

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

Board of Directors Meeting called to order at 9:37 a.m. / Adjourned 9:43 a.m.

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Recording Secretary - Lorri Mino

- The minutes of the March General Meeting were approved.
- Laura added clarification to last month's meeting minutes. The Spring Event budget was approved. We needed approval for some additions to the budget.

President - Laura Henson-Broussard

- Welcome to everybody. This is an important meeting. Welcome to Tracy, a guest of Brenda Holcomb.
- Thank you to:
 - Susan Y. and Randi for the coffee and sweet treats for today's coffee with the President.
 - Lisa for figuring out what was going on with the camera for Zoom.
- It's great to see Lois Riopelle here today.
- Shared a Walk on the Wild Side invitation for 1989 which was the year we became incorporated. The theme was County Fair
- We will be voting on proposed changes for the Bylaws and Standing Rules for Membership. Thank you to the Officers and BOD for all their help, especially Brenda, Susan Y. and Randi who started taking a look into this last summer and have been working on it. Much thought and debate was put into the decision making. It's an exciting time to be a member!

Voting on Bylaws and Standing Rules:

- Laura read the proposed changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules which included discussion. Voting followed.

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

- Thank you to everyone that brought donations for the Dental and Healthcare Center. Still time to donate as they will not be delivering until next week.
- Had a great time on 4/06 on the hike with the PV Land Conservancy. Wished more could have been able to make it.
- A Manes for Movement tour has been scheduled for 5/15 at 4:00. A sign up sheet will be passed around at next month's meeting.
- You can start nominating charities next month for next year. We have 14 this year. Look around and see what other charities are out there as there are a lot. It would be nice to have new ones. Forms will go out in the May newsletter.

- Wyland Mobile Learning Center visited Carr and Arlington Elementary Schools in Torrance. They will be visiting Lincoln Elementary in June.

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

- Lynda Black and Brenda Holcomb attended the Chamber of Commerce and met Randy, owner of Stroll Magazine who offered to put an ad advertising our Spring Event. A lot of Rolling Hills residents receive this magazine.
- Lucy Huebner received a \$1,000 sponsor check from Water Replenishment.
- Another article on our Spring Event will be going out in Kelly and Laura's newsletter that is distributed to 300 residents.
- Lynda reminded everyone of the Hoff's Hut fundraiser on Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Make sure you mention Las Candalistas.

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. Email or text Randi or Susan if you know of someone that will be attending.
- Collecting dues very soon with the new amount we just voted on.

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, \$55. Meeting will start at 10:30 and lunch will begin at noon. A sign up sheet with an envelope to pay was passed around. You can also Venmo her. Apparently there are several Brenda Holcombs. She's the one with the red hat. Make sure you include your choice of entree.

Corresponding Secretary - Karen Stockbridge:

- There are extra Insiders on the back table if you would like to see them. These are mailed out to everyone except the active members. We are looking for volunteers to do the Insider next year. This would fulfill one of your job requirements as an active member. The purpose of the Insider is to get our name out there and get donations. It also serves as the invitation to our Spring Event and to thank Sponsors and Donors.
- If you have changes to your address, make sure to let membership know when you pay your dues.

Treasurer - Lucy Huebner:

Events - \$64,328.80

Membership - \$5,465.84

She would like to receive Membership dues checks (won't be cashed until 7/01) and luncheon checks sooner than later.

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

Nanci reported on the progress of the Spring Event.

- All committees are working really hard.
- The centerpieces are going to be beautiful and will be for sale. Looking for Birds or Paradise.
- Ambiance is doing a fantastic job with decor and working on their vignettes. Need fake palm trees. Can't be in a heavy pot...any tropical indoor plants...4 ft. at least.
- Finalizing details on the bar.
- Check in is meeting to learn the system. Make sure you pre register your credit card and also for any guests you bring. This will make check in much easier.
- Sponsorships are coming in
- Accessories will have fun things to sell.
- Tickets sales are going great but we would like to be sold out. 4/13 ticket prices go up and ticket sales end 4/18.
- Please promote our event.
- Still need help. Please contact a committee member if you can.
- There will be a Zoom meeting on 4/18 for the chairs and committee members.
- Danielle mentioned there will be a 6:00 p.m. Zoom meeting on 4/16 to train anybody who volunteered to help at the casino.
- Debbie S. reported that they have redone the missing bid paddles from our last event. Please do not take your paddles home.
- Debbie S. and Nanci have had a lot of meetings with the Live Auction company to go over the items. We had too many so put some in the silent auction. The following will be in the Live:
 - Week in the sunny side of Ireland - Donated by Paula and Shay Redmond
 - Chef Dora paella party for 8 people
 - Cuba - 4 nights
 - Kentucky Bourbon trail - 3 nights
 - New Orleans - 3 people
 - Portugal for 4 people
 - Paris - 5 nights
 - Just added - Mexico!
- Silent Auction - All donations are due on 4/15. Please remember to include your donation form.
- Have received \$10,000 cash donations from Sponsors. In kind donations from Stroll, PV Magazine and Kelly and Laura.

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

An eblast was sent out informing the members that Gina Radocchio's husband Joe and Judy Moorhead's husband Michael, had passed away. Karyn reported that they will update us when memorial service information becomes available.

Thrift - Donna Ciminera and Jan Raymond (absent):

- Picking up cosmetics and toiletries today.
- The May meeting will be the last time for thrift.
- Will collect toiletries during the summer months.

Bunco - Hollidae Brown and Paula Redmond (absent):

Our next Bunco meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4/17, and hosted by Debbie Sampson. This session is full. Our last one will be in May. Evite will go out on May 1st.

Book Club - Marlyn Franklin:

We are reading Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson. Meeting will be held at Marlyn's home on 4/24 at 4:30. Please let her know if you would like to attend. Carpooling is strongly encouraged.

Results of Voting (Amy Mosher):

- The voting was unanimous for the 3 open positions on the Board of Directors. Congratulations to Cindy Macfarlane, Lynda Black and Ann Goodhart.
- Voting was also unanimously approved for the acceptance of the proposed changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

May:

- Spring Event Success
- Rebecca Forester will be our guest speaker

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Lorri Mino, Recording Secretary