

Louisiana Federation of Teachers

44th Annual Convention

November 23-25, 2008

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Covington, Louisiana

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PUBLIC EDUCATION: a BOLDER BROADER APPROACH

Sunday, November 23, 2008

11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. **Registration**
Hallway

11:00 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. **Exhibitors**
Atrium

General Session

1:00 P.M. **Opening Session**
Pontchartrain Room

Call to Order:
Steve Monaghan, President, LFT

Invocation:
Pastor Donald Burris,
Goodwill Baptist Church

Presentation of Colors:
Covington High School ROTC,
Commander Douglas E. Johnson, Senior Instructor

National Anthem:
Tyler Lange, Salmen High School

Greetings from:

LFT Convention Host:
Elsie Burkhalter, Vice President, AFT; Vice President, LFT;
President, St. Tammany Federation of Teachers and School
Employees

St Tammany Area Dignitaries Greetings:
Kevin Davis, Parish President, St. Tammany
Penny Dastugue, BESE, Member at Large

Louisiana AFL-CIO:

Louis Reine, President, Louisiana AFL-CIO

American Federation of Teachers:

Al Squire, Southern Regional Director, AFT

Keynote Speaker:

Ollie Tyler, Deputy Superintendent, Louisiana Department of Education

Introduction: Leona Venson, Vice President, LFT; President, Rapides Federation of Teachers and School Employees

2:00 P.M.

BREAK

2:15 P.M.

Convention Business

Chair: Meladie Munch, Secretary-Treasurer, LFT, Jefferson Federation of Teachers

Appoint Parliamentarian

Rules

Timekeeper

Sgt. at Arms

State of the Union Address:

Steve Monaghan, President, LFT

Introduction: Joe Potts, Executive Vice President, LFT; President, Jefferson Federation of Teachers

Presentation of Awards:

Union Values in Action Award

Steve Monaghan, President, LFT

Recipients:

Caddo Federation of Teachers and Support Personnel

Calcasieu Federation of Teachers

Jefferson Federation of Teachers

Rapides Federation of Teachers and School Employees

St. Tammany Federation of Teachers and School Employees

Celebrating the Growth of LFT

Mona Icamina, Senior Organizing Field Representative, LFT

Run for the Gold

Marcus Fontenot, Lead Organizer, PEG

Cynthia Posey, Member Benefits Coordinator, LFT

Pioneer Award Presentation:

This award is presented annually to an individual who over the years, made major contributions to the growth and influence of the Louisiana Federation of Teachers.

3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Convention Committee Meetings

Committee #1 – Compensation Excellence *Pontchartrain Room*

Co-Chair: Joe Potts, Vice President, LFT; President, Jefferson Federation of Teachers; and **Linda Pichon**, Vice President; LFT; United Teachers of New Orleans

Facilitator: Amy Richardson, Field Representative, LFT

Committee #2 – Pension Improvement and Protection *Pontchartrain Room*

Co-Chair: Penny Ferguson, Vice President, LFT; President, United Federation of College Teachers

Facilitator: Cathy Morrison, Field Representative, LFT

Committee #3 – Employee Rights *Folsom Room*

Co-Chair: Jackie Lansdale, Vice President, LFT; President, Caddo Federation of Teachers and Support Personnel and **Laura Harper**, Jefferson Federation of Teachers

Facilitator: Brenda Matt, Field Representative, LFT

Committee #4 – Improved School Funding *Covington Room*

Co-Chair: Elsie Burkhalter, Vice President, AFT; Vice President, LFT; President, St. Tammany Federation of Teachers and School Employees and **Doris Flanagan**, Vice President, LFT; President, Tangipahoa Federation of Teachers

Facilitators: Carla Rollins, Field Representative, LFT

Committee #5 – Education Policy Issues *Upstairs Room*

Co-Chair: Mr. Larry Carter, Vice President, LFT; President, United Teachers of New Orleans, and **Leona Venson**, Vice President, LFT; President, Rapides Federation of Teachers and School Employees

Facilitator: Mona Icamina, Field Representative, LFT

Committee #6 – Constitutional Amendments *Mandeville room*

Co-Chair: Leo Laventhal, Vice President, LFT; Vice President, Jefferson Federation of Teachers, and **Meladie Munch**, Secretary-Treasurer, LFT, Jefferson Federation of Teachers

Facilitator: David Chaney, Field Representative, LFT

6:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Hospitality *Pontchartrain room*

Hosted by: Louisiana Federation of Teachers

Monday, November 24, 2008

8:30 A.M – 12:00 P.M.
8:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Registration *Hallway*
Exhibitors *Atrium & Hallway*

General Session

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Morning Session *Grand Ballroom*

Call to Order:

Steve Monaghan, President, LFT

Invocation:

Rev. Samuel Greer,
Hebron Baptist Church

Greetings:

Gayle Sloan, Superintendent, St. Tammany Parish School System
(*Louisiana 2009 State Superintendent of the Year*)
James D. Garvey, 1st BESE District

9:30 A.M.

Committee Reports

Committee #6 – Constitutional Amendments

Co-Chair: Leo Laventhal, Vice President, LFT; Vice President, Jefferson Federation of Teachers, and **Meladie Munch**, Secretary-Treasurer, LFT, Jefferson Federation of Teachers

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11:30 A.M.

Holiday Greeting Card Presentation

Recipient: Brandi Mowen, 5th Grader, Fifth Ward Jr. High School
Teacher: Lizette Pechon, Fifth Ward Junior High School

Recognition of Louisiana Teacher of the Year

Name: Deborah Hohn Tonguis, Mandeville High School

**Recognition of “20 to Watch” by National School Boards Association’s
Technology Leadership Network:**

Name: Kristen Hernandez, Carolyn Park Middle School

Presenter of Awards: Elsie Burkhalter, Vice President, AFT; Vice President,
LFT; President, St. Tammany Federation of Teachers and School Employees

Presentation of School Bell Awards for Excellence in Education Journalism

Recipients:

Barri Bronston
Jefferson Bureau, Times-Picayune

Claire Hatty
WBRZ-TV, Baton Rouge

Kia Hall Hayes
St. Tammany Bureau, Times-Picayune

Barbara Leader
The News-Star, Monroe

Charles Lussiere
The Advocate, Baton Rouge

Tina Marie Macias
The Advertiser, Lafayette

Myra Miller
The Eunice News,

Nathan Stubbs
The Independent, Lafayette

Presenter: Les Landon, Public Relations Director, LFT

12:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Awards Luncheon

Pontchartrain Ballroom

Mistress of Ceremonies:

Elsie Burkhalter, Vice President, AFT; Vice President, LFT; President,
St. Tammany Federation of Teachers and School Employees

Invocation:

Rev. Sandra Barnes,
Christ the King Lutheran Church

Keynote Speaker:

Antonia Cortese, Secretary-Treasurers, American Federation of Teachers

Introduction: Elsie Burkhalter, Vice President, AFT; Vice President,
LFT; President, St Tammany Federation of Teachers and School Employees

Presentation of Awards

Louisiana Federation of Teachers Outstanding Representative:

Hon. Herbert Dixon, Representative, District 26

Presenter: Leona Venson, Vice President, LFT; President, Rapides Federation of Teachers and School Employees

Louisiana Federation of Teachers Outstanding Senators:

Hon. Yvonne Dorsey, Senator, District 14

Presenter: Carnell Washington, Vice President, LFT; President, East Baton Rouge Federation of Teachers

Hon. Lydia Jackson, Senator, District 39

Presenter: Jackie Lansdale, Vice President, LFT; President, Caddo Federation of Teachers and Support Personnel

Louisiana Federation of Teachers Friend of Education:

Victor Bussie, Former President, AFL-CIO

Presenter: Steve Monaghan, President, LFT

BREAK

3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

General Session *Grand Ballroom*

Nominations/Elections of Officers

Chair: Patricia Craddock, St. Tammany Federation of Teachers and School Employees

Nominations Committee Members: Cynthia Jackson, Jefferson Federation of Teachers; and **Alveta Spears**, United Teachers of New Orleans

3:30 P.M.

Charter School Panel Discussion:

Steve Monaghan, Moderator, President, LFT

Larry Carter, President, UTNO

Jackie Lansdale, President, CFT/SP

Carnell Washington, President, EBRFT

Larry Samuel, General Counsel, LFT

Alison Ocmant, Legislative Director, LFT

7:00 – 10:00 P.M

Social *Pontchartrain Room*

Hosted by: St. Tammany Federation of Teachers and School Employees

Tuesday, November 25, 2008

- 8:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.** **Exhibitors** *Atrium and Hallway*
- 8:00 A.M.** **Convention Breakfast** *Pontchartrain Ballroom*
(Sponsor ING)
- 8:30 A.M.** **Call to Order**
Leona Venson, Vice President, LFT; President, Rapides Federation of Teachers and School Employees
- Invocation:**
Pastor Bryan Bilac,
Lakeshore Church
- Greetings:**
Mark Tusa, Regional Manager, ING
- Installation of Officers:**
Larry Samuel, LFT, General Counsel
- Business Session**
- Convention Committee Reports**
- Committee #1 – Compensation Excellence**
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- Distinguished Service Awards:**
Steve Monaghan, President, LFT
- Recognition of Host Local:**
St. Tammany Federation of Teachers and School Employees
Elsie Burkhalter, President
- 12:00 P.M.** **Adjournment**

St Tammany Federation of Teachers & School Employees Convention Committee

*Kim Alexis
Claudia Campbell
Patricia Craddock
Archie Galloway
Gary Gennardo
Sarah Green
Deborah Green
Mike Gulino
Leslie Hano
Paulette Jenkins
John Jordan
Marian Jordan*

*Deidre Millsap
Brenda Palmer
Lizette Pechon
Dianne Richardson
Suzanne Schehr
Linda Stock
Elaine Schwartz
Julie Taglauer
Vertie Tate
Jerome Troullier
Marvel Winne*

CONVENTION EXHIBITS

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Elegant Magnets*

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<i>Black & Gold Shop</i>	<i>Lowes (Covington & Slidell)</i>
<i>Braswell Drugs</i>	<i>Marsolan Feed & Seed</i>
<i>Brenda Palmer</i>	<i>Merle Norman Cosmetic Studios(Covington & Mandeville)</i>
<i>Capital One</i>	<i>Mike's Hardware</i>
<i>Carl's Fine Jewelry</i>	<i>New Orleans Food and Spirits</i>
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<i>Deborah Green</i>	<i>Trey Yuen</i>
<i>Element Salon</i>	<i>Waguespack Construction</i>
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