

Conn Elementary PTA Board Meeting
January 2, 2008
Conn Cafeteria
MINUTES

In Attendance: Mary Williams, Lisa Vanderberry, Linda Davis, Christine Murphy, Terri Butler, Diann Kearney, Cynthia Erwin, Uli Gratzl, and Dionne Lester.

Mary Williams, President, called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm.

Minutes from the December Board meeting were distributed via e-mail prior to tonight's meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

Ms. Kearney reported that we have one new hire-Mr. Chandler in 5th grade. We have one TA vacancy currently.

Budget information and current balance sheet were presented. A deposit for \$1400 was made from the Holiday Shop proceeds. There was a \$175 expenditure for sound improvements/repairs in the gym. Christine Murphy expressed several concerns regarding the Butterfly Garden expenses and line item on the current budget which were discussed with Dionne. The current budget report does not have the amounts listed from the final Budget that was approved by the membership in September. Dionne will look at current reporting closely to make sure every line item is easy to read and understand and reflects approved amounts in "budget" column.

Linda Davis reported that, while coming in a little short of our projected goal, the Holiday Shop was a success. Equipment donations were received from the Raleigh Convention Center and Junior League of Raleigh to help with the layout. All feedback from the teachers, students, and parents was very positive. The supply company was very easy to work with. Linda also felt this was a good recruiting tool for new parent volunteers to see what types of volunteer opportunities are available. A discussion arose about making some funds available for those students who may not be financially able to visit the Holiday Shop. This discussion will be followed up with some ideas and a possible plan in the future.

Mary reported that the Yearbook is running very smoothly. She has 12 5th grade students working diligently on obtaining pictures and designing the layout. The first deadline is 1/25. Our cost is \$17.10/book and we will sell them for \$18 in January and \$20 in February. We will also submit our Yearbook to a national contest put on by Lifetouch. Classroom pictures are still needed from the teachers.

Uli Gratzl reported that the campus is looking great, despite the planting limitations caused by city water restrictions and the current drought. A workday is planned for 1/19, weather permitting.

Terri Butler reported that our current membership total is at 190, leaving only 15 memberships needed to reach our goal. She is planning a membership drive in January.

Cynthia Ervin reported that plans for Family Spirit Night are falling into place. The general plan is similar to last year with activities planned in the Gym and various displays in the hallways and Media Center. The Power Panther Team from Enloe will be returning. The head chef from Duke Health Raleigh will put on a cooking demonstration with fresh fruits and vegetables. The Poe Center for Health will also put on two short presentations for the students, dividing the upper and lower grade levels for age appropriate presentations. There will be small prizes for participation in each station. Linda will contact Be Active NC and Kids in Training for participation, as well. Cynthia has contacted Mitzi Willis, RN about getting WakeMed there.

Literacy Night plans are in place for 2/26. Richard Krawiec is returning for a writing workshop. There will be grade level activities designed by the teachers and the Title I group. Mary will also have presentations related to a DPI workshop she attended with the Title one group. Her presentations will focus on fostering self esteem and pride in education. We will again provide buses for families needing transportation. We will also provide dinner at \$3/person. Lisa will check with two area restaurants about low cost catering for approximately 250 people.

We need to get a Nominating Team in place to slate new officers for next year. Lisa will do a write up for the CONNector. Every Board member and committee chair needs to let Mary or Lisa know of their intentions for next year.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Lisa Vanderberry, Secretary
Conn Active Learning & Technology Magnet Elementary