

James Conger Elementary PTO September 2019 General Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, September 11, 2019, at 7 pm in the staff lounge

Meeting called to order by President Randy Hardenbrook at 7:01 pm

Attendance: Randy Hardenbrook, Brenda Bailey, Casey Fuchs, Sheri Harrington, Marsha Lesjak, Julie Fought, Ben James, Jessica Bowser, Amber Bauer, Christy Fronza, Jen Martineau, Sarah Stevens, Jen Artemus, Katie Boose, Lauren Skillen, Julie Hardenbrook, Staci Heiby, Bonnie Muncey, Eric Muncey, Ken Wolf, Amanda Baker, Viviane Bushong, Angela Fisher, Josh Page

Guest Speaker: Viviane Bushong with Destination Imagination

- Teams consist of K-6 students with a team manager and assistant, involves creative problem solving challenges, Smith & Schultz currently have team-hoping to create a Conger team, groups meet at least once per week, competition in Circleville in March

Minutes: A motion was made by Brenda Bailey to accept the minutes of 5/8/18. The motion was seconded and accepted.

Officers' Reports

President: given by Randy Hardenbrook

- Introduce self, child(ren) and teacher(s)
- Read-A-Thon - Jenny Artemus
 - Reading begins Sept. 27 with a PowerPoint kick-off
 - "Reading is Magical" is the theme
 - Top prize will be attendance at a Magic Nate magic show
 - Top individual prize will be a fitness tracker
 - 5th grade will be offered an incentive (like last year) - movie @ Strand
 - Last day is Oct. 7
 - Celebration Day will be Oct. 17
- Currently working on Marco's Pizza fundraiser replacement (hoping for Cane's)
- Chipotle raised \$189.39 = 33% of total revenue
- Conger Family Night will be Thurs, Sept. 26 - details TBD

Treasurer: given by Sheri Harrington

- PTO bank account balance is \$10,770.73
- Spirit wear money is in, but waiting on invoice to pay balance
- Team shirts need to be paid, bill TBD
- Chipotle raised \$100 less than last year, \$700 is budgeted for all restaurant fundraisers
- AmazonSmile earned \$46.13 this quarter

- \$294 has been spent so far on Staff Appreciation - new teacher gifts, flowers for secretaries, 1st day meal for staff
- Conference Nights - Should PTO provide and pay for babysitting? A suggestion was made to check with high school teams who might use the event as a fundraiser and ask for donations from parents using the service.
- Shoparoo app donations go to Conger, not PTO

Council and Committee Reports

Book Fair: given by Sheri Harrington

- Book Fair will be October 22-30
- Set up will take place Oct. 21 @ 3:30 pm
- PTO will need volunteers during the day to help with students and during both conference nights (24th & 30th)
- A SignUp Genius email will be sent in early October
- Tear down will take place Oct. 30 @ 7:15 pm
- The theme is "Arctic Adventures"
- Should PTO help provide snacks and water for volunteers, like the spring fair? Yes

Box Tops: given by Marsha Lesjak

- A transition from paper to digital Box Tops is happening this year
- There will be a monthly contest between classrooms with the winner earning an extra recess, popcorn party, etc. Cumulative prize will be an end of the year pizza party.
- Possibly offer a prize drawing for students who turn in a sheet every month

Secret Santa: given by Jessica Bowser

- Event will take place the 2nd Saturday in December
- A private event discussion with the board will take place at the end of the month
- "Minions" are needed to help organize different areas of the event (food, raffle, decor, rooms, etc.)
- A large meeting will be held in October for all volunteers

Spirit Wear: given by Julie Hardenbrook

- Orders should be in next week
- Feedback? Issues?

Staff Appreciation: given by Julie Fought & Christy Fronza

- Conference night dinners are being organized, but PTO will need volunteers to help set up and staff each night
- Hoping to find some local food places that will donate
- Solicited donations from Main Street Delaware businesses...still waiting to hear back

Volunteer Coordinator: given by Ben James

- Sent a SignUp Genius email wrong the first time, but pretty sure the problem is fixed ;)
- Request for vision and hearing screenings will be coming soon
- SignUp Genius for Picture Day coming soon too
- Sept. 27 is the first Popcorn Friday

Principal's Report: given by Josh Page

- Good start to the year so far
- Working with Syntero to offer parent workshops in October about disobedience and bedtime routines
- Oct. 17 - STEAM Night; Mathnasium, ODOT, 4H, Honda, OH Soybean Association are a few organization that will make an appearance
- Title 1 building - Determined by free/reduced lunch (43-50%), funding helps with salaries for reading specialists and supplies, anyone can use the services because it is building wide, parent/community involvement is important (literacy/STEAM nights)

Upcoming Events

- Fall Picture Day - Sept. 26
- Conger Family Night @ Food Truck Depot - Sept. 26
- Read-A-Thon - Sept. 27 to Oct. 7
- Fall Dance - Fri, Nov. 1, 6-7:30 pm (same day as Halloween festivities during day)

Discussions

- No pumpkin sale this year - weather was bad and did not allow for wholesale sales
- Reached out to Lehner's about donating % of festival entry fees - waiting to hear back

Next meeting is 10/9/19 at 7 pm in the staff lounge

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Minutes compiled by Brenda Bailey, Secretary