

Loudon Elementary School PTA
Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: October 6, 2005

TREASURERS REPORT

Tamara discussed the expenditures for the previous month. She explained that two years ago the PTA voted to set aside \$1,000 a year as a reserve fund for purchases the PTA might vote to make relating to the bond. If the new gym is finished, but there is no money for basketball hoops – the reserve money could supply the basketball hoops. This money has now been set aside in a separate savings account to keep a more accurate report of the true checkbook balance. As of now there is \$2000 in the reserve savings and \$5165 in the checking account.

The treasurer's report also listed the expected expenditures on the 05-06 budget and the amount is \$10,402. Based on the current checkbook balance we will need to fundraise at least \$4900 to meet our budget expenses this year.

Tamara discussed the Mildred Lampron Memorial Scholarship. It was brought to our attention over the summer that the HS has the scholarship posted at \$500, but we had budgeted for \$750. Sue Kowalski remembers having voted to raise the scholarship to \$750 several years ago, but when Beth researched the minutes she could find no official vote on the subject. Beth recommended that we vote on the issue to make it a permanent change in the budget. The PTA voted to increase the scholarship from \$500 to \$750. Beth said she would notify the HS of the change so they could update their scholarship information.

FUNDRAISERS

Beth was told of a fundraiser and presented the idea at the PTA meeting. The company is called Scribe Advantage (based in California) and they sell gift cards for local businesses and a percent of the cost of the gift card goes to the PTA.

The way it works is a person reviews the list of gift cards and makes selections on an order form. They write a check to the Loudon PTA and send it in to the school marked PTA. The PTA collects all the orders and deposits the checks. In a week in a half or so the gift cards are delivered and the company is paid – less the amount of profit due to the PTA. Some businesses offer a 1.5% profit and others up to 20%.

The PTA voted to do this fundraiser for the holiday season. Christine Campbell volunteered to chair the fundraiser.

HALLOWEEN PARTY AT NHIS

Beth spoke with Diane at NHIS and suggested that the Halloween party be held on Saturday Oct 29th as opposed to on Halloween, Oct 31, which is a Monday.

The party will take place on Saturday, October 29th from 4 – 7 pm.

Debbie Latham agreed to ask the local grocery store for donations of sugar cookies for the cookie decorating booth.

Beth will contact local officials to serve as costume judges: Need 3 (examples of who used in the past are)
Dare Police officer
Selectman
Town Librarian

CHRISTMAS CRAFT CLASS

Michelle Holbrook discussed the progress with the Christmas craft class. This will take place on December 3rd (Saturday). They now have 5 members on the committee and Michelle wanted to express her appreciation for donations from two local businesses. Shaw's donated 150 paper bags that the kids bring home their presents in. Wendy's in Concord donated 150 plastic drink holders that will be used to protect the kids presents from breakage. Laurie Cowan will send thank you letters on behalf of the PTA.

There are two upcoming meetings for anyone interested in helping with the craft class. At these meetings they will be discussing how to assemble the crafts and assigning positions for those who will attend. The new changes to the craft class will be discussed as well.

Items still needed are:

- Machine gumballs (unwrapped) can be found at Walmart
- Wrapping paper or tissue paper
- Sequins/Mini buttons/Glitter pom-poms
- Wrapped Candy
- Red Hershey kisses

You can send any donated item in with your child to the school with a note: For the PTA Craft class.

SANTA'S BREAKFAST

Laurie Hardt is the committee chair for the breakfast, but we need someone to organize the raffle that is held at the breakfast. Debbie Latham agreed to organize the raffle donations, but requested that others help on the raffle day selling tickets.

Discussed photos with Santa. Kathleen Graham has been our photographer in the past, but is on a year leave of absence. Laurie Cowan agreed to do Polaroid photos with Debbie Latham's camera this year.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Laliberte acknowledged the teachers present at our meeting, especially our new teacher for 2nd grade Katie Morrill.

Mr. Laliberte discussed the testing that has taken place this week. There are more tests next week for the 3rd and 4th graders and the following week for the 5th graders. The kids are doing very well and the school is pleased.

Last month the PTA donated \$300 for Mr. Laliberte to purchase playground equipment. So far he reported spending \$202 and received:

- 6 youth footballs
- 2 bases
- 18 jump ropes
- 14 playground balls
- 48 tennis balls

The kids have truly enjoyed this equipment and Mr. Laliberte observed that this spreads the kids out on the playground doing many different activities. A favorite has been the tennis balls that the kids bounce off the large concrete wall playing "wall ball".