

1 Call to Order / Meet and Greet Phil Johnson, President

President Phil Johnson called the Regular Meeting of the Lebanon Elementary School PTA to order at 6:39 PM. All Executive Board members are present. There are sixteen (16) members and friends in the audience.

2 Approval of Minutes Tom Boone, Secretary

Motion to accept the minutes of the March 5, 2007 Regular Meeting was made by Lee Matson and seconded by Sandra Spedaliere. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

3 Report of the Treasurer..... JoAnne Mackewicz, Treasurer

Treasurer JoAnne Mackewicz presented the March 2007 Treasurer's Report. Of notable interest, \$1012.72 in net income for the Book fair; \$4250.58 in net income for the coffee for the arts fundraiser; \$1785 in net income for T's & Sweats, however an invoice for T's and Sweats has not yet been paid; \$9.50 in expense for a couple memberships; \$433.92 in net income for the Lady Bug Ball (Other Fundraiser); \$210.75 in miscellaneous income was for matching contributions from Pfizer and Aetna; **-\$472.63** in net income for the SCRIP program; \$37.50 in net income to open the Bailey's Garden income account; \$67.50 in Babysitting expense; \$18.29 in Miscellaneous expense is to mail Box Tops for Education coupons; \$1800 in expense for the Jack Sprat Low-Fat World Tour Professional Program; \$14.75 in expense to purchase ribbons for the Reflections program later this year; \$654.22 in expense for the materials for Spirit Week; and \$947 in Sunshine expense for refreshments for the teachers during parent conferences.

Motion to accept the March 2007 Treasurer's Report was made by Sandra Spedaliere and seconded by Dede Lucey. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

4 Principal's Report/Parent's Advisory Forum..... Sandye Simon, Principal

No report.

5 Faculty Representative.....Gayle Solari

Faculty Representative Gayle Solari reported that the teachers appreciated all the delicious food provided during the parent / teacher conferences. Thank you! Spirit Week went very well. A lot of participation on crazy hair day and hat day. The read-in was very successful. Children enjoyed the Jack Sprat Low-Fat World Tour assembly.

6 Committee Reports

4th Grade Celebration.....Diane Adams

President Phil Johnson reported on behalf of chairperson Diane Adams. Diane is gathering names of interested volunteers. She is also arranging an appointment with Principal Sandye Simon to arrange a date for the celebration. Much more will start moving forward in a couple weeks.

Big Y Bonus Points.....Becky Smith

Chairperson Becky Smith reported that Big Y is expected to do the Bonus Points again in September.

Book Cart.....Suzanne Yeo

Chairperson Suzanne Yeo reported that the book cart has disappeared. No one can find the cart or the books. Suzanne has some books in mind for purchase once the cart is found.

Book Fair.....Heather Pishka

Chairperson Heather Pishka reported that the Book Fair was not as profitable as expected. It was about half of what is typically brought in. There was a snow day on Friday of the Book Fair. The Book Fair was kept open on the following Monday.

Board of Education / Board of Finance.....Suzanne Yeo

Chairperson Suzanne Yeo reported that \$300,000 was cut from the proposed BOE budget. There is a new BOF, and folks don't know how to read them yet. The next step in the budget process is the public hearing BOF meeting on Monday April 9th in the Lyman Memorial High School Auditorium. Additional funding for the Senior Center may have an impact on the 2007/2008 budget.

It was noted by an audience member that Lebanon ranks 161, out of 169 Connecticut towns, in dollars spent per student. Also Lebanon ranks last in regards to teacher compensation.

Town residents are strongly encouraged to attend the Town Annual Meeting on May 7, 2007 at 7:30 PM in the Lyman High School auditorium to listen and discuss the proposed 2007/2008 Town budget and to vote on the budget.

Campbell's Labels / Box Tops for Education.....Sandra Spedaliere

Chairperson Sandra Spedaliere reported that there is no change in regards to Campbell's Labels. Sandra will develop and distribute a flyer in a Friday folder to remind families and friends of LES regarding the program and to continue collecting Labels over the summer. In regards to Box Tops for Education a deposit of Box Tops is being gathered. Once enough Box Tops are collected they will be used to purchase a video camera for the School.

Childcare – PTA Meetings.....Open

President Phil Johnson reports that there are three (3) childcare providers tonight, with two (2) paid childcare providers and one (1) performing community service.

Nominating Committee..... Tom Boone, Secretary

Secretary Tom Boone reports that the nominating committee has identified Members who would like to be nominated for the 2007/2008 school year for the Executive Board positions of President (Phil Johnson), Vice President (Lisa Handfield) and Secretary (Tom Boone). The nominating committee is still seeking a representative for the Treasurer Executive Board position. Please contact a nominating committee member (Tom Boone, Lisa Verizzi, and Lee Matson) as soon as possible if interested in the Treasurer or any other Executive Board position. Executive Board positions will be voted on at the May 2007 LES PTA Regular Meeting.

Playground / Playscape Liaison.....Kathy Jordan

Chairperson Kathy Jordan reports that the committee is working with PTA and the Bailey's Garden committee. Besides the money being gathered for Bailey's Garden, there is other money set aside for existing playground needs.

Professional Programs.....Kathy Jordan

Chairperson Kathy Jordan reports that the Jack Sprat Low-Far World Tour was a huge hit! A motivational speaker, Scott Chesney, will visit LES on April 25th and provide a program for the children during the day and an adult program in the evening.

PTA Membership.....Lisa Verizzi

Chairperson Lisa Verizzi reports we have 44 members consisting of 42 parents and 2 staff.

PTA BylawsTom Boone, Secretary

Secretary Tom Boone reports that the major changes to the PTA Bylaws consist of:

- Added boilerplate requirements from CT PTA.
- Added wording to allow a 3rd term for a PTA Executive Position by membership majority vote.
- PTA Checks can be signed by the Treasurer and any other designated PTA Executive Board member.
- Removed "Family Math & Science" and "PTA Web Page" committees.
- Added "Big Y", "Campbell's", "Reflections" and "Nominating" committees.
- Removed Council Membership sections since we are not part of a council.

The proposed PTA Bylaws will be voted on in May.

Publicity.....Tom Boone, Secretary

Secretary Tom Boone reports that not much. Articles have been published to the web site.

Reflections Program..... Carrie Goins / Traci Leep

Vice President Lisa Handfield, on behalf of Traci Leep and Carrie Goins reports that a reminder regarding the Reflections Program will be distributed in the Friday folder before April vacation. There have been no submissions as of yet, but the program is not due until May.

Spirit Week.....Carrie Goins / Traci Leep

Vice President Lisa Handfield, on behalf of Traci Leep and Carrie Goins reports that Spirit Week went well. Thirteen (13) huge boxes of non-perishable food were collected. Traci Leep is putting together an article for Lebanon Life.

Sunshine.....Liza Verizzi

Chairperson Lisa Verizzi reports that a lot of food has been provided to the teachers lately. A Thank You email from Linda Russo was received. Teacher appreciation week is coming up and anyone with time please contact Lisa Verizzi.

T's and Sweats

Lisa Verizzi reports that 188 items were sold. The Lebanon Logo was not on the sweatpants, which caused a couple problems. The blanket was not as expected since it came with vinyl backing. A Recommendation for next year is to use a local company.

Committee Folders.....Lisa Handfield, Vice President

Vice President Lisa Handfield reports that six (6) committee folders are complete. Trying to finish for the fall.

7 Fundraising

New Initiatives.....Sarah Kuerbitz

No report.

SCRIP.....Phil Johnson, President

President Phil Johnson reports that it's been slow and there have been some hiccups at SCRIP. For now Phil is not placing orders for now. May start looking for a new SCRIP provider.

SCRIP was at LES Read-In with a couple sales.

Coffee Sales.....Laurie Shaw

No report.

8 Old Business.....Phil Johnson, President

LES PTA Involvement with Bailey's Garden..... Jim Shifrin

Chairperson Jim Shifrin reports that there are some big fundraisers coming up: Family Fun run on May 6, 2007, a music fest on July 1, 2007 at the Lebanon Fairgrounds and a golf tournament.

The projected budget for the remaining 2007 fiscal year is \$12,400 in Expenses and \$20,000 in Income (\$7,600 net). The projected 2008 budget is \$25,200 in Expenses and \$47,100 in Income (\$21,900 net).

Motion to accept the proposed Bailey's Garden PTA 2007 and 2007/2008 budget was made by Kathy Jordan and seconded by Aimee Spedaliere. During discussion it was asked if there is a problem to accept this budget into our approved budget and since the PTA hasn't done a 2007/2008 budget, why are we accepting this Bailey's Garden budget.

President Phil Johnson responded that there is no problem accepting the 2007 budget, so long as the motion passes, and the reason we are voting on the 2007/2008 budget at this time, before the full PTA 2007/2008 budget, is because the Bailey's Garden committee has fundraising plans over the July-September time frame before the full PTA 2007/2008 budget vote.

Motion passed unanimously.

Distribution of Lady Bug Ball Income.....JoAnne Mackewicz, Treasurer

Treasurer JoAnne Mackewicz reports that there is an excess of about \$433. President Phil Johnson tabled further discussion until June.

9 New Business.....Phil Johnson, President

President Phil Johnson reports that the PTA has a PO Box, Box 50 here in town. We will probably moving some of our mail, i.e. CT PTA registration, to this PO Box.

Initial 2007 Survey Results.....Tom Boone, Secretary

Secretary Tom Boone reports that after our last meeting, President Phil Johnson and I had a discussion about developing and distributing survey. There is about a 10% return rate. The PTA Executive Board will meet shortly to review the responses and create an action plan to address the responses.

10 Announcements/Questions..... Phil Johnson, President

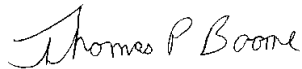
Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Program	Location
Fri, Apr 6 th	3:30 PM	SCRIP Order	LES Café or Phil Johnson
Mon, Apr 9 th	7:30 PM	Board of Finance Public Input Session	Town Hall Conference Room
Fri, Apr 13 th	3:30 PM	SCRIP Pickup	LES Café or Phil Johnson
Fri, Apr 20 th	3:30 PM	SCRIP Order	LES Café or Phil Johnson
Fri, Apr 27 th	3:30 PM	SCRIP Pickup	LES Café or Phil Johnson
Fri, May 4 th	3:30 PM	SCRIP Order	LES Café or Phil Johnson
Mon, May 7 th	6:30 PM	PTA Monthly Meeting	LES Café

11 Adjournment (awarding of Door Prize)..... Tom Boone, Secretary

With no further business a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM was proposed by Lisa Verizzi and seconded by Lori Harman. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,



Thomas Boone, Secretary