

# CGS PTO Meeting – September 12, 2016 - APPROVED

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

**Members Present:** Michele Cuba, Denise Walker, Merri Kae VanderPloeg, Rita Daniels, Annette Richards, Wendy Knight, Laura Lee Jaworski, Amy Settle, Ann Baker, Laura Armentrout, Deidre Jett, Maureen & Paul Whichard, Amy and Gordon Duncan, Vanessa McOsker, Selina Bautista, Lane Poe, Donna Andrew, Suzanne & Dean Tills, Teri Carr, Jeanie VanDevender, Parminder Singh, Nicole Niles, Lisa Bruer, Terri Rinko

**Secretary's Report:** Maria Arner is out of town. Rita Daniels filled in. Laura Armentrout made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Gordon Duncan seconded the motion and it pass unanimously.

**Correspondences:** CGO-PTO received thank you notes from the students and teachers at Riverbend High School, thanking CGO-PTO for the support throughout the year. Michael, one of our scholarship recipients, sent a thank you to thank us for his scholarship.

**Treasurer's Report:** Denise Wallace

- As of September 11, 2016, we currently have 143 members
- Encouraged members to continue to use Amazon Smile, as .05% of the sale goes to CGS-PTO. Links were sent out as a reminder and it is posted on the CGS website. November is the next scheduled deposit from Amazon Smile.
- This year, CGS-PTO is focused on promoting membership to avoid asking parents/students to fundraise. Spirit wear sales and Amazon Smile are our other areas of focus for raising funds.
- Current Account Spending: \$2,261.83

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

- Welcomed CGS Students via Broadcast
- Spotsylvania County needs an advisory member to represent CGS as part of the advisory team. If interested, see Merri Kae.
- CGS Governing Board meets at 4pm at the Spotsylvania School Board office on September 15 to discuss the AP/SOL 2016-2017 Strategic Plan.
- Looking for students who want to become leaders on the CGS advisory committee. There is a community outreach and an advocacy component attached to the position.
  - October 20 @ 7pm. Location: TBA.
  - Meetings are held 4 times a year
  - Looking for free venues to have meetings.

**Upcoming Events:**

- **Back to School Nights**
  - Spotsylvania – September 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Riverbend – September 28th
- Ms. Gladney (CGS counselor) will present a College Pathway workshop on **October 6, 2016 from 6:30 – 8pm** in the Riverbend High School Lecture Hall. She is also planning to attend a Guidance Counselor Conference, where she will be representing CGS. This is the first time that CGS will have a representative in attendance.
- Toolkit for Success/Merit Based Scholarship Information Night will be held On **October 13, 2016 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm** at Riverbend High School from 6:30-8:30.
  - Sabrina Gladney and Terri Rinko will facilitate.

## Old Business:

- **Orientations**

- Thank you to everyone who helped.
- Had a great crew of helpers. Thanks for the patience of those who waited in line to buy spirit wear or PTO memberships.
- Ordering one less cake for next year.

## New Business:

- **Memberships**

- Membership Drive is until September 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Incentives to join: one underclassman site will receive ice cream/popsicle and one upperclassman site will receive donuts for highest percentage of memberships.
- Packets went home to all of the students first week along with spirit wear order forms.
- Best reason to join is to stay informed.
- Performing maintenance on the e-mail list beginning in October and all non-PTO members will be purged off (Alum will have the opportunity to remain).

- **Spirit Wear Sales**

- Spirit wear sales also end on September 30. Orders will be placed the following week.
- Merchandise will be distributed to each site with the child's name.
  - We would like to apologize for any inconvenience you experienced during your site order and for the confusion about the delivery point for your items.
  - Investigation of other options for next year, this site didn't allow modification.

- **Fall Social @ Belvedere** – October 29<sup>th</sup> 6-10pm. (Tickets go on sale in Oct.)

- Ticket prices - \$16 + one hungry tummy project item (pre-packaged snack items for school staff to hand out to hungry students in elementary schools where CGS sites are located).
- Requesting snacks for Fall Social – s'more fixings, canned sodas, and chips. Please send with your student or bring to the event.
- Flyers will be at each site and e-mails will be sent to parents.
- Chaperones are needed. Let Michele know if you can help.
- Parents can sponsor teachers.

- **Teacher's Grant Committee** – Lisa Earnesty, Chair

- Program started two years ago.
- Used to provide grants to teachers who are in need of items for their classrooms that aren't provided for in the CGS budget.
- Applications are evaluated using a rubric by the committee and presented at the October meeting. Voting will take place on the committee's recommendation.
- This year, up to \$1,000 is set aside for grants.
- If you are interested in helping out, send an e-mail to Michele.

- **Senior Recognition**

- UMW will charge \$1,000 for the use of the Dodd Auditorium for 2016-2017 school year.
- Looking for a chair. Terri was chair last year, but she has a senior this year. Please let Michele know if you are interested.
- This event is usually held in May.

**Committee and/or VP Reports:**

- None this month

**Kudos/Good News**

- Jacob Dean, a senior at Forge, auditioned and was invited to join the UMW Philharmonic Orchestra for the 2016-17 season.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:09 pm.

Next PTO meeting – **October 10, 2016 @ 7 pm** at the Central Rappahannock Library – HQ/Downtown Branch.

Prepared by:

Rita Daniels

Filling in for Maria Elena Arner