



Board Meeting

TO: Randy Berner
Rene Simard

FROM: Christy Jones

SUBJECT/Date: Leadership Aurora Board Meeting – 5/13/2015

Attendees:

	Baker, Greg		deGala, Gigi		Kusek, Amy
	Banks, Rachel	X	Dow, Antoinette		Lockwood, Chris
	Barber, David	X	Ellis, Sarah		Tapp, Michael
X	Barker, Maureen	X	Evans, Ryan		
X	Berner, Randy	X	Garcia, Mike (Chief)	X	Jones, Deborah
X	Carlson, Cassidee	X	Garcia, Mike	X	Pogue, Patrick
X	Mittan, Dave	X	Greeley, Donna		Scarpella, Debra
X	Grooms, Christina	X	Hensley, Josh	X	Toering, Melissa
X	DeBell, Wendy	X	Jones, Christy	X	Wheat, Gary
	Kehn, Randy	X	Wolfe, Michelle	X	Hougen, Kevin
X	Schindler, Mitzi	X	Simard, Rene	X	Young, Sarah

Call to Order - Randy Berner called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. ***Evaluation – Police Session by Cassidee Carlson***

Mitzi Schindler began the report for Cassidee, who joined shortly after the meeting began. Given the unplanned substitutions, the day went very well. Chief of Police Metz was unexpectedly not available that day, so it was bit of a scramble. However, last minute adjustments went well. Also, due to rainy weather, it was too muddy to shoot, so the class went to gym instead and did other alternate activities. Sarah Young stated that if the class had not been told otherwise, they would not have known they were supposed to shoot on that day. Cassidee indicated they were still able to do everything they should have done. Instead of shooting. SWAT brought weapons out so the class members could handle them.

They kept the day jam packed as usual. The Police involved were very accommodating and flexible. Cassidee stated that she wanted the record to reflect her name being spelled correctly. Rene apologized and promised to not let it happen again. Cassidee thanked Edward Jones for providing breakfast.

2. ***Update on the upcoming session next month – Fire Day by Chief Mike Garcia***

Chief Garcia reported that it will be physical day, and he asked that class members be told to dress appropriately. He is hoping for a surprise guest speaker, Police Chief Metz, since he was unable to make Police day. He thinks it is important for class to meet the new Police Chief. Chief Garcia himself is cooking. He indicated that although Mark Stephenson is retiring, he would still be doing the Fire Behavior briefing. Chief also said this session is exciting too, because it will be last time the day is at the RM fire academy. They will have new facility next year. He also invited Denver Fire staff to have lunch w/them. He indicated there is lots of construction, and it is a little hard to find, so the class should also be told to follow directions, and plan to arrive early to look around.

3. ***Class President Report – by Sarah Young***

Sarah stated the garden project was rained out last Saturday (May 9), and has been rescheduled to this Saturday (May 16) at 14301 E. Hampden (and Dawson). She said they would have it rain or shine this time. She asked anyone who wanted to come to meet at 9am, and to bring power tools and hand tools. The class is also working on their yearbook. Sponsorships are due by Friday May 15. Logos are also needed for the yearbook. The class is having pre-graduation on the Friday before graduation. There is also one more Pay-It-Forward at Panda Express for lunch or dinner. She also shared that Deb Gustafson got an award for real estate professional of year, which is a national recognition.

4. ***Program Director Update – by Rene Simard***

Rene provided an update of the program budget. He mentioned they still have a little time to raise additional funds. Rene gave Mike Garcia and Randy Berner a list of who is already signed up for the golf tournament.

5. ***Board Meeting minutes were approved.*** Maureen Barker moved that the minutes from the April meeting be approved; Sarah Ellis seconded. The minutes were approved.

6. ***Other Business:***

- Outgoing Board members: Randy Berner congratulated & thanked Wendy DeBell and Ryan Evans for 6 years of Board Leadership. He mentioned a get together after today's meeting to celebrate their contributions. Kevin Hogan thanked Wendy for involvement of Cherry Creek schools over the years. Wendy suggested that giving Superintendent Harry Bull a list of past LA program graduates might help their involvement. Wendy said the LA experience has been wonderful and thanked all of Board for being such wonderful people.

- Graduation: Rene said the timing for Graduation is that there will be a social hour at 5pm, Graduation 6pm to 7:15, and then dinner at the Municipal Center. Macaroni Grill is catering the event. The LA Board photo will be taken today (May 13). Sarah Young explained that for the last session, the class will meet in the library to talk about favorite parts of the year, and to recap. Unfortunately, Sarah will be out of town on graduation

day, due to a prior commitment that she cannot miss. She indicated that Regina and Bobby will tag team in her absence. Rene will review Insights from the retreat last fall.

- **Golf Tournament:** Mike Garcia provided an update on the golf tournament. There are four new sponsors: Aurora Schools Credit Union, Bickford Law, Excel, and Eagle Bend. Quite a few sponsors have not signed up again yet. He thanked Maureen Barker for City Wide Banks contribution of \$5000 for the second year in a row, and Randy Berner for A&P's \$2,000 contribution. Mike said he knows quite a few people will sign up that just haven't yet. Several have done it for years; they will do it again. Goodie bag items (144 or whatever number of items, it can be less) and raffle prizes are needed from LA Board members. Four-somes are needed, as are sponsors. Now is the big push to get everything lined up. Chief Garcia said the "Romeo" group will sign up as a four-some.
- **Board Retreat:** The retreat will be Friday, June 26 starting at 8am at the Lake House at Southshore, 27151 Lakeview Drive, Aurora CO 80016. Randy suggested everyone plan to meet at McCabe's after the retreat, so he said don't plan anything immediately afterward.
- **Recruiting:** Rene indicated we already have 10 applicants so far, so we are ahead of last year when we only had a couple at this time. It was requested that the current candidate/applicant list be sent, which Rene said he would email. The deadline for applications is July 15.
- **Miscellaneous:** The Board Social was held on April 25, and a good time was had by all. Michelle mentioned that "Shindigs" were the DJs and they are top rated every year. Keep them in mind if DJs are needed for any future events. Mike Garcia thanked the Board for the gift.
- **Misc.:** Michelle Wolfe said the State of City from the Mayor was yesterday (May 12). She suggested viewing when you get a chance, indicating that anyone who lives or works in Aurora will find it interesting.
- **Misc.:** Regarding the Gaylord resort, Kevin Hogan said that 86 people testified until 1am. Opponents had 2 attorneys and they were allowed 20 minutes to speak whereas citizens were only allowed 2 minutes each. The Gaylord project has been a challenge.
- **Misc.:** Gary Wheat said the Rocky Mountain Air show will be May 29-31, at Aurora Reservoir. They just confirmed that Missy Franklin will be there Friday. It is \$25 a ticket for 1 adult & 1 child. Go to RMairshow.com to buy tickets online.
- **Misc.:** Christina Grooms will be taking over for Randy Kehn for future LA Military class sessions. She said they will change things up on 460th side.
- **Misc.:** Chief Garcia stated Aurora Fire just got their fourth accreditation, which is a difficult achievement. He said their proudest of achieving high marks from the community. This is the accrediting body going out and talking to people in the community about how satisfied they are with their Fire Dept. He commented that it is a nice reflection of how well Fire Dept. personnel are communicating with the public.
- **Mel Toering** stated she is resigning from the Board; this will be her last year on Board after graduation. She would like to be considered for the Board again in the future however.

7. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting is the Retreat on June 26 at 8am at the Lake House at Southshore, 27151 Lakeview Drive, Aurora CO 80016.

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Randy Berner

Chair, Leadership Aurora Board