

Las Candalistas General Meeting Minutes
May 08, 2024
Palos Verdes Library

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

President - Laura Henson-Broussard

- Welcome to everyone here in person and on Zoom. This is our last meeting in the library as our next meeting is the June Luncheon and will be held at the Blue Water Grill.
- Thank you for Danielle Weinstock's help in setting up Zoom.
- We had a fabulous Spring Event. Hope everyone had fun.
- Good Guys had another meeting at the home of Benson and Lynda Black. Lynda cooked them a great Cuban meal. They were a big help at our event and they had a lot of fun.
- The upcoming June luncheon is always fun and exciting to hand out checks to our top 3 Philanthropies.
- Getting excited about the Fall Event.

Recording Secretary - Lorri Mino

- The minutes for the April General Meeting were approved.

Board of Directors - Amy Mosher (absent)

- Nothing to report.

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

- Still collecting for SBCHC as we didn't receive a lot last month. If you didn't bring today, let them know. They will probably be dropping off next week.
- Nomination forms for your Philanthropy are due on 6/30. Don't forget you need two signatures.
- Manes for Movement tour has been postponed due to work being done on their patio.
- Our Philanthropy distribution meeting will be held on 6/03 at 1:00 on Zoom. The Officers and Board of Directors decide what amount of money we will give to each charity. Anyone who would like to say a few words (3 minutes max) to support their charity are invited to attend.
- South Coast Botanic Gardens have invited us to take a tour of the work that is going on there on July 17 at 10:00 a.m. An Evite will be going out in early July. If you are not a member of the gardens, you will need to purchase your ticket ahead of time.

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

- Laura reported that we have received \$10,000 from our Sponsors and In Kind donations from Kelly and Laura, PV and Stroll magazines and Chef Dora.
- Kelly Cross from Janice Hahn's Office was supposed to attend the Spring Event and present us with a certificate but wasn't able to make it. She will present at the June Luncheon.

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

- It's dues time - New dues pricing for next year. Form is attached to the newsletter. Congratulations to Joan Kelly who was the first member to turn in her dues!
- 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. We currently have 4 RSVP's. Need more potential members. If you know of anyone coming, please ask them to RSVP. You aren't required to come with them but if you would like to, please let them know.
- To retain your Voting Associate status, let Brenda know by 6/30. Once the request is received, you do not have to update every year unless you are changing your status. You need to have been Active for 6 years to become a voting Associate, 4 years Active for a non-voting associate.

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 10:00, instead of 10:30 which was previously reported. A sign up sheet with an envelope to pay was passed around.

Corresponding Secretary - Karen Stockbridge (absent):

- Laura reported that Karen will be starting to work with the Membership chairs to create our new roster.
- There will be a photographer at our June luncheon if you would like a new picture taken for the roster.

Treasurer - Lucy Huebner (absent):

- Laura reported:
 - Events - \$63,646.35
 - Membership - \$2,524.93
 - A big load of money just dropped into our account due to the Spring Event!
- Karen created a new form for In Kind donations for those members that would like to donate their expenses. We need these figures to help track the budget.
- If you brought any request for checks today, give them to Laura.

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

Danielle thanked everybody for all our hard work. Everybody put in so much effort, creativity and thought. Everything was easier with our help! Anyone that has bid paddles, please return to Debbie.

- Cindy Macfarlane - Distributed all of the Silent Auction items that were not picked up the night of the event except for the Portofino donation. Hollidae took it as she knew who the winner was.
- Lisa/Hollidae - Items in back are still for sale.
- Laura and Lucy figured out the bottom \$ as the final big check request came in. The net amount of the Spring event is **\$65,000!!!!**

- Laura - Big shout out to the check in people and Silent Auction for being one of the night's biggest money makers and once again, breaking a record. Laura also thanked Lorri for getting the photo booth donated for the evening.
- Janie - Did anybody see an extra dolly? Woody can't find his.
- Susan S. - Shout out to the casino. We weren't able to get any pictures or videos due to legal restrictions. The ambiance was beautiful and everyone was having fun. She thanked Michelle Joye, Karyn and Sharon for their help.
- Susan Y. - Thanked Lynda and Benson Black who took all the wine back to their house after the event.
- We received so many compliments from guests!
- Thank you to Debbie who put together the powerpoint of all the pictures and videos of the evening.

Small Fundraisers - Selina Hamilton (absent):

Laura reported that they Hoff's Hut fundraiser organized by Lynda Black made about \$150. Would like to consider doing some more fundraisers during the summer.

Sunshine and Rain - Karyn Ferris and Carla Smith:

Carla read a thank you card from Lisa Winkelspecht, thanking Las Candalistas members for all of their cards on well wishes on the passing of her husband, Brian.

Thrift - Donna Ciminera (absent) and Jan Raymond:

- Today is the last day for collecting thrift. Looks like we have an overwhelming amount of donations.
- Collecting toiletries year round. Please ask your dentist for toothpaste and toothbrushes. Remember as you travel, collect those toiletries. Also need toiletry bags.
- Michelle Joye mentioned that Macy's has a backstage and has a lot of toiletries for a reasonable price.

Bunco - Hollidae Brown and Paula Redmond (absent):

Last Bunco of the year will be at the home of Janie Hasselman on 5/15 and we're full. Hopefully we will start again in September.

Book Club - Marlyn Franklin:

We are reading Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson. Meeting will be held at Marlyn's home on 5/22 at 4:30. Please let her know if you would like to attend. Carpooling is strongly encouraged.

Fall Event 2024 - Kelly Reinart and Jan Schlesinger:

Jan provided an overview of our next event!

- Event will be held on November 1st at the PV Club. The theme will once again be with the Authors. Name of our event will be called Between the Lines.
- Four authors have committed and our Moderator will be Rebecca Forster.
- Had a few meetings with members that have worked on past events.

- Started early calling previous chairs to see if they wanted to work the event. Still need help. Passed around an Interest Finder which will also be passed out at the June Luncheon.
- Received suggestions of a “lighter” lunch.
- Timing will be different.
- Debbie Sampson will be coordinating with the Authors.
- We will have Silent Auction, Found Treasures, Sweet Shop and Vendors.
- Stay tuned!!!!

Special guest speaker...Rebecca Forster!:

Rebecca came to speak to us and get us excited for our Fall Event. Thanked us for all the hard and great work at the Spring Event. First time her husband ever accompanied her to a fundraiser. Heard a lot of good things about our event. Said she enjoyed how we made our event personal. Very excited to be an important part of our Fall Event. She went on to explain how she writes and comes up with her characters for her book which are actual people she meets. She had a give away for us and Michelle Drapeau won the grand prize which is a character in her next book! So exciting!

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Lorri Mino, Recording Secretary