

Point Loma High School Pointer Association (PA) Minutes  
Point Loma High School Library  
December 8, 2009

In Attendance

Leslie Rose, President	Jean Peugh
Darlene Truver, Treasurer/CFO	Aly Evans
Carol Strack, Recording Secretary	Cheryl Louie
Monica Adams, Strategic Planning	Gary Rose
Joan Irvine, VP: Program Planning	Maureen McGrath
Lucy DeVito, VP: Volunteer Activities	Sondra Gemmill
Kris Spathas, Communications/PR	Ron Gemmill
Ian Law, Faculty Rep	Carol Calejon
Kim Jessop, Executive Director	Melissa Rose
Bobbie Samilson, PLHS Principal	Adrienne Saboya
Mike Dolphin	Evelyn Barandiaran
Linda Pendleton	Ashley Barandiaron
Eleanor Snyder	Carolina Saboya
Scott Hopkins	Lisa Tumbiolo
Lisa Laube	Julie Klein
Meagan Hannah	Craig Klein
Miriam Atlas	

1. Call to Order – Leslie Rose

6:40 p.m.

An introduction of the English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) members by Miriam Atlas. Leslie welcomed them to the PA meeting in English and Spanish.

2. Approval of Minutes – Carol Strack

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the November PA minutes and it was seconded. There was a brief discussion explaining that last month's meeting was purely a business meeting to formally approve the operating budget and vote on a new activity request, gifts and grants requests, and a new Booster group request. The motion carried.

3. ASB Report – Meagan Hannah

Meagan presented the Prom budget projection for 2010. The ASB estimates they need to sell 450 tickets at about \$50 each and will need an additional \$5000.00 for the venue, decorations, sashes etc...which they will fundraise for. They submitted a grant application for \$2500 to offset the cost of the event based on the projected budget for Senior Funds. ASB Rubio's fundraiser is December 9<sup>th</sup>. The ASB is selling PLHS sweatshirts and have sold about half to date.

#### 4. Principal's Report – Bobbie Samilson

Bobbie announced that December 10<sup>th</sup> is "Picture Yourself a Pointer Day" at the school. Eighth graders from feeder schools will come to PLHS and visit. A district Prop S meeting is on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Bobbie encouraged all to attend as this meeting is the community and school's opportunity to help design the renovations. December 11<sup>th</sup> is the Division III play-off football game at Qualcomm stadium between PLHS and Cathedral. Tickets are available at the finance office and at the stadium.

There was a \$90,000 grant that was given by NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson to fund the building of a new weight room for all students at PLHS. Additional information is available on the website.

Special thanks to Kris Spathas for attending the Monday morning meetings and distributing the PLHS news to the students and community, and to Scott Hopkins for Beacon publicity.

Security cameras will be installed at school thanks to a San Diego Police Department grant.

#### 5. Treasurer's Report – Darlene Truver

Darlene distributed the budget and expenses and explained the details. A motion was made to approve the November operating budget and seconded. Discussion was raised about the budget and Darlene explained that this was the operating budget and that if there is a need to it can be reviewed as a new business topic. The motion to approve carried.

Kris Spathas started a discussion regarding eScrip that you need to check your eScrip accounts online to make sure the balances are correct. Discrepancies have been found in the past and can be resolved through the eScrip site.

#### 6. Executive Director Report – Kim Jessop

There will be an 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration in 2010 for PLHS and the PA needs someone to oversee the event. This is for the community, alumni and parents. Discussion was that it could be held at Liberty Station and the possibility of adding other events to coincide with it.

Kim gave a report on her investigation into purchasing additional insurance above what the PA currently carries. The current insurance covers the PA Director and officers with some liability. Since in the past when the PA was two separate groups (Foundation and PTSA) the events and insurance that covered students was done by the PTSA. She recommended additional liability insurance this year for the PA. There was discussion regarding the amount of additional liability insurance that should be purchased. Initial indications were that \$2 million aggregate would be sufficient, though several non-members in attendance thought it should be higher. A motion was made to increase the budget by up to \$600.00 to pay for insurance for added liability. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

#### 7. Booster Report – Eleanor Snyder

Eleanor reported on the activities of the Booster organization. There is a new sport, Lacrosse, which is being added this year as a club team. A motion was made to open a charter for Lacrosse and Basketball. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

Eleanor brought up the topic of the Rally Rags loan that was borrowed against the budget line item titled “Underfunded Sports” and how that loan could be paid off. A discussion was had about the actual intent of the Underfunded Sports allocated monies, and what sports it was to be used to support. The topic was tabled for more research.

#### 8. New Business

A. Thanks to Sandy Silverman for her work on the newsletter!

B. Aly Evans gave a report to date of the Focus Group meetings. There have been two so far, with the Business community and the Alumni. She will present a final report when all meetings are complete.

C. Senior Activities – Lisa Tumbiolo made a request for a new activity designated Disneyland Fun Night. She is requesting \$300 for security dogs and \$100 for water for this event. She is requesting the money be allocated from the Senior Class of

2010 monies. She stated she wanted some money for partial scholarships - 12 were apparently offered last year, not from the class of 2009 funds but from somewhere else. Discussion followed with regards to how the current Senior Class of 2010 monies will be distributed for the senior events (which include Prom, Disneyland Fun Night, Grad Nite and Senior Breakfast).

It was decided that a committee including representatives from these groups will meet separately from the PA meeting and formulate a recommendation to the PA Gifts and Grant Committee. The Gifts and Grant Committee would then take all the information to date and make a recommendation to the Board. <sup>i</sup>

After further discussion, a motion was made to endorse the Disney Land Fun Night activity, it was seconded and the motion carried.

D. College Panel is December 17<sup>th</sup>.

9. Gifts and Grants

None presented.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Future Meetings - 2010

January 11

February 8

March 8

April 12

May 10

June 14

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Strack

Recording Secretary

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1. PLHS Pointer Association Board of Directors Decision re: Disbursement of Class of 2010 Funds: The following is the recommendation by the G/G committee, and after that, the vote tally. ]

The vote was taken by Special Meeting eDiscussion and eVote with the required 48 hour notice/discussion period as per our Bylaws. (See Article 5.1.b. Also see 5.8, 5.9.) Leslie Rose sent an email to the Board with the specifics of the recommendation by the GG committee. Notice was then given to the Board that participation in discussion of the Senior Fund recommendation would take place via 'other communication equipment' (By Laws Article 5.12) at Quicktopic (It has become customary for us to use this format for discussion without a meeting and our bylaws have a provision for meeting by 'other communications.' Sec. 5.12 allows for action to be taken at those types of meetings.) Finally, notice was also given that an eVote on this would take place at that location (QT) on Sunday ending at noon, December 20, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned once all the votes and discussion period was over.

#### **G/G Recommendation:**

The PLHSPA Gifts and Grants committee were instructed to devise a just, equitable and impartial recommendation for the disbursement of 8,800 dollars from the Class of 2010 account. The remaining funds in this account were raised this year specifically for the Grad Night event and therefore, are not at issue. They were provided with the results from the Senior parent survey taken at the 11/09/09 Grad Night informational meeting, the Senior student survey and a recommendation from the newly formed Senior Activities committee. We appreciate the input from the aforementioned groups and thank them for their time and efforts. Of the 4 activities planned, the Board received 3 grant request applications: \$400 for Disney Fun Night, \$2500 for Prom and \$7,000 for Grad Night. Because of the contentiousness surrounding all issues regarding this year's Senior activities, the G/G committee was asked to make the final recommendation to the PLHSPA Board. Below is the recommendation the Board received from the G/G committee:

**Senior Breakfast:** \$0. Lacking a grant request and Board endorsement of this activity we did not feel compelled to allocate an amount.

**Disney Fun Night:** \$400 for security and water as requested, plus \$500 to be used to provide matching scholarship funds. We suggest having students claiming financial need write a letter stating their reason for consideration; however, eligibility requirements and awards will be determined and decided by non-student members of the Senior Activities committee.

**Prom:** \$1,000. Based on information gleaned from the Senior Activities committee meeting, it became evident that the ASB may or may not need the full amount they requested therefore we felt justified in reducing the award amount. More importantly, we were wary of setting an unrealistic precedent by financially supporting this year's prom. ASB fundraising has always financed this event. We also recommend placing strict controls on these funds by maintaining them in a designated PLHSPA account and requiring the submission of receipts/invoices prior to disbursement. There appears to be significant confusion at the school in regards to who is responsible for bankrolling the

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Senior prom. Ideally classes should begin raising funds during their freshman year. We recommend that the school provide better guidance and supervision of ASB student officers so that future Senior classes can be adequately prepared.

**Grad Night:** \$5,900 plus \$500 to be used to provide matching scholarship funds. We suggest having students claiming financial need write a letter stating their reason for consideration; however, eligibility requirements and awards will be determined and decided by non-student members of the Senior Activities committee. We felt that providing both Disney Fun Night and Grad Night with matching scholarship funds would be a fairer, more equitable compromise and a more effective way to assist those students requiring some financial support.

**Class of 2010 Reunion Fund:** \$500 to be held in a designated PLHSPA account. According to Darlene Truver, each class traditionally leaves some seed money for their 10<sup>th</sup> reunion. This is the amount recommended by the Senior Activities committee, which we agree to be a fair amount.

Respectfully submitted by, Linda Pendleton, Susan Blair, Joan Irvine and Monica Adams

**Vote Tally following Special Meeting and discussion on QuickTopic:**

.Ayes: Ian Law, Aly Evans, Eleanor Snyder, Lucy DeVito, Monica Adams, Carol Strack,  
Kris Spathas, Joan Irvine

Nay as to Scholarship Distribution – Darlene Truver