

Loudon Elementary School PTA

Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2006

In attendance: Julie Barker, Laurie Cowan, Amanda Masse, Kim Therrien, Carolyn Viani, Susan Staples, Greg Herrick, Kellie Herrick, Dawn Covill, Katie Morrill, Brooke Bartlett, Sharon Graham, Laurie Hardt, Susan Kowalski, Christine Campbell, Cindy Labonte.

Treasurer's Report: Christine Campbell presented the Treasurer's report in Michelle Drago's absence. There was one correction: the babysitting payments from the October meeting came out of petty cash. Current balance is \$4893.31. \$1000 from the September NASCAR race parking was delivered to the meeting, bringing the total to \$5893.31.

NHIS Halloween Party: Christine Campbell expressed her concern that the track representative did not seem happy with the PTA's involvement. There was discussion of expectations and improved communication for next year. Susan Kowalski offered to write a letter to the track on behalf of the PTA. The many hours that were donated by Loudon parents, before, during and after the party, were recognized. Shaws and Hannaford supermarkets donated sugar cookies. Thank you letters were sent.

Fundraiser Update: Julie Barker reported that the Genevieve fundraiser has brought in \$3703.50 in sales. She still expects some late orders and the PTA's profit will be about half of that total.

Turkey Trot: Sue Staples reported on plans for the 12th Annual Turkey Trot to be held on November 14 (rain/snow date is the 15th). This year she requested snack donations on the permission slip. Cindy Labonte volunteered to follow-up the offers with phone calls.

Polar Express Night: Friday, December 1, 6:00-8:30 pm.

- The group discussed the number of children that could be accommodated comfortably. Tickets will be limited to that number. The event will be open to students of LES, no younger siblings unless the parent is volunteering at the event.
- Suggestions for a guest reader were requested. Chris Barry was suggested.
- The staff felt they had the AV equipment necessary to project the movie on the wall.
- It was suggested the book be read first with cookies and cocoa. Second would be time for crafts, games and activities. Third would be the showing of the movie with tables in the back of the room still lit for activities.
- PTA members will provide the cookies.
- There was discussion of who could be Santa or should there be a Mrs. Claus or elves since Santa will be at Santa's breakfast the following week. Julie Barker said her husband might be Santa.
- The committee will choose the crafts for the evening.

- Julie Barker reported that she found a source for the silver bells and just needed to know how many and what size.

Santa's Breakfast: Saturday, December 9, 8:00-10:00 am.

- Laurie Hardt and Cindy Labonte reported that plans were coming along but someone still needed to manage the raffle part of the event. Susan Kowalski offered to send the notice home asking for donations.
- It was decided to not do Polaroid pictures with Santa this year but rather encourage parents to bring their own cameras, which many did last year.
- A discussion of containers for the cookie walk included decorated coffee cans or purchasing festive take-out food containers from Oriental Trading or a similar company.

Field Trips: Susan Kowalski expressed concern that students were missing out on field trips due to the PTA's change in field trip funding. Carolyn Viani explained that the staff did not order Capital Center for the Arts tickets last spring because of concerns over funding. Now they are trying to arrange one trip for each grade but have to deal with limited availability. She also explained that bus cost and availability are other issues in planning field trips. Christine Campbell felt confident that the PTA would have enough money to cover the \$3000 budget line for field trips and be able to fund additional trips as well.

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2006.