

**Lakes Eagles Booster Club**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**January 9, 2008**

**Meeting began:** 7:05 pm

**In attendance:** Tracy McGrath, Tony Wittman, Esther Hebbard, Suzi Bassett, Phyllis Keun, Laurel Thomas, Reverend Scott Keenan, Becky Koman, Susan Massie, Tammy Olson, Jim McKay, Debbie Beadle, Lori Burchard, Deb Cappitelli, Troy Parola, Sonia Latza

Absent: Sue DeRose, Dan Venturi, Terry Beadle

**Approval of Minutes:** Correction to spelling of “Parola” Approved (Suzi Basset, Esther Hebbard)

**Treasurers Report:** Dan Venturi was absent – no report

**Principal’s Report:** Mr. McKay reported:

- ACT online prep program is available on the internet for \$20.00. Lakes has obtained a site license and will offer the course to all students (except seniors) for free. The school will target students who are on the bubble for receiving “meets” on the state exam. These students will do the online prep during study hall and will prepare until the exam in April.
- Mr. McKay is ironing out the details for the “principal’s chat room” online forum to field questions from parents.
- Community service: We continue to expand relations with Open Arms Mission. We are looking to have the staff do a 5K Fun Run with St. Vincent DePaul. Would like to have a good percentage of the staff participate as well as students, to represent Lakes.
- Common assessments are higher than last year’s results.
- The program “Teens and Money” will be offered to students.
- LCHS is expanding its scholarship base. Two more local businesses are offering scholarships. Last year LCHS received \$45,000 in scholarship money, and should receive more this year.
- Anokhi Patel was selected to the Daily Herald Leadership Team. Courtney Bruett was an honorable mention.

**Guest Speaker:** Reverend Scott Keenan, from the Open Arms Mission spoke to the group about the mission and how LCHS can help them. The mission is celebrating its 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary on January 18, 2008. It opened in 2000 in a closet and served 3 families and made 7 deliveries. Now it serves 250 families per week and makes 45 weekly deliveries to the homebound. The food pantry at 1548 S. Main St. is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4:30 – 6:30pm. It is run by volunteers, and supported by 12 area churches. 95% of the food comes from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. LCHS has help in the past with the soup drive, adopt a family program and giving tree. We adopted 348 families for the holidays. Upcoming events that we can help with include a Back to school supply drive, Holiday meal boxes, Easter Basket program. We could adopt a night to have Lakes families work at the food pantry. We would need to provide 20 people (12 adults, 8 students) on a regular basis on night a month. Help is needed on the third Tuesday of the month and hours would be from 4:25-6:45pm. Volunteers must sign a covenant of confidentiality. We can continue to do canned food drives. Items greatly needed are: canned soups, canned fruits & vegetables, spaghetti sauce, toilet paper, toothpaste and deodorant. Monetary donations are always welcome.

**Old Business:**

- Badgerland project (activity window clings) is on hold until next year.
- Business memberships on hold. Janette Fisher will fully approach upon spring timeframe.

- Open house is January 23. There will be a Booster membership table. Tony Wittman, Tracy McGrath, Sue DeRose and Suzi Bassett will be available to work. Spirit Wear will have a table set up – Sonia Latza and Tammy Olson will work.
- Directory: would like to place an “opt in” box to check on either the school registration form or the booster membership form.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Activity Representatives:** Laurel Thomas has a good list of activities and reps started. Mr. McKay updated the list. Tracy McGrath will compile an email list of those reps.

**Booster Bash:** Debbie Beadle reported that they have a list of 130 donors from last year plus the list provided by Millburn of potential donors. They have prepared a letter to send out to request donations. There will be a meeting on Jan. 28 at 6:00 pm in the Commons.

**Concessions:** Susan Massie reported that they are making \$300-\$500 per game. Volunteers are still needed. They need a bigger cooler, and possibly a small freezer. Need coat hooks and shelves. Mr. McKay will address these needs.

**Community Outreach:** Laurel Thomas reported that they would like to get a group to provide help on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at Open Arms Mission. They would need 12 adults and 8 students, with 4 core adults to attend on a regular basis. Laurel will prepare an email to ask for volunteers.

**Fundraising:** We would still like to prepare programs and pocket schedules. We have one year left on our contract with the current publisher.

**Prom:** Sue DeRose reported that they made about \$1200 in concessions.

**Spirit Wear:** Need to order spring inventory. Upcoming events at which they will sell: Saturday at “pack the house” game and Friday at the Lakes/Antioch game. They have tried to sell at other basketball games but there was little or no interest. It was decided that they should only sell at high profile games. The group gave the ok to order spring merchandise.

**Staff Appreciation:** Will be January 18. Set up will be at 11:45, serving from 12-1

**Membership:** (Janette Fisher reported via email): Membership incentives – only response has been from concessions: agreed upon incentive of free popcorn with soda purchase. Janette will discuss subject matter with spirit wear in January, thereafter will not pursue further.

**Athletic Director:** Mr. Parola reported that the boy’s basketball team is enjoying the longest winning streak in school history with 10 wins in a row. Girl’s gymnastics was 5<sup>th</sup> out of 16 teams. Boy’s wrestling: Matt Holms was state ranked. Girl’s basketball has not yet won a game but they are getting better and are much more competitive. Winter sports are doing well overall.

### **New Business:**

- Correspondence: several thank you cards were received for both the fall staff appreciation and the Booster donations to our various programs.
- The Family Pass was presented to the Board of Education and is under consideration.
- A request was made to have Booster t-shirts available to volunteers to wear at concessions and other events. It was decided that it would be too costly. Lanyards with a Booster ID tag were suggested. Spirit wear committee will order 25 lanyards. ID tags can be made at school.
- Deb Capitelli asked if there was a list of vendors that the school uses. There is no known list.
- It was suggested that we discuss the fractioning of all of the activity groups in relation to fundraising and separate spirit wear.

**Next meeting:** February 6, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tracy McGrath