

CGS PTO Meeting – May 8th, 2017 - APPROVED

The meeting was called to order at 7:13pm.

Members present: Denise Wallace, Rita Daniels, Vanessa McOsker, Karen Amelung, Craig Amelung, Mary Alice Adams, and Michele Cuba

Secretary's report: In Maria's absence, Michele passed out the minutes – Denise made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Craig seconded the motion and they were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report: Denise Wallace

- Income to date: \$23,312.97
- Expenses to date: \$14,735.27
- Net for year to date: +\$8,577.70

Director's report: In Merri Kae VanderPloeg's absence, Michele presented the following information:

- All acceptance letters have been mailed in the school divisions. Several sites have wait lists and many sites will be receiving new students in grades 10 and 11! The CGS 'Cookies with the Commonwealth' events are as follows:
 - King George/Caroline Co- May 15 at 6:30, KG High- *Jeanie Van Devender will assist*
 - Stafford Co- May 18 at 6:30, CFHS – *Denise Wallace will assist*
 - Spotsylvania Co.- May 31 at 6:30, RBHS – *Michele Cuba will assist*
- All new students received invites to the Cookies event and the PTO picnic.
- CGS Senior Symposium was April 26 at the UMW-Stafford Campus. 135 students participated in the event! Those who could not exhibit their culminating projects will showcase them at the Cookies events or the SCOPE night in Spotsylvania.
- CGS will be holding pinning ceremonies for students who are completing their 10th grade year. Some of the sites will be holding their ceremonies in May/June and some prefer to recognize the students in August/September. Parents of the 10th/rising 11th graders will receive an invitation in the mail to attend the ceremony and celebration. When I have dates from the sites, I will send them to you. Presently, Stafford High will hold their pinning ceremony on 5/17 at 12:45 p.m. It would greatly be appreciated if one or two PTO members could help with refreshments at each site. *Vanessa McOsker will assist.*
- The CGS Governing Board Meeting will be 5/18 at 4:00 p.m. at the Spotsylvania SBO.
- The 2017-18 New Student Orientation will be August 8 and 9. New students will receive information in June about the orientation. The first day will be held at each CGS site and the second day will be hosted by Stafford High School.
- AP Bootcamps will be available to rising 9th and 10th grade students in August. Once dates, locations, and topics are developed, they will be emailed to students, PTO members, and posted on social media.

Old Business

- Senior essay scholarship – Sarah and her committee are evaluating essays and winners will be presented at the senior recognition ceremony.

New Business

- May 21 - Senior Recognition 2-4:30 at UMW (Dodd Auditorium) – update from chairs Mary Alice

- June 2nd - Family Picnic at Pratt Park in Stafford 4:30-7pm. Picnic chair is Rita Daniels. Sign up information will be going out soon.
- T-shirt design contest:
 - 6 designs were received and voting ends on May 12th. Winner will receive a check for \$25 and a free t-shirt with their design. (Have received 237 votes as of 2 this afternoon)
- Board for 17-18 - if you are interested in a board or committee chair position, please let Michele know. We will vote at June meeting.
 - Open positions include:
 - VP – Spotsy
 - Toolkit for Success chair
 - Fall social chair
 - Snow Ball chair
 - Family picnic chair
 - Riverbend Teacher Appreciation chair
 - Stafford Teacher Appreciation chair
- Budget discussion for 17-18 school year:
 - Group went down each budget item and came up with a proposed budget # based off this year/past year's actuals. A few questions came up and some additional information is needed:
 - Will need to get new student numbers for fall 17-18 from Merri Kae.
 - Michele will check with Merri Kae on several categories including Governor's School Advocacy, Helping hands, etc...to see if any changes are anticipated for next school year.
 - Since our estimates showed us coming up short, there was a great deal of discussion on how to raise some extra funds (without having our students fundraising). Some suggestions included: spirit nights (Chick-Fil-A, Chipotle), silent auction at Snow Ball, etc... Michele and Denise will revisit actual income #'s from this year to see if any of the estimated income categories can be increased (want to see what next year's attendance numbers are)
 - Budget will be voted on at June meeting.

Committee and/or VP Reports:

- **Teacher appreciation:**
 - North Stafford provided breakfast for their teachers on 5/4.
 - Riverbend recently had a baby shower for Mrs. Olsen.
 - Stafford had an Easter lunch in April and is having a taco bar on 5/9

Kudos & Good News:

- Abigail Wallace received a score of Magna Cum Laude on the National Latin Exam.
- Sean McOsker is a National Merit Scholar.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. Next PTO meeting – June 12th, 2017 at 7 p.m. - Central Rappahannock Library – Headquarters/ Downtown Branch

Prepared by: Michele Cuba ☺