

**Loudon Elementary School PTA**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 12, 2007**

**In attendance:** Trina Patnaude, Darlene Skene, Linný Jenks, Julie Barker, Laurie Cowan, Cecile Merrill, Cindy Labonte, Christine Roz, Marissa Rattee, Suzanne Eastman, Rebecca Rosenkrans, Sharon Graham, Kim Therrien, Tom Laliberte, Jody Doody, Amanda Wolf, Sue Kowalski, Christine Campbell, Jenn Becker.

**Treasurer's report:** Jenn Becker reported the PTA's checking account balance is \$8353.27. The PTA's budget for the 2007-2008 school year totals \$11,635. Summer events brought in the following – July NASCAR Race parking \$800, PTA/LYAA Golf Tournament \$2040, Silent Auction \$1293.50. Christine reported that Bob Landry let her know that the proceeds from the September race parking will not go to the PTA and LYAA but will be shared with other worthy causes in town.

**Membership Drive:** The membership letter that was sent home the previous week proved very successful. Envelopes were still coming in so it was too early for a count.

**National PTA's Reflections Program:** The program encourages children to create art and enter it in a contest that is judged locally, statewide and nationally. Children can enter works in visual art, writing, photography, music and dance. The PTA will send the application forms home, set a date for the exhibition and choose four judges from the community. The winners go on to the state competition. Those in attendance supported Christine's suggestion that we participate and a sign-up sheet for a committee was started.

**Informational Night:** The PTA would like to take advantage of free guest speakers arranged through National PTA to provide an informational night in the spring or next fall.

**National Health Week:** Another National PTA program is National Health Week, November 5-9. The PTA would like to participate but needs to decide how to do it without duplicating information already provided by other community organizations. A committee was formed to brainstorm ideas.

**Statewide PTA Conference** – Christine Campbell announced that she would attend the state PTA conference November 2-3 and invited anyone else who was interested. She also mentioned that we need to create a procedure book to present at the conference as well as have to pass on to future LES PTA boards. Sharon Graham, Jenn Becker and Sue Kowalski said they would work on the book.

**Cherrydale Fundraiser** – Julie Barker reported that 163 packets were distributed and they are due back on September 18.

**Upcoming Events:**

*NHIS Halloween Party, 10/27(tentative)* – Christine will contact NHIS to see what assistance they need from us.

*Holiday Theme Event, 11/30* – Similar to last years Polar Express Night. A committee was formed to explore ideas.

*Santa's Breakfast, 12/8* – Cindy Labonte agreed to chair this event with Laurie Hart's (former chair) guidance. The event will include the pancake breakfast, visits with Santa, the quarter raffle and cookie walk chaired by Kim Therrien. The PTA plans to add a craft fair this year with crafters renting tables.

*Winter Carnival, Feb.* – Laurie Cowan announced that she and Linda Elkins would like to chair a Winter Carnival in February. The event would involve indoor carnival games and will not be dependent on the weather.

**Mildred Lampron Book Award** – Julie Barker agreed to chair the committee this year. One comment from the former chair was that the applications be made more available to non-Merrimack Valley students, i.e. private schools and home schoolers.

**LES T-shirts and Sweatshirts** – Some members expressed interest in the shirts that were left and suggested a notice go out indicating how many, what sizes and cost.

**NH Lung Assoc. Fun Books** – Christine reported that people asked if they could purchase the books in December so that they could get more use out of them. It was agreed that it was an easy fundraiser and should be done again this year.

**Mr. Laliberte** thanked the PTA on behalf of the staff for the gift of the Bunn Coffee maker, coffee supplies and the microwave that the PTA purchased for Teacher/Staff Appreciation week last spring.

Christine Campbell announced that **door prizes** would be awarded at each PTA meeting and encouraged everyone to put their name in the bag. Laurie Cowan was the winner.

The next meeting of the PTA will take place on Thursday, October 4, 6:30 pm.