

## Lake Forest High School APT Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2010

Wedge Cafe

**Members Present:** Donna LaVitola, Ruth Muscarello, Jan Richman, Julie Eckert, Terri Karst, Michele Medizigian, Marcy Kerr, Katie Begley, Leeni Ellis, Linda Torcivia, Sheri Passalino, Jill Moutvic, Julia Fiske Parker, Linda Ganshirt, Mary Flagstad, Kathy Dasso, Lesley Guido, Chrystal Gannon, Marianne Stride, Roberta Ziccarelli, Justine Santello, Pam Salm, Lorraine Freedman, Mischelle Hopfinger, Mary Kay Jaekel, Mary Sanders, Sally Burns, Tracy Tolmie

**Members Absent:** Susie Athenson, Diane Quon, Sue Wagener, Ana Kapoor, Laura Cox, Laurie Sirius

Donna LaVitola called the meeting to order at 9:20 am.

**President, Donna LaVitola** welcomed all to the meeting. She thanked faculty liaison Carolyn Konz for her contributions to the Board this year. She thanked Dr. Harry Griffith. The Emotional Wellness Walk is underway and scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>. Over sixty volunteers are needed for the walk and the subsequent carnival/music event on the lawn. EKG testing is slated for September 1 and Mary Kay Jaekel needs volunteers. Also, gratitude was expressed to Trudie in the cafeteria for a lovely brunch enjoyed by the APT Board this morning.

**Secretary, Jan Richman** made a motion to approve the minutes from the April APT Board meeting. First given by Terri Karst and a second given by Julia Fiske Parker. Motion passed with all approving. Jan thanked the board members for submitting monthly reports and reminded others to email them.

**Treasurer, Terri Karst** stated the financials for the meeting were distributed via email yesterday.

**Communications, Anne Whipple** thanked the Board for all their hard work this school year.

**Faculty Liaison, Carolyn Konz** expressed her gratitude to the Board for all the APT does for LFHS.

**CROYA, Todd Nahigian** introduced himself to the Board. He stated that either he or Kamy Daddono would participate at our future board meetings.

**Wellness Walk, Leeni Ellis** stated that the all-school walk would take place on May 18<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of May 20<sup>th</sup>. The walk will begin at 9:50am and everyone including faculty will walk with their third period classes. The 2-mile walk will culminate with a senior clap-in. Everyone will receive a t-shirt, including all parent volunteers. There is a

great deal of excitement on campus regarding this event that has been fully planned and implemented by the students. Following the walk, during student's lunch periods, there will be a celebration on the front lawn with food and games. All the information regarding this walk is available on the website. A letter will be going home and one will be distributed to the homeowners along the walk route. Tracy Tolmie and Sally Burns have been working on organizing the volunteer assignments for the day. The APT is sponsoring this event including purchasing t-shirts, food and entertainment for the celebration following the walk.

**Open Doors, Lorraine Freedman** reported that the program was a success with about 230 opportunities for students to job-shadow. LFHS has been receiving positive feedback from the mentors involved in the program. The computer element was very helpful and made the entire program much more manageable. Letters will be mailed out shortly to all mentors for next year's program.

**Grants, Sue Wagener** stated that they are inviting all students interested in attending summer academic experiences to consider applying for a grant to help underwrite the costs of those camps, internships and seminars. Application information is available on the district website under Parent Opportunities and APT. Please feel free to contact Sue for more information at 847-295-3781 or her email address: [allwags@comcast.net](mailto:allwags@comcast.net).

**EKG Testing, Mary Kay Jaekel** announced that on September 1<sup>st</sup> there will be EKG testing for all incoming freshmen and sophomores, and any student not previously tested. She is in need of fifty volunteers for the one-day testing. LFHS supports the Max Schewitz Foundation that raises funds for EKG testing over the last four years. For further information please see the website: [maxandthewildthings.com](http://maxandthewildthings.com). The annual Maxstravaganza is scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Forest Sports Cars. All APT Board members please donate a bottle of wine for the wine cellar auctioned off at the event. All wine should be dropped off at Mary Kay Jaekel's home.

**Senior Class Representative, Katie Begley** announced that the Bike and Bake Sale is scheduled for May 8th. Any toy with wheels, including strollers, rollerblades, bikes and skateboards are eligible for the sale. Please bring your used bike to the Field House on May 7 from 4-7pm or May 8 from 7-9:30am for the sale. Also, the Senior Class has chosen their class gift, which will be announced shortly. On May 14<sup>th</sup> there is a senior breakfast in the Public Room. On May 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a student/parent meeting in the DMT with a panel discussion about college life. Seniors will be finished with school the week of May 26<sup>th</sup> with a senior class lawn party sponsored by the APT. Graduation is scheduled for Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm. All senior class information is available on the website.

**Junior Class Representative, Marcy Kerr** submitted the following report: The Junior Class finished the year with the last two parent meetings held in April called *Prom – What to Expect* and the *College Selection Panel*, which was sponsored by the College Counseling Department. Both meetings were very well attended. Many thanks to all the high school staff who organized the meetings and the parents and students who

attended our series of informational meetings this year. May will be a busy month for the Junior Class with AP testing, Prom, and final exams.

**Talent Show, Linda Torcivia and Sheri Passalino** submitted the following report: Sheri and Linda met with the APT Executive committee to discuss ticketing procedures for next year. It was decided to leave the maximum number of tickets available for order at ten per night over two nights. Tickets prices will be raised to \$20 for both general admission and student tickets. Ticket forms will be available online next year and hard copies will be available in the office and at APT meetings, but forms will not be mailed to individual homes. For the first year, postcards will be mailed alerting families to the changes and instructing them on how to download the forms. A Parent Night for Tech parents will also be initiated next year to allow the Tech parents to see their kids in action and to help ease the demand for tickets. A similar night for parents of students in Senior Act will be discussed next year.

Final receipts for theatre expenditures were submitted in April. Talent show DVDs were completed and are available for pick up at the Technology Help desk, as are photo packages. Sheri and Linda have finished compiling all the reports and information from the 2010 show and will meet with Karin Springer and Sarah Kienzle this month to pass along the information they will need for next year.

**Freshmen Class Representative, Michele Medzigian** submitted the following report: The freshman class parent events have concluded for this school year. If there are any suggestions for next year's meetings or just general suggestions, please contact me at [michele@watermarkcap.com](mailto:michele@watermarkcap.com). Thank you to all of the parents, teachers, staff and administrators who worked hard to make the freshman transition to LFHS a good one!

**Please note that there is an extra meeting scheduled for the New Board on May 12<sup>th</sup> and will be a working board meeting in Room #113.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:10am.

Respectfully submitted  
Jan Richman, Recording Secretary