

Lake Forest High School APT Minutes
December 8, 2010
Holiday Breakfast, Southgate Cafe

Members Present: Donna LaVitola, Ruth Muscarello, Michele Medzigian, Julie Eckert, Jan Richman, Germaine Arnson, Linda Torcivia, Susan McMahon, Sheri Passalino, Marcy Kerr, Mary Flagstad, Barb Kesman, Linda Ganshirt, Karin Springer, Sarah Yarger Kienzle, Sue Wagener, Susie Athenson, Kathy Dasso, Julia Fiske Parker, Marianne Stride, Pam Salm, Leeni Ellis, Amy Tsarwhas, Justine Damico Santello, Nadia Walgreen, Laura Cox, Lorraine Freedman, Laurie Sirius, Mischelle Hopfinger, Midge Nelson, Sally Burns, Mary Sanders

Members Absent: Susi Rowe, Leann Asma, Lesley Guido, Tracy Hill, Tracy Tolmie

President, Donna LaVitola greeted all present and thanked everyone for the work they have done this year so far. She congratulated Jay on the new member of his family, his grandson, Joseph William Hoffmann V. She presented him with a gift. The documentary Race to Nowhere is being shown in Lake Forest on January 20th. Both the 7:00 pm. and 5:00 pm. shows are currently sold out. If you know of people who still wish to see it, please let Donna or Susie Athenson know and they will see if there are any changes and if tickets become available. In January Officer Scott Kraniak is coming to our meeting to give us a brief overview of security updates in the school. The APT recently gave funds for the purchase of a new ice cream machine in the cafeteria. As a holiday celebration, a free ice cream will be given to students the week before winter break.

Principal, Jay Hoffmann Discussed that the student athletes who won sportsmanship awards were asked to attend the School Board Meeting to be recognized by the Board. The same will be done with the Music department and other students.

Tim Burkhalter, Athletic Director gave an update on the Athletic Department. Donna is serving on a Best Practices Committee developed for the evaluation of the LFHS Athletic Department. They are working on instituting a vehicle by which they can receive feedback on the programs from athletes and parents and the school community. The first task will be a survey sent to athletes who participated in a team during the winter season.

CROYA, Todd Nahigian thanked everyone for supporting the Poinsettia Sale. The CROYA kids raised over \$7000. By this Friday the students will have had an opportunity to interview the top candidates for the new Middle School Youth Worker. Based on their input a selection will be made.

Sue Wagener, Grants informed us that she and Donna have been working with Jennifer Graham and Linda Orfanos of the LFHS Foundation to improve and enhance the working relationship between the two groups. An all school mailing; further publicity and a continued communication of grant requests and available funds are currently being prepared to continue the work to improve and enhance the education of our students. Full

information will be presented at the February or March APT meeting. She also requested volunteers to help with the Project Safe Prom Mailing after our next meeting on January 5th.