

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

President Phil Johnson called the Regular Meeting of the LES PTA to order at 6:40 PM. All executive board members were present. There are eighteen (18) members and friends in the audience.

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

Motion to accept the minutes of the December 17, 2007 Special Meeting of the LES PTA was moved by Beth Pavlich and seconded by Sandra Spedaliere. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Treasurer Joy Occhialini presented the December 2007 Treasurer's Report. Of notable interest, \$4862 deposited for SCRIP and \$25 for new PTA memberships. \$57.50 for Childcare, \$3457.95 for Book Fair, \$9408.50 for other fundraiser (Worthington), \$7.94 for Professional Programs, \$1650 for Coffee for the Arts, and \$309.10 for Teacher's Programs expenses.

Bailey's Garden had \$1331 in Income and \$30848 in expenses for the first construction phase of Bailey's Garden.

Motion to accept the December 2007 Treasurer's Report was moved by Sandra Spedaliere and seconded by Lee Matson. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Principal Sandye Simon reported that some school individuals attended a remote AED (Automated External Defibrillator) demo. As provided by Wikipedia "An Automated External Defibrillator or AED is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the potentially life threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient, and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electrical therapy which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to re-establish an effective rhythm. AEDs are designed to be simple to use for the layman, and the use of AEDs is taught in many first aid, first responder and basic life support (BLS) level CPR classes." The AED was donated by a Lebanon family. The 4th Grade Chorus concert was great. 3rd Grade Arts night was a huge success. Thank you for the Holiday foods. January started with a new 1/2 day Pre-k class. Sandye will present the LES budget to the BOE subcommittee meeting tomorrow night. This budget includes a mobile computer lab for Grades 3 and 4, a smart board for Grade 3 and 4, additional projectors for the classrooms, add a Pre-k part time teacher for next year, add an additional Birth-to-three counselor, a speech pathologist, an additional 1/2 FTE custodial staff to make a 1 FTE full time position, new grading in the 66 wing for all new lights, and a curtain for the gym so that it can be divided. On January 26 at 7:00 Bailey's Garden will host an Art Show at the Elk's Club in Willimantic. On January 28, JoAnne Zurich, from American Diabetes, is giving LES a certificate for the 3rd highest fundraising in all of CT.

**5 Faculty Representative.....Gayle Solari**

Gayle Solari reported a heartfelt thanks for the December breakfast, and as Sandye reported Preschool has added a 1/2 time Pre-K.

**6 Committee Reports**

**4th Grade Celebration.....Barbara Starr**

No Report

**Bailey's Garden.....Jim Shifrin**

President Phil Johnson reported that the next fundraiser is the Art's Show and that Bailey's Garden recently received about \$500 in donations.

**Book Cart.....Open**

No Report

**Book Fair.....Sandra Spedaliere**

Chairperson Sandra Spedaliere reported that the Book Fair committee is on track for the Spring Book Fair for March 26 - March 28. More will come regarding the Book Fair and for requesting volunteers.

**Board of Education / Board of Finance.....Suzanne Yeo**  
President Phil Johnson reported that budget presentations start tomorrow.

**Box Tops for Education.....JoAnne Mackewicz**  
Chairperson JoAnne Mackewicz reported that there were 4328 box tops counted from Turkey sheets.  
The proceeds will be donated to Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

**Campbell's Labels.....Sandra Spedaliere**  
Chairperson Sandra Spedaliere reported that she submitted 4110 points, which means LES qualified for an additional 500 bonus points. She has contacted Sandye Simon regarding a Campbell's bonus for food drive recently completed at the school. The balance 5870 points.

**Childcare.....Holly Harakaly**  
Chairperson Holly Harakaly reported three (3) childcare providers tonight.

**Family Events.....Open**  
JoAnne Mackewicz is shooting for one of the first couple weekends in February for a "Polar Party" night.

**Health and Safety Fair.....Carrie Goins**  
Carrie Goins and Laura Davidson graciously stepped up and will see what can be done for a fair this May. Please contact either Carrie or Laura if you are able to help volunteer. Shooting for May 10 or 17.

**Professional Programs.....Kathy Jordan**  
President Phil Johnson reported that a show regarding Martin Luther King, Jr will be held on January 18. Kathy is looking for another author in the Spring and also looking to contact Bill Harley for a family show.

**PTA Membership.....Lisa Verizzi**  
Chairperson Lisa Verizzi reports we have 30 members.

**Publicity.....Tom Boone, Secretary**  
Secretary Tom Boone reported that PTA Newsletters will be distributed on the first and third Friday of each month, except for April because of School vacation. Chairpersons and other PTA members are asked to provide newsletter material to Tom Boone by the end of day of the Friday before the newsletter distribution. Here is the proposed newsletter schedule:

Articles Due	Friday Folder
1/11/08	1/18/08
1/25/08	2/1/08
2/8/08	2/15/08
2/29/08	3/7/08
3/14/08	3/20/08
3/28/08	4/4/08
4/25/08	5/2/08
5/9/08	5/16/08
5/30/08	6/6/08
6/13/08	6/20/08

**Reflections Program.....Carrie Goins**  
Chairperson Carrie Goins reports there were 7 submissions. Judges came in and judged today (1/7). They will be displayed on Thursday at 6:30 PM in the Gym.

**Sunshine.....Liza Verizzi**  
Chairperson Lisa Verizzi reported that breakfast was provided for the Teachers in December before school vacation. Probably next thing is Valentines Day.

**7 Fundraising**

**SCRIP.....Phil Johnson, President**

President Phil Johnson reported that Inventory has been distributed to all holders (Dede Lucey, Laurie Shaw, and Phil Johnson). By next meeting Phil will identify how much money is being netted by the program.

Laurie Shaw reported that there was roughly \$2900 in sales for the Coffee fundraiser and still about 200 single bags left. About \$9100 in Worthington (wrapping paper) sales.

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

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

Secretary Tom Boone reported that a Nominating Committee (of 3 people) will be formed in February. Nominees and voting members must be LES PTA members by February.

Secretary Tom Boone Reported that the CT PTA sent information regarding a proposed High School Reform plan. The Connecticut State Department of Education will be holding public forums around the state to present and get input on the new high school reform plan.

It is important that parents attend these forums and offer their opinions and feedback. No matter what age your child is these reforms will effect them.

Public Forums	
CREC Central Office Hartford 2/13/08 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Bedford Middle School Westport 1/14/08 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Plainfield High School Plainfield 1/30/08 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	North Branford High School North Branford 2/7/08 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
E.O. Smith High School Storrs 1/16/08 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Torrington High School Torrington 2/11/08 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Montville High School Montville 1/22/08 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Newtown High School Newtown 2/14/08 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Secretary Tom Boone reported that the CT PTA sent information regarding Connecticut Mission of Mercy (CTMOM). The Connecticut Foundation for Dental Outreach is proud to introduce the Connecticut Mission of Mercy (CTMOM). CTMOM will be a large scale, multi-chair dental clinic that travels around the state annually to underserved areas.... The concept is simple: to create a mulit-day dental clinic in a large facility and then open the clinic door to the community. Dental services will be provided to anyone (children, adults, and the elderly) who is without dental insurance and in a low income situation. Patients will be screened and treated based on their most urgent dental needs.

The best part about CTMOM is that this treatment is absolutely FREE!

Please spread the word to anyone you know who needs dental treatment but cannot access or afford it! This event has been held in other states and has served an amazing number of people. CTMOM will be staffed by

volunteer dentists, UConn dental students, dental hygienists and dental assistants. They will provide cleanings, fillings and extractions at no cost!!!

This years event will be held at the former Tolland High School, 1 Eagle Hill Drive, Tolland on Saturday April 12, 2008 from 5am to 5pm and Sunday, April 13 from 5am to Noon. Urge folks to get there early....people travel from all over and spend the night waiting in line to be seen!!

For more information, go to <http://www.cstda.com/ctmom/ctmom1.html>

Laurie Shaw reminded the Executive Board and members present that the Fall Worthington (wrapping paper) fundraiser starts planning in April 2007 for Fall 2008.

If anyone has any ideas for Teacher Appreciation week, please send ideas to Lisa Verizzi.

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

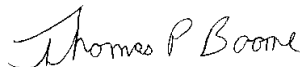
***Upcoming Events***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Location</b>
Fri, Jan 11th	3:30 PM	SCRIP Order	LES Café or Phil Johnson
Fri, Jan 18th	3:30 PM	SCRIP Pickup	LES Café or Phil Johnson
Mon, Jan 21st, and Tues Jan 22nd	8:00 AM	LES School Vacation	
Fri Jan 25th	3:30 PM	SCRIP Order	LES Café or Phil Johnson
Fri, Feb 1st	3:30 PM	SCRIP Pickup	LES Café or Phil Johnson
Mon, Feb 4th	6:30 PM	LES PTA Regular Meeting	LES Café

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

With no further busienss a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM was moved by Sandra Spedalieri and seconded by Lee Matson. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,



Thomas Boone, Secretary