

**1 Welcome.....Phil Johnson, President**

**2 Dinner.....All**

**3 Call to Order / Meet and Greet .....Phil Johnson, President**

President Phil Johnson called the Regular Meeting of the LES PTA to order at 6:43 PM. All executive board members are present. There are twenty five (25) members and friends in the audience.

**4 Approval of Minutes .....Tom Boone, Secretary**

Motion to accept the minutes of the June 4, 2007 Regular Meeting of the LES PTA was made by Aimee Spedaliere and seconded by Sandra Spedaliere. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**5 Report of the Treasurer.....Joy Occhialini, Treasurer**

Outgoing Treasurer JoAnne Mackewicz presented the June 2007 and July/August 2007 Treasurer's Report. Of notable interest, \$87 in income for additional wrapping paper sales, \$1086.10 for SCRIP order, \$473.92 for SCRIP expenses, \$60 expense for childcare, \$25 in Fees & Insurance to the CT PTA, \$36.55 in Miscellaneous Expense, \$377.44 for 4th Grade Celebration expense, \$233.64 in Professional Programs for Scott Chesney, \$226.75 Publicity expense to pay for photo copying in the School, and \$478.15 in Sunshine expense for Teacher appreciation and parent/teacher conferences. Transferred \$4,500 into the CD for the Arts, \$2,500 into the CD for Savings and \$4250.58 was unrestricted from the Coffee for the Arts.

Of notable interest in the July/August 2007 Treasurer's Report is \$54.70 in President's expense for the summer LES PTA Executive Board dinner.

Motion to accept the June 2007 and the July/August 2007 Treasurer's Reports was made by Beth Pavlich and seconded by Lee Matson. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**6 Superintendent Comments.....Robert McGray**

Robert McGray was unable to attend.

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

LES Principal Sandye Simon reported that it has been an absolutely wonderful start to the School year. The Summer Reading Program was a huge success with 295 participating students who read over 12,000 books. Channel 3 came to school and prepared an article, which was aired on Friday (Sept 7) evening and Saturday (Sept 8) morning.

**8 PTA Presentation.....LES PTA Executive Board**

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| PTA Board Introduction      | Phil Johnson President         |
| PTA Committees \ Highlights | Lisa Handfield, Vice President |
| Perk Werks SCRIP Fundraiser | President Phil Johnson         |
| Website                     | Secretary Tom Boone            |

President Phil Johnson provided an overview of the LES PTA Committees. The LES PTA is searching for a chairperson for the Book Fair, Health & Safety Fair, Family Events, Fourth Grade Celebration, Ts and Sweats, New Initiatives, Book Cart and Spirit Week. Of course we are also looking for volunteers on these committees and for the rest of our committees.

A new committee is being formed this year in response to the 2007 survey results: Family Events. The Family Events committee is charged with organizing one Family Event for each School trimester. The Lady Bug Ball is one such event that this committee will organize.

The Worthington fundraiser is going out on Friday September 14.

We've changed SCRIP providers this year. We are now going with with Perk Werks. It is the same type of program except Perk Werks offers higher discount percentages and even more options (greater than 100 merchants). We will continue to offer on-hand inventory. Please see Phil Johnson, Laurie Shaw or Dede Lucey if you'd like to purchase SCRIP from the Inventory. SCRIP forms can be found on the LES PTA Website or in the binders outside the School office. Drop off completed forms, and money, in School office or directly with Phil Johnson. SCRIP pickup occurs after school within the School cafe or at the following LES PTA Regular Meeting.

A committee started in the Spring of 2007 and continuing this School year is the Bailey's Garden committee. This is a joint committee between the LES PTA and the Bailey's Garden committee chaired by Jim Shifrin. Jim Shifrin reported that the Bailey's Garden fund raised about \$6k from the Music Fest and \$11k from the Pride's Corner fundraiser, thereby increasing the fund to about \$71k. Phase 1 of the Bailey's Garden ADA compliant playscape will run about about \$58 and is slated for installation on October 6, 2007. The Bailey's Garden committee is seeking volunteers to help on Saturday October 6 with building Phase 1 for an AM crew (7:00-12:30) and a PM crew (12:30 - 6:00). If you can volunteer please contact Jim Shifrin at 860-642-4452 or at baileysgarden@baileysgarden.org. A golf tournament, to benefit Bailey's Garden, is planned for September 21

**9 Presentation and Approval of 2007/2008 Budget.....Joy Occhialini, Treasurer**

Treasurer Joy Occhialini presented the 2007/2008 Budget. A new expense category was added for the Reflections committee, and the Pillars of Character has been brought back into the budget.

Motion to increase Babysitting budget to \$800 was made by Lee Matson and seconded Sandra Spedaliere. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept the amended 2007/2008 Budget was moved by Laura Davidson and seconded by Laurie Shaw. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

President Phil Johnson announced that committee Chairpersons should check the Committee Folder each Regular PTA meeting for correspondence specific to their committee.

Based upon the 2007 survey, the Executive Board may experiment this year by having the Regular PTA Meetings on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Stay tuned for more information about this.

Any Chairperson can use the PTA section of the School newsletter for communications, but send any communications to the Publicity Chairman, Tom Boone (secretary@les-pta.org) who will consolidate the communications with other PTA communications for presentation to the School Newsletter editor.

Once a Trimester we'll have a "Bring a Friend" to an LES PTA Regular Meeting. At these meetings we'll award a second door prize.

Faculty Representative Gayle Solari reported that it is a pleasure to have the School renovations completed. It is a lot more comfortable at School. Vice Principal Jim Dineen is leaving to go to the Tolland School district. A exploratory committee, to find a new Vice Principal, is being formed now.

Room Representative Julie Bundy reported that the committee is asking the teachers if they have room reps and what, if anything, the PTA can help coordinate . Being a Room Representative is a great way to meet other parents in the room. Please sign up if you are interested.

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

With no further business a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM was made by Beth Pavlich and seconded by Laura Davidson. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,



Thomas Boone, Secretary