

Leadership Mitchell County

Alumni Meeting – January 19th, 2012

The first meeting of 2012 was held at **5:30pm** at **Down Under Sports bar**. In attendance were: Mary Jane Chapman, Phyllis Shurts, Nichole McDaniel, Jim Johnson, Gina Chitty, Curt Fraiser, Lucille Heller, Danielle Jeardoe, Kent Miller, Jeff Zimmer, & Mark Palen.

- Next meeting will be April 11th at 5:30pm (location to be announced)
- Mark Palen gave an update on the progress of the Curriculum Committee. They are continuing to analyze the current curriculum and the review the feedback from each session. The next meeting will be February 6th. Mark also shared an article from the Kansas Leadership Center's blog that described how to translate KLC language to others and encouraged everyone to subscribe to the blog at <http://www.kansasleadershipcenter.org/blog/>
- Jeff Zimmer gave a report on the Recruitment Committee. They are still in the formation stages and will be meeting next week. They are developing a new brochure and shared the work in process for comments and feedback. Current committee members include Jeff Zimmer, Carol Cordel, Sarah Heinen, Bridget Peters, & **????**
- Jeff also reported on the session committee for this year's graduation. They are currently evaluating other possible venues for the session. It was suggested that we might have a speaker that would entice some of the sponsors to attend. Mary Jane expressed her desire for this session to be more of a celebration and also for alumni to be more involved with the graduation sessions each year and also the opening picnic sessions.
- Mary Jane shared that Class XII has identified and are currently working on their project. They are supporting the efforts for a Walking Trail and are planning to hold a fundraiser in March. It will be a Walk-Run-Bike event with the location to be determined.
- Nichole reported on the Leadership Breakfast LEAP event to be held **Tuesday, February 21st** at the **North Central Kansas Technical College**. Kay Metlzer will be the speaker and they are planning to hold the event from **7:30-8:30am**. The cost to attend will be **\$7/person** and will be payable at the door.
- A suggestion was put on the table to hold a Leadership Happy Hour. It was agreed that we would try this in March and that Class X will sponsor this event.

- A second annual LEAP event is being planned for this fall. Lucille has contacted Marcy Penner about possibly speaking at this event. We are currently in need of a chairperson to lead this event. If anyone is interested they should contact Mary Jane Chapman. Danielle has agreed to work on the advertizing committee and Jeff is planning to help on the finance committee.
- Mary Jane suggested that we need to identify successful alumni that could be highlighted in the LMC Connection newsletter. Lucille suggested that we should print this newsletter off at our places of business. Curt suggested that these newsletters could be printed off and placed into notebooks that could be placed at some of the local area businesses. Nichole will research the cost of notebooks and a list of businesses to contact. She will forward this information to Mary Jane to present at the next LMC Board meeting.
- Some discussion was held on the talk of a possible name change for LMC as we consider going to a regional program. Also on the table was the need to consider an updated logo for LMC.
- Phyllis shared that the Relay for Life team needs help with leadership skills and working to strengthen their program. It was suggested that we should encourage them to send some of their team through the LCM program as a way to build their program.
- The third annual Bowls Of Hope event is planning to be held on March 3rd at the North Central Kansas Technical College from 11:30am–1:00pm with the doors opening at 10:30am.