

Las Candalistas General Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2024
Palos Verdes Library

Meeting called to order at 9:33 a.m.

President - Laura Henson-Broussard

- Welcome to everyone here and on Zoom. We have no special guests or potential new members today.
- Happy St. Patrick's Day. There are snacks in the back.
- The Men's Auxiliary, The Good Guys, met at the home of John Waldron on Monday. Twelve men attended and are quite excited to help us with the Spring Event. They will be helping with loading and unloading and running the wine toss, just to name a few.
- The Insider/Annua Newsletter is out. Thank you Karen, once again for a fabulous job. Karen gave a huge thank you to Polly for pulling all the Sponsors and Donors. Also thank you to Irene and her fantastic committee, Debbie, Sally, Brenda, Randi, Hollidae, Rita and Janie for getting the Insider prepped for mailing.
- An Ad for our Spring Event came out in the PV magazine which they donated.
- Please make sure you register for the member's only portion of the website.
- Phase II of the standing rules will be put to a vote next month and will be voting on our new Board Members. Important meeting to attend. We will also be having Coffee with the President. Thank you to Susan and Randi for coordinating this.

Recording Secretary - Lorri Mino

The minutes of the February General Meeting were approved.

Board of Directors - Amy Mosher, Chairperson

- The Nominating Committee is working hard to slate our officers for the upcoming year. Going to meet today after the meeting which will be our 2nd meeting so far.
 - Taking Nominations for the Board of Directors. We have 3 Openings. Position starts in July and is a 2 year term. Amy read over the responsibilities of a board member. The following members were nominated:
 - Ann Goodhart
 - Lynda Black
 - Cindy Macfarlane
- Amy will be reaching out to the nominees for their picture and biography that will be in the April Newsletter. We will vote at our next General Meeting.

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

- Thank you to everyone that brought donations for the Easter Baskets for Community's Child.
- Delivered the donations a couple of weeks ago for the Boys and Girls Club food pantry.
- A hike with PV Land Conservancy has been scheduled for 4/06. Passed around a sign up sheet for those that are interested.

- Working on a Manes for Movement tour in May that will be held at 4:00.

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

Wander Africa donated \$1,000 for their sponsorship and we were approved from our grant from Janice Hahn for \$5,000!

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

- We're currently at 141 members.
- Will have another Membership Open House at the home of Debbie Sampson on 5/17. Spread the word. Flyer is posted on our website. We are currently working on 3 potential members.
- Updated our Membership application.
- Dues talk will begin next month

Parliamentarian - Brenda Holcomb:

Our June luncheon will be back at the Blue Water Grill on June 12th. Price will be the same as last year!

Corresponding Secretary - Karen Stockbridge:

- Laura congratulated Karen again on a fabulous job on the Insider!

Treasurer - Lucy Huebner:

Events - \$52,649.77

Membership - \$5,936.12

Reminder to follow the budget that has been approved. If you think you are going to go over your budget, please get approval before you spend.

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

The committee is very excited about our event and shared with us what they are working on:

- There will be a vintage car for a photo opportunity, salsa dancers and a welcome cocktail when you arrive.
- Photo Booth which has been donated.
- Professional photographer for one hour
- Casino and Wine Toss - Welcoming any kind of spirits for the wine toss. Contact Lisa or Hollidae for your donations.
- Will have the same Live Auction MC who is hilarious.
- Dress is "Festive Casual".
- Tickets available for purchase today after the meeting.

Danielle thanked everyone that came to the walk thru at the Norris. Appreciate everything you all have done so far.

- Need volunteers to work one hour shifts selling game bands and funny money during the event.

- Budget will be sent out once it has been approved by the board. Will also be sending out a new schematic for the Norris along with a revised timeline.
- Check requests can start coming in.
- We won't be baking cookies. Looking to see what Chef Dora can do for us as far as dessert goes.
- If you don't know how to play the games, don't worry. The dealers will walk you through it. There will be training for members that are working that room.
- Passed around posters for the members to take to have vendors display them.
- Ambiance is looking for wooden crates and artificial trees that are palms.
- When registering, please make sure you put all of your guests' information in.
- We have currently sold 115 tickets.
- Debbie created and presented a Powerpoint with some of the items that will be in our Live and Silent Auction. Still need Silent Auction items.

Small Social FUNdraisers - Selina Hamilton (absent):

- The Flamenco dancing was a lot of fun and they liked trying something new. There were 21 dancers in attendance. Susan Yamate reported that the instructor is finishing up the choreography which will be held on two Fridays if you want to finish the dance routine. Contact Susan if interested.

Sunshine and Rain - Karyn Ferris and Carla Smith:

- Still waiting on information for the services of Lisa Winkelspecht's husband, Brian.
- Joe Radicchio, Gina's husband, is still at Cedar's. He's very weak and not eating. The doctor's are trying to build him up so they can perform more surgery.
- Lois Riopelle, Provisional, has been diagnosed with lung disease. She's adjusting to being on oxygen. She's so glad to have her family close by and happy that she has joined Las Candalistas. Cards would be appreciated.
- Donna Scoular would appreciate prayers for her husband, Robert, who is going through chemo.
- Elaine Trutanich is undergoing immunotherapy. Thank you for your cards and for your thoughtfulness.
- Praise report to have Nanci Browning at our meeting today after undergoing neck surgery. She thanked everyone for their cards.

Thrift - Donna Ciminera and Jan Raymond (absent):

Collected thrift today and will not be collecting next month. The final collection for Thrift will be in May. They are always collecting for the cosmetic bags. Will be meeting with Karyn F., Joanie and Carla after the meeting for training.

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

Had to cancel the wine excursion as only 3 members signed up. They don't have anything scheduled. If anybody wants to do something, let them know.

Bunco - Hollidae Brown (absent) and Paula Redmond:

Our next Bunco meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3/20, and hosted by Michelle Joye and Susan Sanborn. This session is full. We will have two more sessions in April and May with invitations going out the 1st of the month. If you would like to be added to the invite, contact Paula or Hollidae.

Book Club - Marlyn Franklin:

Marlyn apologized that our next book's information wasn't in the March Newsletter article. We're reading Exit West by Mohsin Hamid. Next meeting will be held at the home of Debbie Bramhall on 3/27 at 4:30. If you would like to attend, please contact Marlyn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Lorri Mino, Recording Secretary