

Conn Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting
October 25, 2007
Conn Gymnasium
DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mary Williams, PTA President.

Minutes from the September 13 meeting have been posted on the Conn website. No discussion or questions related to those minutes was needed. A motion to approve the minutes was received. The minutes were approved as written by the membership.

The current Balance Sheet for the Budget was presented by Lonnie Ervin, Treasurer. No discussion occurred.

The Innisbrook fundraiser generated approximately \$22,000, which is less than half of the proposed amount. Ordered items will be distributed on 11/2 from 3-6pm in the Gym. Volunteers are needed to help sort the items into class groups that morning from 9-11am. Please let Mary Williams know if you can help.

The Fall Carnival will be held on 11/3 from 1-4pm. Donations are needed for the Silent Auction. If you have items for donation, please contact Kim Bowen (mbowen4@nc.rr.com) or Craig Markey (markeycraig@yahoo.com). Volunteers are also needed to help make the event successful. Please see or contact Betsy Alexieff if you can help. Shifts for the event are in 30 minute blocks. Set up starts at 11:30am and clean up until 5:30pm.

The drawing for the reserved parking space for PTA events was held. Any parent who had joined the PTA by 10/15 was entered in the drawing. The Parking space will be the one that is reserved for the Staff member of the week and will be covered with a PTA Parking Sign for the event. The winners and assigned event for the parking space were:

Pilar Engelbrecht-Fall Carnival 11/3

Gary & Kimberly Mangum-Silver Trout Performance 12/6

Anthony & Santrell Caison-December PTA meeting/2nd quarter Showcase
12/13

Sheryl & William Paradise-Family Spirit Night 2/8

Aleshia Lanfair-Literacy Night 2/26

Forrest & Susan Robson-March PTA meeting/3rd quarter Showcase 3/27

Victor Lennon-May PTA meeting/4th quarter Showcase 5/15

Current PTA membership is 180 with 35 more members needed to reach our goal.

Mitzi Willis, RN, our school nurse spoke about her role as the school nurse. She is present at the school most Mondays. Please feel free to contact her with any questions or specific concerns about your child. Business cards were provided with contact information. Ms. Willis spends a lot of time consulting with staff about specific student concerns, training staff members on medication administration, and serves as a resource to the entire staff and student population in getting medical needs addressed. She also does home visits, especially in helping Kindergarteners with meeting immunization and health form requirements.

A question arose regarding MRSA and recent news reports. Ms. Willis reported that MRSA, while present in many areas of the general population, it less common in the elementary schools due to less chance of skin to skin contact, like in organized sports in the higher grades. There is no current increase in cases in Wake Co., but the awareness of the disease has increased. Prevention of MRSA is the same as for all communicable diseases, like the flu, with good hand washing being a key step. Keeping ill children out of school is also important. MRSA most often presents as a boil (a red bump with a white center) and should be evaluated by a doctor. MRSA is a treatable disease.

The Parent Involvement form was explained and all of tonight's attendees were encouraged to sign in. The PTA will recognize students who had a parent or family member come for any school event, volunteer opportunity, conference, lunch with your child, etc. on a monthly basis. Everyone is encouraged to be involved at Conn.

The schedule of events for the 1st quarter Showcase was reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm

Lisa Vanderberry, Secretary
Conn Active Learning & Technology Magnet