

Lake Forest High School APT Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2009

Lovell's Restaurant

Members Present: Donna LaVitola, Ruth Muscarello, Jan Richman, Julie Eckert, Terri Karst, Michele Medzigian, Susie Athenson, Marcy Kerr, Katie Begley, Leeni Ellis, Linda Torcivia, Sheri Passalino, Sue Wagner, Jill Moutvic, Julia Fiske Parker, Linda Ganshirt, Mary Flagstad, Chrystal Gannon, Marianne Stride, Roberta Zicarelli, Justine Santello, Pam Salm, Karla Schwartz. Laura Cox, Lorraine Freedman, Laurie Sirius, Mischelle Hopfinger, Mary Kay Jaekel, Mary Sanders

Members Absent: Diane Quon, Ana Kapoor, Kathy Dasso, Lesley Guido, Sally Burns, and Tracy Tolmie

Donna LaVitola called the meeting to order at 9:45 am.

President, Donna LaVitola welcomed the LFHS APT Board and thanked Darice and Jay Lovell for their hospitality at the breakfast. She announced that prior to the January meeting she will be working with Ruth Muscarello and Julie Eckert on a more concrete plan for the website. Since Highlights will no longer be mailed, there will be greater emphasis on utilization of the website. She urged all board members to visit the website weekly. Please email Joy Murawski with any changes to the website. The in-school grants form has recently been added to the website. Please add photos when available.

Superintendent, Dr. Harry Griffith thanked the APT for all their efforts. He announced that a new modern sculpture has been donated and will be displayed in the foyer of west campus. Citadel Theater is working with District 67 to renovate a theater with more specifics to be forthcoming.

Principal, Jay Hoffmann stated that over 900 families participated in the recent parent/teacher conferences. There will be four late start days in the first semester and two in the second semester in total. During these late start days the teachers meet to discuss the curriculum. Mr. Jim Thiel flipped the switch on the City of Lake Forest's Christmas tree ceremony. Herff Jones is the approved vendor working with the senior class on caps and gowns, class rings, and graduation announcements. The first cap and gown fitting date will be December 4th. All winter sports have begun.

Communications, Anne Whipple stated that E-news letters have begun; please sign-up since they have taken the place of Highlights. Those families that have not signed up yet, will be receiving a letter from the school explaining how to sign up on the website.

Nominating, Chrystal Gannon distributed Nominating Forms to all board members. There will be openings on the board for treasurer and recording secretary. Chrystal is currently organizing a nominating committee consisting of three board members and three non-board members. The board members are Terri Karst, Mischelle Hopfinger, and Sue Wagner. At the March board meeting the slate will be presented.

EKG Testing, Mary Kay Jaekel reported great news that to date the Max Schweitz Foundation has screened over 10,000 students in the Chicago suburbs. She shared success stories about students who were screened with early detection.

The Bel Canto singers performed a lovely variety of Christmas music for the board. Mr. Ed Kramer directed them.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted
Jan Richman, Recording Secretary