

CGS PTO Meeting – May 9th, 2016 - APPROVED

The meeting was called to order at 7:09pm.

Members present: Reenie Peppers, Michele Cuba, Maria Arner, Merri Kae VanderPloeg, Terri Rinko, Denise Wallace, Lisa Bruer, Sarah Chase

Secretary's report: **Maria Arner** – Under Director's Report (5th bullet); Leah's last name is Otterstatter and she attends Brook Point High School. Lisa Bruer motioned to approve the minutes with the addition, Reenie Peppers seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report: **Reenie Peppers**

- There was no income for the reporting period.
- \$500 was given to Robotics to support their trip to the World Competition in St. Louis.
- The scholarship checks have been written.
- The senior gifts were purchased.
- Maria noted that, according to Robert's Rules, the treasurer's report can only be accepted, not approved.

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

- **Kilroy Robotics** – The team went to St. Louis to participate in the World Competition. They were able to collect enough donations to help with the cost of the trip.
 - They won the Entrenapeaur Award for going above and beyond with regards to outreach in the robotics world.
- **Acceptance Letters** – All rising 9th graders have received their acceptance letters.
 - **Cookie Event:**
 - 5/17: 6:00 at King George for KG and Caroline Counties – Terri Rinko will be there.
 - 5/18: 6:30 at Colonial Forge site for Stafford County – need someone to represent PTO.
 - 5/24: 6:30 at Riverbend for Spotsy County – Myckel Phillips and Michele Cuba will be there.
- **Governing Board Meeting** – May 19th. Spotsy needs to finalize their budget. The CGS budget will be passed at this meeting then amended after Spotsy passes their budget.

Old Business:

- **Senior Essay Scholarship** 17 essays were submitted and 3 winners have been selected. The winning essay was read to the group and Sarah Chase recommends getting permission from the student to publish it on the CGS website.
 - Would we want to consider writing the checks to the University instead of the student? After discussion it was decided to continue writing the check to the student.
- **T-shirt design contest** – 6 designs were submitted. Emily Patten, a rising senior from Riverbend, won. ~250 students voted; Seniors were not allowed to vote.
- **Robotics** – A motion was made via email by Sarah Chase on April 14th to give the Robotics Team \$500 in support of their trip to the World Competition. Maria Arner seconded the motion and it received majority approval on April 15th. The money was taken from the Money Market account since it wasn't budgeted.
- **Senior Symposium** – The projects were great.

New Business:

- **Senior Recognition - May 22nd - 2-4:30 at UMW** (Dodd Auditorium). The letter for teachers and students was reviewed and a few changes were made. The programs are being finalized. Yard signs have been ordered to direct the way to the reception (about a 5 minute walk). Franklin Rinko will do the pledge. A student from King George will be invited to sing the National Anthem. Terri Rinko didn't have any success with King George getting a band or color guard. Merri Kae will ask at Riverbend for a "band" (4 students). Maria Arner's boys will do the flags. We have received 3 RSVP's without checks. The parent slides will be looped after the student slides.
- **Family Picnic - June 3rd - 4:30-7:00pm - Pratt Park in Stafford.** Upcoming freshmen/transfers will bring side dishes and current students are asked to bring desserts.
- **Budget for 2016-2017 school year** – budget was discussed line-by-line. We need to refine some numbers. It will be 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:

- We ran out of time due to the budget discussion so there were no reports given.

Kudos & Good News:

- We ran out of time due to the budget discussion so there was nothing reported.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The last PTO meeting of this school year will be on June 6th at 7pm. **Please note that this meeting is on the 1st Monday of the month instead of our usual 2nd Monday.**

Prepared by:

Maria Elena Arner
2015-2016 CGS Secretary