

Augsburg College  
Parent and Family Relations Council Meeting  
Thursday, March 24, 2011

Members present: Tim Matyi, Wanda and David Radford, Carol Larson, Kerry and Al Muerhoff, Terri Draxton, Dennis and Debbie Connolly, Sally Daniels

The meeting was called to order by Tim Matyi at 7:05 pm. Introductions were made.

Our first speaker was Tom Larson, a Financial Associate at Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. His specialty area is college funding. He offers workshops dealing specifically with this issue. Thrivent was formed as an insurance company many years ago and continues to be very strong financially. It is the largest fraternal organization in the world.

He described the different ways to finance college and outlined the different tax strategies when dealing with college students. A wonderful website for loan information is [www.nsls.edu.gov](http://www.nsls.edu.gov). It includes information on the FAFSA, financial aid and counseling.

Our second speaker was Katie Urbaniak, also an Associate at Thrivent. Her specialty is retirement planning. She talked about pre-tax and after tax dollars when planning for retirement.

If you are interested in learning more from Tom or Katie, please contact them at Thrivent Financial for Lutherans at 651/287-9439.

#### New Business

On Monday, April 11 and 12, Augsburg is sponsoring the Sneak Preview event. Volunteers are asked to sit at a table from 4:30-5:30 and answer questions that prospective students may have about Augsburg. There is also a parent panel from 5:30-6:40.

Volunteers are needed to help with commencement on Saturday, May 7 from 9:30-11:30 am. This would include handing out programs and/or taking tickets.

There was discussion about next year's topics and any suggestions that would help with attendance. If you have any suggestions, please contact Sally Daniels at [daniels@augsborg.edu](mailto:daniels@augsborg.edu).

If you would like to volunteer for any of the above events, please contact Sally Daniels.

The April meeting originally scheduled at Augsburg House has been cancelled, due to the Pribbenow's very busy schedule. **We will not be meeting in April.**

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!**

Debbie Connolly, PFRC Secretary