

Meeting Notes CGS PTO– Oct. 12, 2015 - APPROVED

Meeting called to order.

Members present: Buzz Briggs, Denise Wallace, Rosa Hogue, Reenie Peppers, Debbi Maass, Amy Clayman, Susan Sprow, Lisa Earnesty, Merri Kae VanderPloeg, Michele Cuba

President's Welcome: Michele Cuba greeted all attendees.

Secretary's Report

- Minutes from previous meeting distributed. Secretary substitute for tonight's meeting is Denise Wallace.
- Reenie Peppers motioned to accept minutes from previous meeting.
- Buzz Briggs seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

Treasurer's Report Reenie Peppers

- Report distributed.
 - Balanced through September 30, 2015.
 - Fall social money not included until refunds/purchases are complete.
 - Ticket sales to date (after refunds) is \$2137.00
 - Question: What percent of CGS families are PTO members?
 - Answer: Approximately 1/3 – about 200 families.
 - Amy Clayman motioned to accept the treasurer's report.
 - Debbi Maass seconded the motion.
 - All voted in favor of accepting the treasurer's report.
- Software/Laptop Update
 - Determined that laptop was unnecessary and the most economical and practical method to maintain accounting transactions was to use Quick books online and pass the username and password on to future CGS PTO treasurers. Cost is \$10 for first six months and \$13 for each additional month.

Director's Report

- Requested that members spread the word about signing the petition to re-evaluate CGS funding methodology as it has been over 20 years since it was modified. Meeting with the Governor's legislative aides is set for Thursday, Oct 15, 2015. Parents, other adults, and students (students who are over 13) can sign the petition.
- School board elections are coming up. Please be mindful and aware of candidate's choices and support regarding CGS.
- College/University visits are ongoing. VCU visit is archived from Oct 6 (for 3 weeks only). Washington University (St. Louis) will do a broadcast on October 14, 2015.
- Need assistance for 2 events:
 - Discovery night for Spotsy. Oct 27. Courtland HS. 6-8pm
 - Signature programs night for Stafford. Oct 28. Brooke Point HS. 6-9pm.
- Mrs. VanderPloeg will not be able to attend November's PTO meeting as she will be defending her dissertation.

Old Business

- Toolkit for Success and Merit Based Scholarship Workshop.
 - Great turnout out for a rainy night
 - Toolkit portion is available for a few more days on archive
 - Merit Scholarship handouts were sent out via email
 - Survey out there if you attended – would love your feedback
- Fall social at Belvedere - Rescheduled for Nov. 7th 1-5 pm
- Yummy Tummy snacks are still needed.
- Copy Services – Kimberly Barker-Brugman has volunteered her church (was approved by their board). We will provide our own paper 😊

New Business

- Membership – you all are awesome – 198 memberships (includes 7 faculty memberships thus far).
- Evaluation of Teacher Grant requests was presented by Lisa Earnesty. We spend around \$600 last year. Seven grants were requested. Detailed information was given about each grant. Mrs. Cuba iterated that the PTO must be fiscally responsible with the grant money and fund when possible, the grants that affect the most students. Each grant was discussed. Several members had more questions about some of the grants. The questions will be forwarded to the grant committee for further action.
- Motion made by Reenie Peppers to set grant dollar amount for 2015-2016 school year to \$1500 from the money market fund and to reserve a line item for future school years for grants (with the amount TBD). Motion seconded by Mr. Briggs. Motion approved by all members present.
- Motion made by Mr. Briggs to approve the Chemistry Reduction/Oxidation sensor for approximately \$90. Seconded by Mrs. Hogue. Approved by all in attendance.
- Vote on remaining 6 grants will take place at our November meeting.

Committee or VP Reports

- Spotsy High Site – Provided cookies for bus drivers who transport kids to/from site and to each of the home site librarians.

Next PTO meeting will be November 9th, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned.