

**LOFT General Membership Meeting
February 28, 2006**

Board Brenda Basalla, Cindy Burry, Tina Carleton, Mark Dudek, Peggy Jones,
Attendance: Terri Kress, Jim Lutterbaugh, Lori Piscitello, Cathi O'Toole, Tracy Rehl
Member See sign in sheet.
Attendance:

- I. The meeting was called to order with a prayer at 7:11 p.m.
- II. Minutes from the January 31, 2006 general membership meeting were reviewed and approved. **m/s/v**
- III. Treasurer's Report –
Lori Piscitello distributed a report. The account balance is \$21,004.18. Not all expenses are in for the Night at the Races. The big expenses this year have been the teachers' Christmas gifts and the teachers' fall and winter supply money.
- IV. Principal's Report –
 - The school buries the alleluias.
 - Tomorrow everyone will receive ashes.
 - Prayer services will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays after school if students want to stay.
- V. Report of Standing Committees –
 - Night at the Races – Gretchen Bulan reported that nearly 300 tickets were sold. We sold out all of the horses. Profit of about \$4,600. There are a few loose ends to tie up. Brenda Basalla reported that donations from families were outstanding. The basket raffle made \$871. There were 24 baskets. Four unclaimed baskets will be donated to the auction.
 - Fat Tuesday – Brenda reported that kids came and a lot of parents attended. There were 2,500 doughnut holes and most of them went. Next year she will put the coffee on a timer.
 - Malley's Easter Candy Sale – Tracy reported that the sale begins Thursday, March 2, 2006. Orders are due to the school on Thursday, March 16. On line ordering is available through Sunday, April 9, 2006. Each child who sells \$100 or more earns a Cedar Point ticket from Malley's Chocolates. There was a suggestion to put information in the parish bulletin. Tracy will get information to Cathi and Brenda for this and contact St. Clement directly.
 - Sock Hop – Holly Lauch and Jill Saracina are the chairpersons for this event. It will be held on April 7. Jill asked which grades should attend. She thinks pre-K to 8th is overwhelming. Mark reported that legally we can have 600 people and that the week before is the 7th & 8th grade dance. Jill suggested a K-4th grade sock hop and a separate event for 5th & 6th grades. Admission would be charged to cover some of the cost. Peggy Jones mentions that Terri Richards should be contacted about possibly donating services of a DJ. Preschool children are to be included and parents must stay. The dance will be in the gym and food will be in the cafeteria. It was decided that preschool through 4th grade will have their Sock Hop from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and 5th & 6th grade will have theirs from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Pizza will be served for the younger children since the event is at 5:30 p.m. The later group will have pop and chips since they will have had time to have dinner. This event is limited to LCA students. Mark said to make sure After School knows. Holly asked how many chaperones to have and Mark said to have

one for every 10 kids. There are 130 students in 5th & 6th grades.

Flower/Plant Sale – This will be in May. Brenda reported that Maureen Jamieson is doing the sale. Brenda does not have the exact dates. She will have Maureen call Mark.

Fun Run/Race – Holly reported that the tentative date is August 26, 2006.

Local Girl Gallery – This event is for up to 50 people. Brenda suggested incorporating wine and cheese. The suggested date is Thursday, May 5, 2006. Mark said to call the office with the date so it can be put on the schedule and to make sure there are no conflicts.

Cookbook – Tracy reported that we received about 260 recipes and have ordered 350 books. We hope they will be received in time for Mother's Day.

VI. Unfinished Business –

Nominating of Officers – There will be forms in Thursday's envelope. We need two general members for the committee and one teacher. We will have Paul put information on the web site.

Eighth Grade/Laura Polk – Laura explained the process she has gone through regarding planning events for this year's eighth grade class and the fundraisers they have held. She asked that the eighth grade be a line item on the LOFT budget. For the eighth grade there are school sponsored events, the Washington D.C. trip, and graduation itself. Laura listed events that have been held in the past. The students have been surveyed, but Laura did not have the results yet. She would like to know the concerns of LOFT. She said that she would provide a wish list of what she hopes to do, and would like to comeback in March. Funds are not needed until April, maybe May. Tina responded that the LOFT board has discussed this and that we need to look at our budget again. Cathi asked if Laura has any idea of what the 7th grade parents want for next year. Laura does not know. She will provide them with information on what this year's class did, how they did it, and her phone number. Laura said that we are building a foundation and she is looking for support for this year. Cindy asked how their fundraisers are going. Laura said that they have earned \$3,000 for school events and \$3,000 for Washington D.C. They have a preliminary budget. There may be opportunities to cut it. They are getting tee shirts for the kids for the trip. Tina said that in March we will have a better idea of where we stand. Laura said that we are setting a precedent for support.

VII. New Business –

Open Forum Explanation and Rules – Terri Kress explained the rules for the open forum. Three minutes will be allotted to each speaker. Discussion will only be on LOFT business. There will be no interruption of the speaker. It would be nice to know in advance or when you come in to the meeting that you would like to speak. The open forum is so that people feel they have more of a say and to get more participation.

VIII. Announcements – Next month's meeting will be on Monday, March 27, 2006 due to confirmation at St. Clement is on Tuesday, March 28. The date of the meeting is on the March calendar.

IX. Closing Prayer and Adjournment – Meeting ended at 8:05 p.m.
Next meeting Monday, March 27, 2006.

Minutes submitted by Tracy Rehl.