

**Lake Forest High School APT Meeting Minutes**

**November 5, 2008**

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, Marianne Stride, Donna LaVitola, Pam Salm, Laura Cox, Jeanne Burke, Mary Kay Jaekel, Mary Sanders

**Members Absent:** Claire Wheatley, Debbie Taylor, Sally Frese, Roberta Zicarelli, Tami Zylka, Laurie Sirus, Audrey Ohanesian, Sarah Glynn

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

**President, Chrystal Gannon** thanked Donna LaVitola and Pam Salm for the tremendous amount of work they had contributed to “Be True to Your School”. Additionally, she thanked Karen Cunningham and Debbie Hermes, auction chairs, for a well-run auction. She asked all members to think about getting involved next year in the benefit. Please let Chrystal know. Tonight is the Community Open House.

**Secretary, Jan Richman** made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 8<sup>th</sup> APT Board meeting. First given by Terry Karst and a second given by Katie Begley. Motion passed with all approving.

**Treasurer, Terry Karst** stated that APT membership is down by 25 families and orders for extra directories are down too. The financial results of “Be True to Your School” are not complete due to the charge card receipts. There were hospitality expenses that occurred this month. (See monthly financial report attached.)

**Principal, Jay Hoffman** thanked Chris Torrance for his talents as auctioneer and master of ceremonies at “Be True to Your School”. The quarter is over and grades are due tomorrow. Parent/teacher conferences have been cancelled this semester and will resume next year. The teachers and kids are very please with all the new spaces at the high school.

**Communications, Anne Whipple** reported that tonight is the Community Open House with student ambassadors providing tours. The evening will commence in the Commons with a dedication ceremony. She thanked the Hospitality Committee for all their hard work. Also, Joy Murawski, the high school Webmaster is constantly updating the website.

**Faculty Liaison, Barb Selvaggio** announced that the counseling staff had met with all seniors individually. Next week, the staff will meet with the freshmen class on planning for their four years. Friday mid-quarter reports will be mailed. December 11<sup>th</sup>, the junior

class has scheduled a meeting for questions and answers. Plan test results will be distributed in December with a follow up meeting tentatively scheduled for parents on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Counselor, Megan Miles** presented the Naviance computer program to the Board. This program was implemented three years ago and is a tool with two part results. First, it is a counseling tool for the college and career planning office. Second, it is a tool for students to monitor test scores and research prospective colleges. Over the course of the individual students four-year career at the high school different nuances are taught to the kids.

**LFEA President, Janie Jerch** addressed the Board expressing her gratitude to the Superintendent, Parents, and Community for the space and tools for the staff to successfully do their job. She had written a letter to the editor of the *Lake Forester*, which was also added to the website expressing the LFEA's heartfelt gratitude. She added that there is ongoing discussion about changing the number of periods in the day for the student's schedules.

**Directory/Membership, Mary Flagstad** stated that the directory have been mailed out. She passed around a directory for board members to see and added that student, Maria Theodore, produced the front cover. Some extra directories will be saved for incoming families, book buy in the fall, and the remainder would be available for sale.

**Alumni Wall of Fame, Mary Sanders** announced that this would be the high school's 4<sup>th</sup> year in honoring alumni. There are over 150 candidates and the only prerequisite is that the honoree must speak to the seniors when inducted in April and must be nominated by a member of the community.

**Special Events Chairs, Donna La Vitola and Pam Salm** announced the annual parent social and fundraiser, "Be True To Your School"; at the Deer Path Inn was a success. She thanked all who came and donated to the event. There were 18 student volunteers that evening. She added that the financial totals were waiting for the credit card receipts. Overall attendance was down however, they were proud of the sizable turnout that evening. On January 8<sup>th</sup> the APT is sponsoring a book review of Travel Writing at CROYA, donated by author and past English teacher Peter Ferry. Please contact Chrystal to reserve a place, which is limited to the first forty people at \$75. All monies will be added to the total of this event.

**Career Mentoring, Laura Cox** stated that the program has grown consistently over the last three years. She would greatly appreciate any and all input from the Board.

**Hospitality Committee, Linda Ganshirt** reported that they provided the tech and custodial crews a bagel party last month. The Alumni Tea is scheduled for November 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am to 1:30pm.

**EKG Testing, Mary Kay Jaekel** said that 1,300 Deerfield High School students were tested recently. On December 4<sup>th</sup> they will be testing at North Chicago Community High School sponsored by the Max Schaevitz Foundation. Please contact Mary Kay if you are available to help. They are still working on a date for testing the freshmen at the high school.

**New Business:** Our next Board meeting will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Southgate Café. Please RSVP to Jan Richman. The meeting will be short followed by a lovely breakfast. January, February and March meetings will be held at East Campus room #113 and the April meeting will be held at the West Campus. Please suggest speakers to Chrystal for any of the upcoming meetings.

**Sophomore Class Representative, Tracy Tolmie** announced the next parent class meeting “Street Smarts: Parents, Teens and the Law” will be held on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the David Miller Theater.

**Junior Class Representative, Leslie Moran** submitted the following report:  
The Junior Class held its first parent meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup> with about 150 parents attending. An overview of the activities that the juniors can anticipate this year was discussed, along with a presentation on Testing and Naviance. The parents then broke out into individual counselor sessions. Jackie Berkshire followed up with a separate session on October 30<sup>th</sup>, reviewing just testing, which was also very well attended. The junior class took the PSAT on October 15<sup>th</sup>. The prom theme has been decided for 2009, “Bright Lights, Big City”. The Project Safe Prom is underway and donations have already been received. The junior class raised \$1,400 at “Be True to Your School”. The next junior/senior class meeting will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm covering the topic of College financial aid.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44am.

Respectfully submitted  
Jan Richman, Recording Secretary