

POINT LOMA HIGH SCHOOL - POINTER ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors and General Session Meeting
Zoom Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 13, 2021

Prepared by: Dana Nuanez, Secretary

In Attendance

PA Board of Directors Present: Brant Brockett, President
 Scott Deschenes, Vice President
 Tom Xitco, Treasurer
 Dana Nuanez, Secretary & Officer
 Leigh Burdine, Communications Director
 Nicole Taylor, Booster Director

PLHS Representatives and PLHS Staff: Manny Diaz

Pointer Association (PA) Community: Misty Deschenes, Emma Hosmer

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:02PM by Brant Brockett. It was determined that a quorum of the Board of the Directors of the Pointer Association was achieved (6 of 9 present). Absent were: Kim Jessop-Moore, Nazare Judd, Becky Rhea

I. Introductions and General Business

Introductions: None.

Meeting Minutes: Folders are on the PLHS website for the 2021/2022 school year. The agendas and meeting minutes are uploaded to the digital filing cabinet. The Meeting Minutes of the PLHS Point Association (PA) dated May 17, 2021 were reviewed. Scott Deschenes made a **motion** to approve the meeting minutes. Tom Xitco seconded the motion. All approved, none opposed.
Motion passed.

II. School Reports

Principal's Report (Kelly Lowry).

- Update submitted via email.
- On September 13, 2021, a group of high school principals met with representatives from Franklin Covey and explored opportunities to enhance our nascent Student Mentorship program.
- We just started our third week of school. Things have been a bit rocky with trying to open new (beautiful) buildings, fluctuating enrollment, and (still) navigating the pandemic. Overall the students and staff have been very resilient, and I expect a great year. We kicked off the back-to-school experience with our traditional registration days. Two of those days were accompanied by bridging experiences for 9th and 10th graders to welcome and orient them to PLHS. There were areas for improvement, but overall were both positive experiences.
- Last week we conducted virtual grade level assemblies.
- Our first governance team will be on September 27th at 3:45PM via zoom. The governance team develops or makes changes to the policies of PLHS. We're always looking for parents to join this group.

- Open House is on October 7th from 5PM – 7PM. This will be a similar format to last year in that teachers will be recording videos for families to view on their own time. We are still developing the plan for the live portion of Open House.
- The PSAT is on October 13th and is free to all 11th graders. The last day to sign up is tomorrow, September 14th.
- Potential needs on the horizon:
 - We will be getting new furniture for the quad from construction but may need some support in enhancing what we were given. Some of the older furniture was beyond repair and was disposed of.
 - Discussed with Brockett about attempting to get Strength and Training and nutrition coaches for all our athletic teams. Brockett's idea was to work with PLNU to employ graduate students. This may be able to be funded similarly to how POP is/was funded.
- Future fundraising campaign needs:
 - There is space in the new library to add "Friends of the PLHS Library" plaques. Lisa Cooper will reach out to the Pointer Association when she would like to start that effort.
 - There is an opportunity for another brick fundraiser. Lowry has been in contact with Kim Jessop and talked about what was done in the past. It might be a good idea in the build-up to the centennial celebration.

Faculty Report (Amy Denny)

- No update.

ASB President

- No update.

Head Counselor Report (Sarah Brandl)

- No update.

Athletic Director Report (Manny Diaz)

- Seven (7) sports are up and running, as is Cheer.
- There have been a lot of issues with construction. The field hockey game is the first game in the stadium. The stands and visitor side should be completed by January. The new stands are for visitors, and are smaller than the "Home" stands.
- Beginning tomorrow, all unvaccinated athletes will need to complete weekly testing. This is a district roll-out. Coaches will be advised that if players are not vaccinated, then athletes will not be able to play. Some JV games were cancelled due to COVID positive test results. As of now, this applies to CIF collegiate sports only.
- PLHS has been chosen as an Under Armor Women of Will school. Under Armor is implementing a pilot program supporting the school and providing leadership opportunities. Nicole Taylor inquired about the leadership opportunities. Per Diaz, the message is empowerment and supporting the female athletes; in the past female athletics did not receive the spotlight and other attention.
- The football game next week will be at home. Previous games were rescheduled because the parking lot was not complete. There is a concern that the lights will not work; there is a deadline to have the lights running by Wednesday, September 15th. PLHS is not renting the field to adult leagues; limited to 19 events per school year.
- Taylor asked about COVID monitoring and what that looks like. Per Diaz, as of last week, spectators indoor or outdoor must wear a mask. Individuals are asking that people put masks on. No limit on spectators at this time.

III. PL Cluster Foundation Report (Isabelle Leyva)

- No update.

IV. Treasurer's Report (Tom Xitco)

- All bank accounts have been reconciled through August 31, 2021.
- The PA Board will need to decide on a budget; set income and expense goals.
- Brockett received an email requesting that a line-item be created on the budget for photography. Xitco asked if a group was doing the legwork for raising the money and who would be responsible for organizing and collecting the money. Brockett inquired about adding an option for photography on the PLHS website where people can easily donate. Brant will investigate adding the option and will discuss with Lowry and/or Brian Carter.
- Xitco introduced Emma Hosmer as the volunteer that has been assisting him for the past few years, and Hosmer will be taking over the full Treasurer position. Xitco would like an eblast sent out that the PA is looking for a volunteer to be the Treasurer's assistant. Xitco advised that the PA will need to do the bank paperwork to take Tom Xitco off as a signer and add Emma Hosmer. Xitco made a **motion** for Tom Xitco to step down as Treasurer on September 30, 2021 and Emma Homer to take over as Treasurer of the PLHS Pointer Association. As such, Emma Hosmer has permission to be a signer on the PLHS Pointer Association bank account at Banner Bank and US Bank. Scott Deschenes seconded the motion. All approved, none opposed. **Motion passed.**

V. Vice President – (Scott Deschenes)

- Deschenes inquired about the timing for The Gala and if the clock should be re-set on the event or pushed off for four years. It is tough to ask for sponsorship at this time, however, we need to look at holding the event. Brockett commented that the Spring would be a good time to hold the event. Deschenes asked about moving to next Fall and/or having some in-between event that would bring in money, i.e., a golf tournament. Brockett recommended having a meeting outside of the PA meeting to brainstorm.

Activities & Projects Director (Becky Rhea)

- No update.

Boosters Director (Nicole Taylor)

- Four (4) SNAP Fundraisers are underway. SNAP is becoming more flexible and booster clubs do not need to wait until the fundraiser closes to deposit funds. SNAP will now make weekly deposits. Taylor is the admin on every SNAP account. Individual boosters receive a report each week.
- The first official Booster Orientation Meeting will be held September 22nd via zoom.
- Forms are uploaded to the PLHS website by Vice Principal Dana Tolomeo.
- No response on Protect Our Pointers (POP). No one has run this program for two years. Because of the way sports were run last year, there was no way to collect funds. Taylor will send POP invoices to the booster clubs. Brockett asked Diaz to communicate about the POP job. Diaz confirmed that he would reach out to parents and booster clubs to find a volunteer for this position.

Communications Director (Leigh Burdine / PLHSnews@gmail.com)

- Burdine has been thinking about what the PA can do to get volunteers, and is looking at the October Open House as an opportunity.
- Burdine will gladly send out an eblast with the specific open positions on the PA.
- Because Open House is via zoom, a link can be posted on the zoom chat for volunteers.

Fundraising Director (Nazare Judd)

- No update.

Alumni Association Director (Kim Jessop-Moore)

- No update.

Gifts & Grants (Kathee Weisenberg)

- No update.

VI. New Business, Roundtable, Announcements

- Hosmer inquired about donations made directly at the school, and if anyone has physically dropped of a donation. Brockett will speak with Lowry about who to contact at the school respecting this matter.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:58PM.

Future Meetings of the PLHS Pointer Association 2021-2022:

October 11, 2021

November 8, 2021

December 13, 2021

January 10, 2022

February 7, 2022 (second Monday is Valentine's Day)

March 14, 2022

April 11, 2022

May 9, 2022

June TBD, end of year party