

LOUDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PTA MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2006

ATTENDANCE:

Barker, Julie	Laliberte, Tom
Beatty, Kim	Latham, Debbie
Campbell, Christine	McLean, Deb
Chalifour, Tamara	Morrill, Katie
Cowan, Laurie	Mulleavey, Beth
Hardt, Laurie	Raymond, Brandon
Holbrook, Michele	Viani, Carolyn
Kowalski, Sue	

TREASURERS REPORT – Tamara Chalifour, Treasurer

Discussed the income and expense items for the month. Discussed the income from the Santa's Breakfast. We took in \$821 for the breakfast sales this year. Last year we took in \$1,275. For the raffle we made \$737.75 and the pictures with Santa brought in \$71.

SANTA'S BREAKFAST – Laurie Hardt, Chairperson

Successful event this year even though we had a snow day the day before. The numbers for breakfast sales were down, likely because of the weather. This is Laurie's 7th year working/heading up the breakfast and the PTA would like to express their gratitude for her dedication to this event.

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER – Christine Campbell, Chairperson

Beth Mulleavey explained the gift card fundraiser problem. We had an officers meeting on December 19th when we realized that the company, Scrip Advantage, that we were dealing with for the gift card fundraiser was having financial problems. We decided to close our checking account and freeze all outgoing electronic transfers. We refunded the money to all participants and feel very fortunate that we did not lose money as other organizations have with this company. The company has since filed for bankruptcy. Laurie Cowan, PTA secretary, will send a thank you card to Darlene at TD Banknorth thanking them for their assistance with this issue and for not charging us fees for transfer stops and for new checks for our new account.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT CLASS – Michele Holbrook, Chairperson

Michele has been involved with the craft class in every capacity for several years now and this was her first year as chairperson. She did a great job organizing, gathering supplies and leading the volunteers to make this event successful. The attendance was down a bit this year due to a snow day on the Friday before the event, but it seemed to be an even pace of kids coming in to the class. Michele said it took the kids about 20 min to complete their crafts and parents were in the hall with seating and goodies to snack on while they waited. Many parents chatted with friends, read books or knitted while they waited. The total number of kids who attended the craft class was approximately 103. Michele expressed that this was very labor intensive this year for her and she would consider taking a break from this event next year.

MONARCH'S GAME NIGHT

Discussed another Loudon night at the Monarch's game as we did last year. We picked a date of March 24th at 7:35 pm. We will get the tickets and begin selling them for \$11 a piece.

CHERRYDALE FUNDRAISER – Julie Barker, Chairperson

Beth will get in contact with Doug Ouellette from Cherrydale to see about a spring fundraiser. We targeted April 11 and 12th for a delivery date and will ask him about backing that date up to tell us our selling schedule. We may see if he can attend our next PTA meeting to show us some of the new catalog items.

COOKBOOKS

Discussed compiling cookbook recipes from students, staff, teachers and parents. We would personalize the pages and perhaps sell at Thanksgiving time. Would be great for people to buy as Christmas gifts. Christine Campbell will look into the costs and report back in February.

CALENDAR FUNDRAISER – Christine Campbell

Christine Campbell will head the Calendar fundraiser in April. The idea is that we get donated gift cards from businesses or parents willing to contribute and then we sell the calendars for \$5 a piece. Each day is marked with a prize and those who have purchased the calendar are eligible for the daily drawn prize. If you know a business who would donate a gift certificate for this fundraiser (free advertising!) please contact Laurie Cowan at tlcowan@usadatanet.net and we will be happy to contact them.

WINTER CARNIVAL – The Recreation Committee

The recreation committee will host a winter carnival event on Feb 11, 2006 at the Recreation fields. The events will include face painting, snow sculpting, decorating sleds and more. See your Loudon Ledger for details!

YARD SALE – Sue Kowalski

We will host a yard sale fundraiser this spring. We will be looking for donations to raise money for the PTA budget including the field trip fund. If you have any items you would like to contribute to the yard sale, set them aside and wait for notices about when and where to drop off your donations.

T-SHIRTS – Debbie Latham

Debbie will coordinate our 5th grade t-shirt gift from the PTA this year. Last year the kids just loved their shirts with the 05 and their names signed in the middle. We bought a grey t-shirt with red Loudon across the top and 05 underneath.

TEACHER APPRECIATION – Laurie Cowan

Laurie will head up the purchase of the teacher appreciation gift and the teacher appreciation breakfast to be held in May 06.

OTHER BUSINESS

Brandon Raymond suggested a Fisher Cats game day for Loudon in the Spring

Easter Egg Hunt – Annual event will take place on Saturday, April 8th. Will need filler donations, but no eggs please (all set from last years donations).