

## Lake Forest High School APT Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2009

East Campus Room #113

**Members Present:** Chrystal Gannon, Katie Begley, Jan Richman, Terri Karst, Tracy Tolmie, Leslie Moran, Donna Johnson, Sue Wagner, Marcy Kerr, Claire Wheatley, Debbie Taylor, Jill Moutvic, Julia Fiske Parker, Linda Ganshirt, Sally Frese, Marianne Stride, Tami Zylka, Roberta Ziccarelli, Laura Cox, Jeanne Burke, Laurie Sirus, Mary Sanders

**Members Absent:** Karla Schwartz, Ana Kapoor, LuAnn Blowers, Judy Telander, Mary Flagstad, Kathy Dasso, Donna LaVitola, Pam Salm, Sarah Glynn, Mary Kay Jaekel, Audrey Ohanesian

Chrystal Gannon called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

**President, Chrystal Gannon** wished the Board a Happy New Year. There are five meetings remaining until the end of the school year. She reminded all that author and retired English teacher Peter Ferry will be at CROYA tomorrow night, January 8. Please consider attending in support of the Board and contact Pam Salm or Donna LaVitola if you plan to come. The Lake Forest Realtors circulated a flyer and they are holding a contest with entries due January 15, 2009. Information found on the website: [www.LakeForestVoices.org](http://www.LakeForestVoices.org).

**Secretary, Jan Richman** announced a correction to the minutes. She then made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 8<sup>th</sup> APT Board meeting. First given by Jeanne Burke and a second given by Donna Johnson. Motion passed with all approving.

**Treasurer, Terri Karst** stated that the financials include most of the totals from the "Be True to Your School" event. The live auction totals increased by \$8,000 and the silent auction decrease by \$10,000. There was discussion regarding the allocation of money by class participation. The tax returns have been filed and Terri has copies of the latest auditors report available. (See monthly financial report attached.)

**Principal, Jay Hoffman** reported that the recent snow day would not change the school calendar. The English computer lab is up and running with all new computers. Thirty computers were placed in the upper deck of the Media Center. The Book Store was moved to room 7 in the basement and will be open 9am-2pm daily. The Social Studies classes, with funding from the LDA and LFHS Foundation, has equipped intro classes with a number of computers for the kids. Final exams are scheduled for January 21, 22, 23 with January 26 a student free day and the new semester commencing on January 27. The exam schedule is on the website. The summer break will be shortened this year with school commencing on August 21 for the freshmen class. The high school has committed to teaching Mandarin I and II, next year. An addition to the curriculum is a Journalism senior elective class next year. As a component of the Social/Emotional

Initiative, Student leaders visited every math class to lead discussions regarding changes to the wellness program.

**CROYA, Chris Torrence** stated that CROYA profited \$5,000 from the Poinsettia Sale. The APT purchased poinsettias for all the school offices. He added that there is a middle school dance on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Guest Speaker: Kathy O'Hara, Student and Community Service Coordinator** presented the T.A.K.E Defense Training Program. The primary mission is to increase safety awareness in women by providing high-quality, appropriate, reality-based self-defense training at no cost. On Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, from 1:00-3:00pm, the Lake Forest High School Field House will be the site of a T.A.K.E. Defense Training session. The program will be open to all female residents of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff from age 12 and up. Kathy asked the APT to consider making a \$1,000 donation to the program. Registration will be available on the website and a waiver is required for all attendees under the age of 18 years.

**Claire Wheatley, Talent Show Director** reported that the Talent Show Student Committee interviews took place on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Joining the senior committee members Luci Lambert, Megan Pratt, Carter Petray, Hunter Ries, and Danielle Springer are junior members Jeffrey Niedermaier, Steve Blowers, Lain Kienzle, Drew O'Neill, Catherine Athenson, and Haley Beeson. The master of ceremonies auditions were held on December 11<sup>th</sup> and the committee chose Michael Yunez. The talent show audition forms are available from Brad Balonick at the Technology Help Desk. Auditions will be January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Alumni Wall of Fame, Mary Sanders** announced that this would be the high school's 4<sup>th</sup> year in honoring alumni. Alumni will be honored every other year. There were boards around town publicizing that the nomination form is available. The boards will have the word "alumni" added for clarification and future usage. The committee met with Joy Murawski, Communications Department, who wrote a front-page article in the LFHS Highlights for January.

**Debbie Taylor, Parent Awareness** announced that LEAD Parent University is scheduled for February 21, 2009 featuring Michael G. Thompson, author of Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys. His keynote address is titled, "The Pressured Child: Helping our Child to Find Success in School and Life". The LFHS APT is sponsoring a breakout session titled, "Staying in Tune with your Kids Totally Wired World" focusing on 7-12 grade students. Check the LEAD website. LEAD is sponsoring a book discussion on Michael G. Thompson's book, Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys at the Lake Bluff Library on January 20<sup>th</sup> (10:30am-12:00pm). The Underage Drinking Task Force has worked with the freshman Health classes to incorporate viewing the DVD as a homework assignment for students and parents. Feedback from parents involved in this project has been very positive. Second semester approximately 750 additional families will participate through driver's education and health classes. LEAD Ladies Night Out is scheduled for Friday, February

6th (6:30-10:30pm) at Lake Forest Academy. Check out the Lead website for more information and reservations.

**Sally Frese, Nominating** reported that the nominating committee is comprised of three Board members: Marianne Stride, Katie Begley, and Karla Schwartz, three members at large: Lori Julian, Laura Skinner, Patti Frain and Sally Frese chairperson. The committee will be meeting next Friday to begin the process. A slate will be presented at the Board March meeting.

**Old Business: Chrystal Gannon** requested all Board members to review their respective APT Board Position Description and return them to her with any corrections or deletions. She added that Room 113 on the East Campus is a dedicated APT room. Also, a discussion followed regarding Kathy O'Hara's suggested donation amount for the T.A.K.E program. Chrystal will follow up with Kathy requesting further information before a vote by the Board at the next meeting.

**Sue Wagner, Co-Chair of Project Safe Prom Fundraising** spoke about the buses. All students are required to take the bus to the prom for safety purposes. A school-wide mailing will be sent this week to all LFHS families. The prom is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Karla Schwartz, Corresponding Secretary** submitted the following report: The LFHS Highlights Committee did not meet in December. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Please email Karla at [Schwartz.karla@yahoo.com](mailto:Schwartz.karla@yahoo.com) if you are interested as the labeling date may change.

**Mary Flagstad, Directory** submitted the following report: We have framed the Directory cover art and we plan to present it to the student artist, Maria Theodore, in the near future. Also, we have submitted a directory information form in the registration packet for incoming freshmen. This should allow us to get more complete freshmen information for next year's directory.

**Barbara Selvaggio, Faculty Liaison** submitted the following report: She will be co-hosting the Freshman Class Meeting with Ana Kapoor, Rhonda Benson and Merry Quinn on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the Dave Miller Theater. This week the high school is meeting with the middle schools to discuss the registration process that will begin in early February.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37am.

Respectfully submitted  
Jan Richman, Recording Secretary