

CGS PTO Meeting – April 11th - APPROVED

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

Members present: Reenie Peppers, Michele Cuba, Maria Arner, Lane Poe, Merri Kae VanderPloeg, Terri Rinko, Denise Wallace, Amy Clayman

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

Treasurer's report: **Reenie Peppers**

- \$25 was spent for our state corporation registration.
- There is one outstanding Snow Ball expense for ~\$100.
- Maria motioned to approve the treasurer's report; seconded by Lane; and it was unanimously approved.

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

- **Film Festival** – Was held on March 23rd at Riverbend. Franklin Rinko found a lot of prizes. There were submissions from four sites and 75 people attended the event. The judges were Anna Rinko (a CGS graduate) and Moseetta Stone (video teacher @ SHS). The winners' films are on the CGS website.
- **Senior Culminating Symposium – April 20th at UMW Stafford Campus 6:30-8:00.** Invites have been sent to VIPs. Each site is to select 4 students to make presentations.
- **Cookies with the Commonwealth.** This program is to welcome new freshmen to the program. It will be held either the first or second week of May at the different sites.
- **Kilroy Robotics Team:** Took second place at the Chesapeake District tournament and will be attending the World Championship in St. Louis the last week of April.
- **Leah Otterstatter** – Won second place at the State Science Fair. Her project was on tornadoes; also her culminating project. She is a Brooke Point student that attends the Colonial Forge site.
- **Adam Pratte** – Placed at the Regional Science Fair.

Old Business:

- **Senior Essay Scholarship** deadline was March 17th. 17 essays were submitted and are being reviewed.

New Business:

- **Senior Recognition - May 22nd - 2-3:30 at UMW (Dodd Auditorium).** Terri Rinko is the chairperson. 33-36 “dignitaries” will be invited; invitations were given to Merri Kae to be sent. There isn't a charge for the venue this year; probably will be next year. Ideas for Senior gift include a picture frame or blanket. The blanket would be more useful. Terri will check prices at a couple of vendors. Last year we made \$1,275 in ticket sales. Terri will ask King George to provide band members and a color guard. Scholarship winners will be announced.
- **Family Picnic - June 3rd – 4:30-7:00pm - Pratt Park in Stafford.** The picnic chairperson had to step down so we need another chairperson.
- **T-shirt design contest** – Submissions are due by April 15th; so far have 4 or 5 designs. Voting will be April 18th – 29th. The new design will be sold in the fall; not at the picnic in June.

- **Budget for 2016-2017 school year** – will be discussed at the May meeting and voted on at the June meeting.
- **Board for 2016 – 2017 school year** – if you're interested in a board or committee chair position, please let Michele know. The Board will be voted on at the June meeting.

Committee and/or VP Reports:

- King George had a pizza, salad, and root beer luncheon.
- Spotsy site had a picnic for the teachers today.

Kudos & Good News:

- Joel Peppers got the Presidential Scholarship for Eastern Nazarine College. He also won an Hispanic National Scholarship.
- Franklin Rinko was chosen from King George to attend Boys' State this summer. He also has a summer job working with the Economic Development Director in King George.
- Audrey Arner was chosen as student of the month at Colonial Forge.
- Wendy, Merri Kae's daughter, will now get to sleep on the top bunk 😊

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Next PTO meeting – May 9th, 2016 at 7pm.

Last PTO meeting of this school year will be on June 13th at 7pm.

Prepared by:

Maria Elena Arner
2015-2016 CGS Secretary