

Loudon Elementary School PTA
Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2007

In attendance: Christine Campbell, Sharon Graham, Jennifer Becker, Sue Kowalski, Julie Barker, Linda Elkins, Laurie Cowan, Christine Roz, Jennifer Pfeifer, Suzanne Eastman, Susan Gelinis, Marissa Rattee, Alicen Twardosky, April Colarusso, Stephen Colarusso, Amanda Masse, Dawn Covill, Linn Jenks, Cindy Labonte, Tom Laliberte.

Treasurer's Report: Jenn Becker reported the account balance at \$15,816.27. This does not include the amount we owe Cherrydale for the fundraiser which is estimated at about \$4000. There was a discussion about purchasing insurance. The PTA voted to purchase Officers Liability Coverage at \$50 annually and to purchase Fidelity Bond Coverage of \$25,000 for \$100 annually.

Cherrydale Fundraiser: Julie Barker reported that the fundraiser was very successful. There were 82 orders totaling \$7594.50. There was some question about the PTA's percentage - 50%, 40% or dependent on the item? Julie felt it was a waste of time to start the fundraiser at open house, she felt getting notices out through school worked best. It was also agreed that doing the fundraiser in September was successful. Delivery is tentatively scheduled for 10/25. Julie will schedule pick up times for Monday the 29th.

Preschool Literacy Program – The PTA will host an interactive workshop for parents on preschool literacy offered by the National PTA. The date and time will be announced.

NHIS Halloween Party, 10/27, 4:00-7:00 pm – Christine met with Diane Colarusso from NHIS about how we can best help with the party and avoid problems that have arisen in the past. Michele Holbrook is requesting sugar cookie donations from local grocery stores for the cookie decorating booth.

Pre-event decorating – anyone interested in helping decorate should call Diane at 783-4931 to schedule a time during the week of the 20th – M-F 8:00am – 4:30pm or Saturday the 27th.

Volunteers during the party – Christine is scheduling volunteers for 1-hour time slots starting at 3:30 through 7:00. Diane will assign people to booths.

Clean up – volunteers are needed from 7:00-9:00 to help take down everything. If you can volunteer during the party or for clean up call Christine at 783-9838.

Art Reflections Program – The committee has met and reported their decisions. A notice will be sent home next week explaining the program. Interested students return a form requesting the packet for their category – photography, dance, literature, art, etc. The show is scheduled for January 24 from 6-8 pm. Three community judges have been invited, Art Swenson, Betty Barton and Judy Mellow. Artwork will be due January 11. There was some concern about having enough time to set up after children finish PE that day. It was agreed the date could not be changed and that extra volunteers would be needed to mount the artwork from 3:30-6:00pm.

Health Week Nov, 5-9th – An evening event was suggested focused on making healthy choices. Then it was suggested we incorporate it with the Turkey Trot that is scheduled for Nov. 8th. It was agreed to focus on healthy snacks after the Turkey Trot. A committee meeting was scheduled for Oct. 17, 6:30 pm at LES. Mr. Laliberte will speak with Ms. Staples who organizes the Turkey Trot. A National PTA handout about the program could be sent home to parents with the Turkey Trot notice. It was agreed that the food drive part of the Turkey Trot not be overshadowed.

Children’s Craft/Movie Night (last year’s Polar Express Night), Nov. 30 – Jenn Becker agreed to chair the event. She will set a date for a committee meeting. Sue Kowalski suggested that the items in PTA storage be looked at before choosing crafts as there are a lot of supplies in storage.

Benches – Some parents had proposed the idea of installing a bench or benches outside the school entrance. The idea was briefly discussed and then it was decided to visit it again later.

Mr. Laliberte addressed the PTA.

- He announced there would be an open house for the community to see the new addition on Sunday, November 4 at 2:30 pm.
- MV School District has a new web site that will be announced shortly. The address will be posted on the outdoor sign, which Mr. Laliberte vowed to keep more up-to-date. Mrs. Powelson will be web-master for the LES link.
- The staff is looking into more “in-house field trips” for the entire school now that there is more space available.
- Five new Apple laptops were purchased with funds donated from the memorial golf tournament last summer. These were added to the existing 18 laptops in the school’s “mobile lab.” Mr. Laliberte also announced that the mobile lab will no longer be mobile as it will be installed in an extra classroom and classes can use them in that room instead of the computers having to be transported to classrooms and set up. He asked that the PTA consider a technology plan that would replace the old laptops 2 or three a year. They would then be rotated to classrooms to replace the old PCs currently in use.

The next meeting of the PTA is scheduled for Thursday, November 1, 6:30 pm.