

**LAS VEGAS CHARTER SCHOOL OF THE DEAF
BOARD MEETING
May 10, 2008**

Present: Haines, Bass, Preston, Rosen, Gorman, Trupiano, Gigante, Hazan, Moran, Perrone, Solomon

Visitors: La Rocca, Loader,

Absent: Williams, Laquidara,

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 10:15 AM

AGENDA APPROVED

MINUTES OF APRIL 26 (Gorman/Gigante) APPROVED

Corrections: with corrections from Rosen's email to Bass inserted

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Rosen) as distributed

Rosen has a few more business items to take care of with the CPA and the IRS.

Friends of LVCS: (Perrone) as distributed; one is the regular monthly report and the second is the final report of the show from last February "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus"

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Bass)

Bass is cleaning up the books and files in preparation for moving into the office and transferring everything to the filing cabinet which will be in the office for the new office manager.

CORRESPONDENCE (Haines)

1. Mail: bills; education magazines; supply magazines; SNCODHH sent a congratulations card;
2. Emails: congratulatory emails; responses via our website with people expressing interest in jobs and enrolling their children; Nevada Home magazine; National Public Radio interview set up; MacDonald foundation; new contact person at Creative Kids for the site; CCSD August 4-6, for school improvement planning summer institute for administrators; Tom McCormack has been informed that our school is opening and has been approved for a full charter by CCSD; questions about the qualifications to be a teacher's aide; grant writer Annarino informing us of the cost to write a new grant.
3. Fax: none
4. Voice Phone: none
5. VP: one deaf lady interested in applying for aide; gave her the website

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Haines)

1. Contract signed with CCSD
2. Exhibit Booth at Orleans-contact person never replied to us
3. CCSD Warehouse for furniture – need a board member to make contact with them and see what we can use. Moran has accepted this responsibility.
4. CCSD Books – Bass recommended that we contact Metro Deaf School and ask for a copy of their K-8 curriculum and books that they use. They offered to help us. Gigante has accepted this responsibility.
5. Grant (Bass) Pauline Annarino is working on a grant right now which is due Tuesday to the Nevada Dept of Education. She is writing the proposal for about \$200,000. She will be charging us about \$2,500.00 to do this work We need a motion to approve the writing of the grant.
6. Home in Nevada magazine; do we want to place an ad in this magazine that is put in doctors' offices, homes, markets, etc. It is printed twice per year.
7. Job Faire May 13 at CSN we will have a booth there; Haines and Hazan will handle this booth
8. Signs for the school- Haines will be in touch with the site administrator
9. SASI Workshop-Discussion about who should attend this workshop. The decision was that Jennifer Trupiano and Deanna Paddack should attend
10. Wish List: We need it by May 31 for SNCHDHH meeting and to go on our website

PUBLIC RELATIONS (Daniels-absent)

1. Radio Shows-Bass will be interviewed on National Public Radio and on the Aimee Jo Show (Angela Greer's mother)
2. Investor List Bass will give to Daniels once it is complete. Several board members need to provide Bass with full contact information of the investors they are suggesting we contact.
3. Deaf Community Wish List – we need to begin brainstorming a “needs list” and a “wish list”
4. Suggested that we contact Bernard Bragg to fund Deaf Drama Training
5. Business Plan – need more copies and updating of the budget section
6. Denny Voreck has made some contacts with politicians and there are some indications that there might be (within 5 years) a chance of getting some land designated for the Deaf community in the north west part of LV. They are working with SNCODHH to get started with this project.
7. Suggested that we send a letter to the Elks for a donation

FACILITY (Moran)

1. Moran needs to visit the school and see the layout and how we will place our furniture, etc It was suggested that after the next meeting, after lunch, we have a visit of our new school classrooms. That would be on May 24 around 2 pm. Those who wish can meet for lunch at The Bagel Café on Buffalo/Westcliff prior to the visit to the school.
2. Need to get several men and a truck to help move our things from storage units and people's garages to the school during the week of July 1.

3. Ben Rosen has been asked if he would do furniture repairs on some of the wood furniture for the office.
4. We want to be open for parents the week of July 1 for enrollment
5. Each board member will take a turn working at the school office during the month of July (we would prefer to have at least 2 members; one Deaf and one Hearing)
6. Phones will be set up for July 1 at the school site. Trupiano will handle this.

ENROLLMENT (Gigante/Hazan)

1. July we will start enrollment
2. The enrollment form is being developed by Gigante and Nikki Morley. The form will be available in both English and Spanish. All will be done before May 31.
3. Hazan will make contact with some families that were on her list beginning June 1.
4. Nikki Morley needs to be paid for her work. She is being paid by the hour.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: (Gigante)

Gigante will set up a screening meeting with the committee. The committee will need to screen applications in May/June and select the top 3 candidates to be interviewed the first part of July. Interviews can be live or by videophone.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE (Bass):

Updates can be sent to Bass. Sherrie Solomon has still not sent her bio for the website.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE (vacant)

Each board member is supposed to plan one fundraising event for each month as follows:

1. June 5: restaurant fund raiser (Perrone/Trupiano)
2. July -
3. August- Ice Cream Social (Gorman)
4. September – Golf (Bass)
5. October -
6. November – Spaghetti Dinner (Haines)
7. December – Wine and cheese (Trupiano)

WISH LIST- Will be given to Bass for insertion in the web site

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MOTION:** The LVCS D Board approves the application of the Planning Program Design and Implementation Sub Grant with the Nevada Department of Education (Bass/Rosen) **CARRIED**
2. **MOTION** (Gigante/ Perrone) To establish a petty cash fund which will be maintained at \$300.00 **CARRIED**
3. **MOTION:** To pay Nikki Morley, Office Assistant, at \$8.00 an hour for her work with development of forms. (Gigante/Hazan) **CARRIED**

4. **MOTION** (Gorman/Hazan) To approve the cost of approximately \$2,500 for Pauline Annarino's work as our grant writer for the Planning and Implementation grant. **CARRIED**
5. **MOTION:** To approve the ½ page ad in Home Magazine (Hazan/Solomon) **CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS

1. Signing Time: Hazan and several board members went to the show. She met several parents and talked to them about the Charter School. There were so many parents there. It was a shame that we were not allowed to have a booth there. Gigante got a DVD from the show. Over 500 people were there. Gigante joined PBS and got the DVD as a new member.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:15 PM

**NEXT MEETING MAY 24 – 9:30 AM at SUNRISE HOSPITAL; SKYE ROOM;
and
MEET AT CREATIVE KIDS AT 2 PM FOR A SHORT TOUR OF THE NEW
CLASSROOMS!**

Our new contact information is:

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Respectfully submitted,

**Caroline Bass, Secretary
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