

**Lake Forest High School APT Meeting Minutes**

**February 4, 2009**

East Campus Room #113

**Members Present:** Chrystal Gannon, Katie Begley, Jan Richman, Karla Schwartz, Terri Karst, Ana Kapoor, Tracy Tolmie, Leslie Moran, Donna Johnson, Sue Wagner, Marcy Kerr, LuAnn Blowers, Judy Telander, Jill Moutvic, Julia Fiske Parker, Linda Ganshirt, Mary Flagstad, Kathy Dasso, Sally Frese, Marianne Stride, Tami Zylka, Donna LaVitola, Pam Salm, Laura Cox, Laurie Sirus, Mary Kay Jaekel

**Members Absent:** Claire Wheatley, Debbie Taylor, Roberta Ziccarelli, Sarah Glynn, Jeanne Burke, Mary Sanders, Audrey Ohanesian

Chrystal Gannon called the meeting to order at 9:07 am.

**President, Chrystal Gannon** welcomed all in attendance.

**Secretary, Jan Richman** made a motion to approve the minutes from the January APT Board meeting. First given by Donna Johnson and a second given by Linda Ganshirt. Motion passed with all approving.

**Treasurer, Terri Karst** stated that the financials include the totals from the “Be True to Your School” event, which then needs to be distributed to the various classes. (See monthly financial report attached.)

**Principal, Jay Hoffman** thanked the talent show chairs for their continued hard work. On February 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a Senior Class Luncheon. Next week is the second Spirit Week. New signage will be going up around campus that is color coded for fire safety. On February 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a student council sponsored dance after the basketball game. Next year will be a pilot program featuring Health and Wellness for Life, which is voluntary for incoming freshmen. The health curriculum will be spread out over the entire year with greater emphasis on orientation, advisory, scheduling, counseling, and life skills. There will then be no waiver for sports for those participating in the program. So far about 100 students are currently enrolled. The mandarin teacher has committed to staying one more year.

**CROYA, Chris Torrance** stated that on April 18<sup>th</sup> Battle of the Bands would be showcased in Raymond Moore Auditorium. All bands should apply by submitting a tape by March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**LEAD Program Director, Karen Cunningham** announced that Ladies Night Out is scheduled for Friday night at 6:30pm with tickets still available on the website. On April 23<sup>rd</sup> LEAD is sponsoring, “Life’s Greatest Lessons” by author Hal Urban. On April 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a book discussion at Lake Forest Library. Parent University is scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am for \$30. APT is sponsoring a workshop on technology featuring

discussion on the latest theft identity skills, confidentiality issues, and digital dossiers. Michael Thompson is the keynote speaker and author.

**President, Chrystal Gannon** presented student Maria Theodore with a framed copy of her rendering of the front cover of the student directory. Maria thanked the Board.

**Career Mentoring, Laura Cox** thanked the Board for approving the \$2,000 to purchase the software to enhance this year's program. From March 23<sup>rd</sup> until April 14<sup>th</sup> students will be able to go online to register for this year's program. They will be asked to complete a first and second choice. The software works on a rolling registration, which means first come, first served. The students need to be aware that they making a commitment to fulfill this program. At a later date, hand manipulation will take place to rework changes by the students. April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> (during lunch) will be the orientation for those students enrolled. The mentoring will take place during April 22-24 with a Career/College Seminar day on April 25<sup>th</sup>. This day will be open to all parents and students.

**Student Council Executive Board** introduced themselves and spoke about Earth Week, which will take place the week of April 13<sup>th</sup>. The Board is involving all student clubs in the participation of the week. The week will include education, action, and celebration. Tentatively scheduled is the following:

Monday- Healthy cookie distributed in the homeroom with preview of the weeks activities

Tuesday- Sell Nalgene bottles and stickers, t-shirt display

Wednesday- Speaker discussing the Mississippi River Clean-up, and Green Day

Thursday- Ride bike/walk to school, student bands play during lunch

Friday- Organic food court in the Commons with each club/organization manning tables.

**LuAnn Blowers, Talent Show** reported that auditions were held last weekend. Tickets forms will be mailed on Friday with a limited purchase of 10 tickets. Also, students/parents can download the ticket form through Edline on the LFHS website.

**Be True To Your School, Donna LaVitola and Pam Salm** brought up for discussion the future of the event and asked the Board for feedback. It was determined by all that the fundraising event is worthwhile and would occur again next year. Anyone interested in working on next year's event should contact Pam Salm.

**EKG Testing, Mary Kay Jaekel** stated that there will be a screening next month on March 11th for 900 students including all freshmen and all other students previously not tested. She passed a sheet around for volunteers.

**Communications, Anne Whipple** announced that there are three positions available for senior students to sit on Lake Forest boards including the library, the recreation center, and the senior center. She told the Board to think about the future of the Highlights going electronic.

**Judy Telander, Grants** reminded the Board about the upcoming Grants season. To date she has not received any applications from students nor faculty. It was suggested that additional publicity may be needed and Judy was going to get in touch with the Grants Chair of the Foundation to discuss grants and what role does APT now play.

**Leslie Moran, Junior Class Representative**, reported that on March 8<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm the Junior Class would be sponsoring the Senior Citizen Party with a Mardi Gras theme. On February 12<sup>th</sup> the junior class is holding their first joint parent/student college meeting in the RMA at 7:00pm. All prom committees are moving along nicely with the t-shirt designing selected, menu confirmed and decorating, invitations, and programs progressing on track.

**Old Business: Chrystal Gannon** spoke about the wonderful Peter Ferry Book review last month. There are still copies of the book available. Parent volunteers Diane Quon and Cherie Hrusovsky will run Earth Week. Marcy Kerr and Sue Wagner will be working closely with the Student Council. She distributed a LFHS APT Guide to Positions. This will be the only hard copy and will be available on the website. A motion was made by Chrystal to sponsor the T.A.K.E program with a \$1,000 donation. Kathy O'Hara had initially made a presentation to the APT at the January Board meeting. Chrystal further investigated the program on the website and many other groups in the area will be donating to the event. Marcy Kerr seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55am.

Respectfully submitted  
Jan Richman, Recording Secretary