

# **Loudon Elementary School PTA**

Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2008

**In Attendance:** Christine Campbell, President, Sharon Graham, Vice President, Jenn Becker, Treasurer, Sue Kowalski, Secretary, Cheryl Ingerson, Children's Librarian, Maxfield Library, Cindy Labonte, Julie Barker and Jenn Pfeifer

## **Announcements**

- The group Every Child Matters in America is organizing "Step Up for Kids Day" on September 16. Parents and kids are asked to participate by gathering on the capital steps in each state. Child expert Dr. T. Barry Brazelton will be participating in Washington D.C.
- LES PTA will receive an unspecified award at the state PTA conference in November. It was agreed that the PTA send one or more representatives.
- Shaws receipts are coming in and it was suggested a box be put in the office for collecting them. Sue said she would take care of the box.
- Nancy Carter Drew suggested the PTA collect the My Coke rewards as well and redeem them for play ground toys and other items. She offered to manage this program. There was some question about promoting a 'junk food'. Christine will check with Mr. Laliberte.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The checking account balance is \$13,179.31 with about \$3500 in expenditures expected by the end of the school year. There was discussion of field trips. Only \$3000 of the \$5000 budget was used. Christine will communicate with the teachers to find out why the money was not used. The membership wanted the students to attend more and varied trips or in-school events.

## **Teacher Communication**

Christine proposed a monthly PTA newsletter to teachers to keep them informed of PTA activities. This is in response to the surveys.

## **PTA/LYAA Golf Tournament**

There was discussion of managing the money between the two organizations. Since someone new (Tracy Koufos) is organizing it this year new procedures need to be worked out. Jenn Becker will contact LYAA treasurer Norma O'Brien to coordinate. Tracy Koufos requested money to cover postage and other mailing expenses. The membership agreed and Jenn Becker said that will come out of the profits of the event in the final accounting.

## **Teacher Appreciation Gift**

The PTA had decided to purchase two picnic tables and parts for the die-cut machine. Jenn Becker asked if the teachers might like to have fans after the 90+ temps of that week. After some discussion it was decided to stay with the original choice but to speak to the teachers about fans in the future.

### **Maxfield Library Summer Reading Program**

Cheryl Ingerson, Children's Librarian, spoke briefly about the upcoming summer reading program. She thanked the PTA for continuing to support the program.

### **Loudon Old Home Day**

- Bike Parade - Alicia Grimaldi wishes to retire as the organizer of the event. Cindy Labonte and Jenn Pfeifer agreed to take it on.
- Christine proposed holding a Theme Basket Raffle at Old Home Day. Donations will be requested from parents and businesses. Sue will send a notice home ASAP. The baskets will be available for bidding at three times during the day: 11:00 am-12:00 noon, 3-4:00 pm and 7-8:00 pm. This will eliminate the need for having to man a table all day. Suggested themes were: golf, movie night, Italian food, Mexican Food, crafts, baking, summer fun, pet, spa, game night.
- There was discussion of doing something fun for the kids like a pie throwing contest during the raffle times.
- The PTA officers will meet during the summer to further plan these events.

### **New Board Elections**

The following officers were elected:

Christine Campbell as President for one year

Cindy Labonte and Jenn Pfeifer as co-Vice Presidents for one year

Jenn Becker as Treasurer for two years

Julie Barker as Secretary for two years

After one year, either Cindy Labonte or Jenn Pfeifer will take over the presidency with the other remaining as vice-president.

### **2008-2009 Budget**

The following changes were made to the budget:

5<sup>th</sup> grade T-shirts were raised from \$550 to \$600 due to a larger class next year.

The increased cost of producing a color yearbook was reflected in an increase from \$500 to \$750.

A line item was created for Health Week at \$100

A line item was created for the Art Reflection Program at \$250

A line item was created for the Fidelity Bond/Officer Insurance at \$150

The membership questioned why the end-of-year awards were so expensive. All other lines stayed the same for a total budget of \$12,435

**Mildred Lampron Book Award**

Julie Barker reported that 6 of the 8 applicants very were strong and it was hard to decide. The committee narrowed it down to two and Mrs. Lampron's relative Sharon Drake made the final decision. The award will be announced at senior awards night on June 18.

The next meeting of the PTA will take place in September.