

September 27, 2017 LAA Minutes

9 members present held at Table Creek Golf Course.

Opening Prayer led by Shelly Stuhr.

Review of minutes; minutes from the August meeting were available.

President, Jennifer Howard explained the format for this year's LAA budget. The overall structure of LAA has changed. Each year LAA will be given \$7000 to start the school year. Going forward, LAA will allocate and set the budget. LAA members discussed ideas for the budget.

Dan DeFreece asked why the Knight Pride card was not offered this year. Skip Welsh stated that Knight Pride cards were not sold this year to give people a break from always being asked for money. Jennifer Howard also stated that we do not want to compete with other Lourdes committees and their fundraising efforts. LAA's new role is more community building. Heather Bakula was surprised at how many people have been asking about the Knight Pride cards. Joe Tynon suggested offering the Knight Pride cards next year but as an option for people to purchase. Knight Pride Yard signs were sold this year as a different approach to raising money for LAA.

200 Club: Phone calls were made by LAA board members as an effort to sell all tickets. All tickets were sold. Skip Welsh suggested that a 200 Club form be included in next year's school packet.

Meat Raffle: Skip Welsh stated that the goal of the meat raffle is to make \$1000 this year.

Ideas to allocate money: Skip Welsh suggested hosting a Trivia Night as a fun community event. Jennifer Howard mentioned that we're looking for a group of volunteers to chair this event. Heather Bakula offered to check the school calendar for a date to schedule a Trivia Night. One possibility may be March 17th.

Collegiate Alumni: Skip Welsh suggested offering opportunities for the Lourdes community to support Lourdes alumni that participate at the collegiate level. LAA could help to purchase tickets to attend events and also provide transportation. Heather Bakula commented that two events are a good place to start for this year. Events chosen would be geared to sophomore or older to help with planning.

Senior Scholarship: A committee would choose the students awarded the scholarships. Suggested budget amount will be a range as it will depend on the money LAA has available. Lisa Whitten offered to create criteria for the scholarship.

Class Clubs: Sixth grade through Seniors will be allocated approximately \$300. Each class must request the money from LAA. Brooke Chaney stated that she likes

the idea of offering financial support to help diffuse the cost of class activities. This may lead to more involvement of people in the Lourdes community.

State Competitions: LAA will provide financial support to provide a fan bus to competitions.

National History Day: LAA will budget a set amount for each student competing in National History Day.

Walk For Life: Heather Bakula stated that the Lincoln Diocese offers the Walk For Life opportunity for students to attend. Price is approximately \$450 per student. She wondered if LAA could help to offset some of the cost. Shelly Stuhr suggested possible having LAA pay for a meal.

4 Year Band Trip: Suggested to help offset the cost of the band trip by having LAA pay for one meal.

Senior Banners: \$675 is budgeted this year. Senior banners are a gift back to the students of Lourdes.

Musical: LAA will provide meal on Sunday “tech night”

Tynon suggested possible budgeting a keynote speaker for the activities banquet.

Budget Wrap-up: LAA board members will meet to put budget numbers together before the next scheduled LAA meeting.

Sample budget attached.

Open Discussion:

Brooke Chaney suggested sharing some of our ideas with the community before the next meeting. It will help people get excited if there is clarification. Articulating these ideas at the next meeting will help the community understand the vision of LAA.

Cindy Monson suggested live streaming LAA meetings for those people that cannot attend.

Dan DeFreece mentioned that the tailgating at homecoming was a great event.

Emily Wolken stated that the PR and marketing for the homecoming event was very well done. She also mentioned that live streaming of the meetings wasn't necessary but maybe we could tape them instead.

Lisa Whitten suggested that LAA sponsor some type of event for new families.

Emily Wolken suggested that LAA offer a social hour before the next LAA meeting. Possibly create a fun flyer inviting parents to attend.

Brooke Chaney mentioned that when creating flyers, giving information in small pieces is beneficial.

Shelly Stuhr asked the group for ideas on how to delegate LAA money to sports and extracurricular activities. Dan DeFreece suggested grouping activities by season. One activity for kids at the end of fall season and again in the spring.

Next meeting will be moved to Thursday, October 19th, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi Baumert, secretary