

## CGS PTO Meeting – February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - APPROVED

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

**Members present:** Reenie Peppers, Michele Cuba, Maria Arner, Lane Poe, Tinker Brace, Merri Kae VanderPloeg, Debbi Maass, Terri Rinko

**Secretary's report:** **Maria Arner** – Tinker motioned to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Debbi; and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's report:** **Reenie Peppers**

- \$350 expense under Family Picnic was for the pavilion deposit.
- \$240 expense under Teacher Appreciation was for the Stafford HS site.
- It would be a good idea to check into “Kohls Cares” program. If we register for this program they will provide volunteers for 3 hours and will give a \$500 check.
- Maria motioned to approve the treasurer's report; seconded by Terri; and it was unanimously approved.

**Director's report:** **Merri Kae VanderPloeg**

- **I Survived First Semester!** Was last Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. There were about 12 parents there.
  - Merri Kae would like to have a mixer for freshman at the library since the fall social was cancelled and they haven't had an opportunity to socially meet with students from other sites.
- **Sabrina** is a counselor and is available after school if students need to talk. Students can set up an appointment with her. She is on a long-term assignment in Stafford County.
- **Capital Day** was today. Merri Kae took 7 students to Richmond to the General Assembly to lobby and thank representatives for their support.
  - There is an amendment to the funding formula proposal put together by several sites because they feel they're not getting a good deal. Merri Kae would like parents write to their representatives urging them to oppose Amendment 139 #13h. It was drafted with faulty information and would hurt most Governor School sites.
- **2016-2017 CGS applications** are due this Friday.
- **The Governing Board** will meet next week. Bill Blaine is the new representative for Spotsylvania Co., Tammy Indseth is the new rep for King George, John Copeland is the new rep for Caroline, and Dewayne McOsker continues on the board from Stafford.
- **Film Festival – March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Riverbend HS.** Students will submit short films which will be judged by celebrity judges. There will be refreshments and winners will receive awards. In order to prepare, the juniors are doing a field experience on February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **CGS Advisory Committee will meet on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at B&N in Central Park.**

**Old Business:**

- None.

**New Business:**

- **College Forum - March 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7-8:30pm at UMW** (Dodd Auditorium). The University of Richmond, William & Mary, University of Virginia, and University of Mary Washington will have senior admission reps on site to give information on college search process, admission process, writing your best college essay, and financial aid & scholarship info. Following the information session, floor will be opened for a time of Q&A.

- **Snow Ball - March 12<sup>th</sup> - 7-11:30pm at Eagles Lodge in Stafford** (Cool Spring Road). The theme is Starry Night. Stay tuned for ticket sale information. This is always a highlight event for us. Laura could not attend meeting but emailed an update:
  - DJ has date open. Need to know if \$600 is ok. He says that is what the fee was last year, but I think that included tip.
  - Rosters will be ready later this week. Tickets are really not needed, but if students want them we are happy to print up.
  - We have had good feedback from potential volunteers.
  - We had one photographer who wanted to do the photo booth, but she wanted to charge. It was very expensive - more than the dance ticket itself so we turned her down (politely).
  - We will use last year's food order as a base for the hot food. There won't be a chocolate fountain.
  - Donations for drinks and cold snacks form coming soon.
  - Volunteer sign up coming soon.
  - Will need one captain per site to pick up Hungry Tummy donations.
- **Senior Essay Scholarship deadline - March 17<sup>th</sup>** – Information has been distributed to English teachers, to student's emails, and is available on the CGS website.
- **Senior Recognition - May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 2-3:30 at UMW** (Dodd Auditorium) with a reception to follow in a ballroom at the student center. Save the date cards will be coming out shortly. Merri Kae, and several others, would like more than just cake and punch.
- **Family Picnic - June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4:30-7:00pm - Pratt Park in Stafford.** Thanks to Nancy Carroll (she has a freshman at the Spotsy site) who stepped up to be the picnic chairperson. The pavilion has been reserved.

### **Committee and/or VP Reports:**

- No Reports.

### **Kudos & Good News:**

- Franklin Rinko earned his Eagle Scout Award.
- Allie Brace earned her Girl Scout Gold Award.
- Merri Kae's daughter, Wendy, announced that she has a new cousin, Kenzie Maria.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next PTO meeting – March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7p.m.

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