- Reviewed and shared the LC members only portion of our updated website. It has so much information, right at your fingertips. You do have to reset your password at this time. Click on Welcome Member. Calendar of events shows the members only ones in green and it won't show to the general public. Brizzo is our sponsor that helped us update our new website. Working on adding things we have done in the past so people can learn more about us.

Recording Secretary - Lorri Mino

The minutes of the January General Meeting were approved.

Board of Directors - Amy Mosher, Chairperson

We've had a busy first half of the year. Working with Laura on the standing rules. There's more work to be done. Will continue to work with the Officers on the Membership standing rules. The BOD has put together a nominating committee to fill the slate for the 2024-2025 Officers. Meeting will be held on Thursday at Janie Woodburn's. BOD nominations are coming up. Need to replace 3 members at this time. An article will be in the newsletter on roles and responsibilities. To name a few, you need to be able to look at your emails on a regular basis, to occasionally stay after a General Meeting for about 10 minutes to have a face-to-face, to serve

on the Philanthropy committee in late August to vote for our top 6 nominations. If you nominate someone, make sure they are willing to serve. Nominations will be taken at the March General meeting,

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

- Thank you for all the donations for the Boys and Girls Club's food pantry. We won't be delivering until next Wednesday so you still have time to donate.
- Looking into a hike with the PV Land Conservancy on 4/6. We are scheduled on that day, weather permitting. There will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting. This will be a great opportunity to learn what they do.
- March collection will be for Community's Child. They are looking for Easter baskets, either already filled, or supplies to fill a basket.
- The Marine Mammal Care sent their thanks for all the donations last month which will help with all their patients. For the next release, they will give us at least a week's notice and it will be just for LC members.

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

Working with some of our previous sponsors to see if they would like to sign up again. Grant request has been submitted to Janice Hahn's office for \$5,000. Our sponsors, Kelly and Laura, put an article in their newsletter on Havana Nights which is free advertising for us. Might have gotten two potential members from that article. They will put us in their April newsletter also. Malaga Bank has once again donated \$500. Thank you to Ann Goodhart for working on that for us.

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

So happy to see so many of you attending today! We will have another open house for potential new members on 5/17 from 4-6. Thank you to Debbie Sampson for offering her home again for this event. Please make sure you signed in for today's meeting

Parliamentarian - Brenda Holcomb (absent):

Nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary - Karen Stockbridge:

Working on the Insider that will go out to our entire database. It informs them of what we have been doing and where their donations are going. Using the front page for our Havana Nights invite which saves us a lot of money on postage. We are recognizing Kristen Borden, founder and owner of PV Magazine. She gives us full page ads for free and advertises us weekly when we have an event going on. 1600 Insiders will be mailed out this year. Organizing a stuffing and labeling to mail out at the beginning of March. It will also be a refresher to buy tickets to our Spring Event. It will also be sent out via Constant Contact. It will have an insert that thanks our donors and sponsors.

Treasurer - Lucy Huebner:

Membership - \$6,548.52

Events - \$57,878.76

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

- Nanci reported for the team that they have a fun night planned and more plans in the works.
- Invitations going out tomorrow via Constant Contact.
- There will be a vintage car for photo opportunity, salsa dancers and a welcome cocktail when you arrive.
- Cuban inspired buffet dinner.
- Two bars
- Using the same host for our live auction as last year's Spring Event.
- Silent Auction
- Wine Toss
- Photo booth
- Cigar Rolling demonstration
- We ask that you please promote this event by spreading the word. We really need your help.
- Tables are available for purchase that will hold 10.
- Tickets are \$150 and will go to \$175 on 4/13, which is a week before the event. We have room for 270 and would love to sell out!
- Dress is festive casual.
- Let Danielle or Nanci know if you and your committee would like to tour the Norris.

Ambiance (Karen and Janie W.):

- Meeting with Nanci and Jennifer Sittel (Centerpieces) to nail down a color scheme).
- Looking to create vignettes throughout the venue. Looking for bongo drums, aracas, old crates, cigar boxes to add to tropical palms and flowers.

Bar (Susan and Randi):

- Looking into getting beer donated by a brewery
- Need volunteers to sell drink tickets

Silent Auction (Lorri and Cindy):

- Up for the challenge of beating last year's record of \$8,000.
- Need donations. If you have a special talent, perhaps you would like to donate that. Go shopping with your friends. Ask your favorite restaurant, hotel, store, etc. for donations. If you would like to donate money, we would love to shop for you. All donations to be dropped off at Cindy's house.
- Donations are due by 4/15.
- **Looking for volunteers to help with set up.**

Live Auction (Debbie):

- Having a meeting today with Nanci with the Live Auction company to finalize.
- Paula and Shay Redmond have donated a week at their home in Ireland - Rosslare, county Wexford, known as the sunny southeast. The home has 4 bedrooms and is 10 minutes

from the Beach. Would be nice to be able to include a Visa Card to help with airfare and car rental.

- There will also be a vacation to Havana, Cuba - 2 bedroom/2 bath, sleeps 4 for 4 nights. Located in the cultural part of town. Includes maid service and is a security building.
- Chef Dora will also donate a dinner for 10.

Raffle (Karyn):

- Just beginning to work on this. Very fluid right now.

Check in:

- Irene, Debbie B. and Kathy are in charge of reservations. Laura is training them.
- Lynda Black is working behind the scenes on Greater Giving.

Small Social FUNdraisers - Selina Hamilton (absent):

- 10 members have signed up for Flamenco Dancing. Class can hold 25. Dress comfortably. It will be a lot of fun and it's a great teacher. You don't need to know how to dance or need a partner.
- Debbie Sampson reported on the Tuscan Wine event she hosted on 1/18. It went really well. The two girls that came up from Italy were fantastic. Made \$1,300 in ticket sales and will receive 10% on the wine that was purchased. Receiving some wine from them that is valued over \$500 has a donation that we can use at our event.

Special Interest:

Laura informed us that Mike Ciminera's life story was published in PV Magazine and Donna's was published in the Peninsula. Such an exciting life and an extraordinary couple. It was posted on the Facebook Members Only page.

Sunshine and Rain - Karyn Ferris and Carla Smith:

- Susan Udewitz is doing well and able to do all of her activities after her hip replacement.
- Danielle Weinstock sent her thanks for the beautiful plant, card and prayers for the loss of her mother.
- Carla read a thank you text from Jennifer Sittel for her husband's recovery.
- Nancy Hauge is coming along fine with her knee replacement.
- Carla visited and had tea with Beth King who is adjusting to her new way of living without her beloved Bill.
- Joe Radicchio, Gina's husband, is still at Cedar's. He has been there since November. He's not doing well. His heart stopped and they were able to bring him back. They can't get to his tumor because of where it is located.
- Donna Scoular's husband, Rob, has gall bladder cancer and has started chemo treatment. Cards are appreciated.

Thrift - Donna Ciminera and Jan Raymond:

Will be collecting next month. Donations from the dentist are always welcome.

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

Reported on the upcoming wine tasting in Temecula on 3/19-3/21. Would love to have more members signed up. You have until 2/29. There will be a meeting as they need to secure housing and reserve the tour to at least 3 wineries.

Bunco - Hollidae Brown (absent) and Paula Redmond:

Our next Bunco meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2/21 at the home of Nanci Browning at 6:30. We are full for this session.

Book Club - Marlyn Franklin:

Book Club will be held at the home of Cathy Howard on 2/28 at 4:30 p.m. We are reading The Measure by Nikki Erlick.

Provisional, Stacy Navarro, did a quick tutorial on how to promote Havana Nights on Social Media. Would like all of us to post on Mondays.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am

Respectfully Submitted by Lorri Mino, Recording Secretary