

**LOFT Meeting
August 29 2006**

Board Mark Dudek, Toni Holtzhauser, Lori Piscitello, Michelle O'Toole, Tracy
Attendance: Rehl, Jean Spackman
Member Theresa Adams, Brenda Basalla, Cindy Burry, Chris Butterfield, Tina Carleton, Larry
Attendance: Corridoni, Cristina Gerwitz, John Griffin, Jen Hirzel, Naomi Hokky, Deb Krafczok,
 Janet Jones, Alex Larsen, Mary Helen Meehan, Bridget Moore, Cheryl Moran, Susan
 Moore, Mickie Rinehart, Patty Ryan, Kip Smith, Ellen Snider, Ellen Spear,

- I. The meeting was called to order with a prayer at 7:35 p.m.
- II. Minutes from the May 2006 general membership meeting were reviewed and approved. **m/s/v**
- III. Treasurer's Report –

Jean reviewed the proposed 2006-2007 budget. It has not yet been approved by the LCA board of directors. There was some confusion on budgets last year. Fundraisers have figures we are hoping to raise.

Lori Piscitello reviewed last year's financial information. The biggest fundraisers were the magazine sale (\$13,000 approximately), fun run (\$8,000), Malley's candy sale (\$8,000), Night at the Races (\$4,000), and spirit wear (\$4,500). The biggest expenses were teachers/staff Christmas presents, field trips, and supply money for teachers.

Mark Dudek asked that a laminating machine be added to the budget. The cost is about \$1,500. Lori said that we will put it on a "wish list." As the fundraisers take place if extra money is raised we will put it towards a machine.

Brenda Basalla thinks that profits from Breakfast with Santa should be reduced to \$800-\$900. Last year she had a lot of supplies from the three schools. She heard some say that ticket prices were too high, so she may reduce them. We may need another printer for the pictures.

Alex Larsen asked how bingo figures into the budget. Mark Dudek explained that bingo is not a LOFT function and that funds raised by bingo go to capital improvements.

Cindy Burry asked what the induction dinner is. Lori explained that it would include mass and dinner for the incoming officers and event chairpersons.

Lori asked for approval of the budget, pending approval from the LCA board of directors. **m/s/v**
- IV. Principal's Report –
 - Great opening to school year.
 - Teachers pleasantly surprised by the supply money.
 - 630 students
 - Preschool and kindergarten have waiting lists
- V. Report of Standing Committees –

Chairperson's Responsibilities – Tracy Rehl reviewed the responsibilities of the chairperson(s). Each chairperson will receive a copy of the responsibilities. A room request form must be completed for each event. This year the LOFT board took care of completing the forms.

Pool Party – Jen Hirzel reported that the event was put together in the summer. Not many people may have checked the web site to know about it. Next year this will be planned earlier. Event brought in \$260. There are ample paper products left from the event.

Beer & Brats – Scheduled for September 22, 2006 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. out front.

Magazine Sale – Chris Butterfield reported that the sale kick off will be September 12 at 2:00 p.m. She needs to schedule the turn in dates. It has to be decided to have the sale as pay now or pay later. With the pay later there is a \$1.50 surcharge for every address. Sales with the pay later can actually go down by 3% compared to the pay now. Ordering will be available on line through out the year. We will put a link on the LOFT page and send a reminder, especially before Christmas time.

Fall Festival – Cheryl Moran and Patsy Joseph are chairing this event. Cheryl asked if the date can be changed. Lori will check with Laura Sacha regarding a new date.

Fun Run – Made a little over \$8,000. There were 100 to 200 people.

VI. Unfinished Business –

Club – Mark Dudek reported that the art club is up and running. There is a parent to run a chess club. Drama club is being planned and there is talk of a newspaper. Lori asked about the art club. The art club is not official yet. Something will come home about it.

LOFT Storage Room – Mark Dudek reported that will move everything to the room. Someone from LOFT will have to be there. Renee Mahoney has been given \$500 to order shelves for the room.

VII. New Business –

Schedule of Events – A schedule of events was distributed. Lori reported that the junior high dances needs a chairperson(s). The dances are for 7th & 8th grade LCA and PSR students. Mickie Rinehart suggested starting the tradition of having 5th & 6th grade parents chaperone the dances. The Luau will be in place of the Sock Hop. Alex Larsen volunteered to chair the portion of the luau for the 4th, 5th, & 6th grades. Brenda Basalla volunteered to chair field day. Bridget Moore volunteered to chair kindergarten graduation. Chairs are still needed for 8th graduation and mass, induction dinner, and the golf outing.

Spirit Wear Sale – Lori reported on spirit wear sales. Over the summer 108 orders were received with a gross sale of \$5,300. There will be another sale with orders due by October 30 and items arriving November 15. There are plans to have on line ordering. The items ordered in the summer will be here within a week. Michelle O'Toole indicated that the items will be of better quality, but at the same prices as last year.

Special Interest Groups – Lori reported that she will get a paper out about this by the end of the month.

Directory/Membership – The directory is expected by the end of next month. We are not going to order as many this year as we did last year.

By laws – Tracy reviewed changes made to the by laws. If you are a paid member and present at a meeting, you will be able to vote on any issue for which a vote is called. We are waiting to receive approval of the changes from the LCA board of directors.

Geography and Spelling Bees, Math Carnivals – Lori reported that a couple of parents, Jill Saracina and Timi Kormos, approached her regarding having various bees. Maureen Arbezniak wants a proposal on the event(s). They are working on a geography bee for now. It would be for the whole school. Mark Dudek reported on the spelling bees that the student participated in last year. Jean Spackman said that these would be an intramural event.

School Supplies – Michelle explained the school supply sale. Parents would pay a

fee and receive a box with need school supplies. The teachers would provide the company with the supply lists and the company puts together the boxes. Orders are placed in the spring for the following school year. The idea was well received. Golf Outing – Lori reported that this would be held in the spring and a chairperson is needed.

VIII. Open Forum - Tracy reviewed this while reviewing the by laws.

IX. Announcements –

Lori reported that meeting will be the last Tuesday of the month, except October which will be on the last Monday. The meetings will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. Patty Ryan reported that the Chamber of Commerce is looking for organizations' events to put on its calendar. They are also looking for an organization to do an "elf shelf" on a bigger scale than our sale. It was decided to have Breakfast with Santa put on the calendar and tickets will be pre-sale only. We will not do the sale this year, but will keep it in mind for the future. Patty needs the breakfast with Santa date by next week. Flyers will go to the libraries and schools. Lori will get Brenda the Junior League's flyer, so Brenda can see how they do multiple seating.

X. Closing Prayer and Adjournment – Meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Tracy Rehl.