

CGS PTO Meeting – April 10th, 2017 - APPROVED

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.

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

Secretary's report: **Maria Arner** – Sarah Chase made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Denise Wallace seconded the motion and they were **unanimously approved**.

Treasurer's report: **Denise Wallace**

- Income to date: \$23,312.97
- Expenses to date: \$12,843.83
- Net for year to date: +\$10,469.14
- Snowball ticket sales were \$2,170 more than budgeted for. Snowball expenses (to date) are \$854 less than anticipated.
- It is noted that Film Festival is still listed twice under expenses.

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

- **Film Festival**
 - Was held last week. Mrs. Clayman was a huge help. Nine films were submitted and there were six winners.
 - A thought is to put an art gallery up front for artistic students to display their work.
- **School Board member visits.**
 - Mr. Blaine visited a Spotsy site.
 - Mr. Hirons attended a Valentine's Day poetry event.
 - Mrs. Decatur hasn't visited yet.
 - One idea is to provide parents some sort of survey to get feedback on the program.
- **Senior Culminating Research Symposium: April 26th 6:30-8:30 at UMW, Stafford Campus.** Seniors are required to attend and all other grades get extra credit for attending. Evites have been sent to students and post cards were sent to Board of Supervisor members, School Board members, and other VIP's.
- **Nathan Levay** is in town this week. He will be giving presentations at Brook Point High School 6:00-6:50 he will be meeting with vendors and at 7:00 will give a presentation for the public. Thursday he will meet with CGS teachers.
- **Redistricting:** CGS will be staying at all Stafford County sites for at least one more year. Stafford County is doing a review of all signature programs. "Everything" is being reviewed.
- On April 6th, Lt. Col Pearson (an Air Force Academy liaison) discussed the Military Academy application and ROTC application processes.

Old Business:

- **Snow Ball** – A special thanks to Annette Richards for chairing this event. She has a senior so we need a chairperson for next year.
 - 517 tickets were sold.
 - Sign-Up Genius for donations worked great.
 - Need to have more bottled water (ask for more donations/buy small bottles).

- “Candy bar” (including to-go bags) was a huge hit. Gummy worms ran out quickly (we had two huge bags).
- There was a ton of cake (4 full cakes) left over. Suggest cupcakes next year.
- Need a box of plastic gloves for those serving food.
- Hot foods were a bit hit with the students but get only mild wings (spicy ones didn’t go over as well).
- Order less fruit; there was a lot left over.
- Chips/pretzels are not very popular; very few were eaten.
- Drinks - We just did water and lemonade; don’t’ need sodas.
- Popcorn machine-seemed like a good idea, don’t know that I would do it again.
- Do not do it daylight savings weekend.
- **College Forum** – There was great attendance this year (100-125 attendees)
- **Senior Essay Scholarship** – The deadline is midnight tonight. So far 5 submissions have been received. Winners will be announced at Senior Recognition.
- **Cookies with the Commonwealth all at 6:30pm**
 - King George High School (for all King George and Caroline County students): May 15th
 - Colonial Forge High School (for all Stafford County students): May 18th
 - Riverbend High School (for all new Spotsylvania County students): May 31st

New Business:

- **Senior Recognition** – May 21st 2:00-4:30 at UMW (Dodd Auditorium). UMW is unable to provide a peanut-free cake. We need to find someone to sing the National Anthem.
- **Family Picnic** – June 2nd 4:30-7:00 at Pratt Park in Stafford. Rita Daniels is the chairperson.
- **T-shirt design contest** – We’ve done this the past 2 years and would like to continue doing it. The flyer will be distributed by the end of this week. Submissions will be due by May 8th. Current students will vote for the winning design. The winner will receive a free t-shirt and a \$25 check.
- **2017-2018 Budget** – will be discussed at the May meeting and voted on at the June meeting.
- **2017-2018 Board** – if you are interested in a board or committee chair position, please let Michele know. The board positions will be voted on at the June meeting.

Committee and/or VP Reports:

- We received a thank-you card from Donna Welch, the CGS Regional Program Manager, for the gift card we gave her for her 20th anniversary with CGS.

Kudos & Good News:

- Nothing reported.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

Next PTO meeting – May 8th, 2017 at 7 p.m. - Central Rappahannock Library – Headquarters/ Downtown Branch

Last PTO meeting of this school year – June 12th, 2017

Prepared by:

Maria Elena Arner

2016-2017 CGS PTO Secretary