

CGS PTO Meeting – June 12th, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

Members present: Maria Arner, Denise Wallace, Merri Kae VanderPloeg, Michele Cuba, Lisa Bruer, Vanessa McOsker, Susan Sprow, Rita Daniels, Mary Alice Adams

Secretary's report: **Maria Arner** – Rita Daniels made a motion to approve the May 8th, 2017 minutes as written. Vanessa McOsker seconded the motion and they were **unanimously approved**.

Treasurer's report: **Denise Wallace**

- Income to date: \$24,905.72
- Expenses to date: \$22,514.58
- Net for year to date: +\$2,391.14

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

- **Pinning Ceremonies**
 - Riverbend held their ceremony 2 weeks ago. They served cake.
 - Spotsy held their ceremony today. They served cookies (left over from the picnic). Alumni were invited to provide positive encouragement for students to remain in the program.
 - Some sites will hold their ceremonies in the fall.
- **Boot Camps**
 - AP Euro – 8/21 at North Stafford
 - AP Bio – 8/23 & 8/24 at Riverbend
 - APES – 8/30 at Stafford; 8:30-11:30 or 12:00-2:30
 - AP Euro – 8/31 at Spotsy
- **Retirements**
 - Mr. Saylor and Mr. Morris

Old Business:

- **Senior Recognition (May 21st)** – A special thanks to Mary Alice Adams and Jodi Redman for chairing this event.
 - Recommend to not include a stamped return envelope with the invitation.
 - Sent 173 invites; 2 dignitaries and 80 students RSVP'd.
 - Possibly charge per person. Several people brought large parties and didn't pay more.
 - Need 450-475 programs next year.
 - Showed slides at the reception; that went over well. We seem to be missing payment for many slides.
 - There was a little fruit and veggies left over.
 - Need more cake next year; we had 2, could use 4.
 - People came in 2 doors and the buffet tables were in the back of the room.
 - There was a very nice quartet from Stafford.
 - Color guard was good; Boy Scouts.
 - The schools came in out of order; messed up the seating arrangements.
 - The Senior gift was a power charger.

- **Family Picnic (June 2nd)** – A special thanks to Rita Daniels for chairing this event.
 - A big thank you to all of the volunteers; the event went very smoothly.
 - Remember to take:
 - Spray bottles for cleaning at the end of the night.
 - Hand sanitizer bottles.
 - More trash bags.
 - More paper towels.
 - Hammer to put the signs in the ground.
 - A check list of things to do before and after (remember the signs) would be good to have.
 - Decrease the number of hot dogs; had a lot left over.
 - What should we do with the leftover food (cooked hot dogs, etc) at the end of the night?
 - We need a lot more water.
 - The Sign-Up Genius worked very well.
 - Put a note on the invitation to have people bring food items in disposable containers.

New Business:

- **PTO Board for 2017-2018**
 - Open Positions:
 - VP – Spotsy
 - Toolkit for Success chair
 - Fall Social chair
 - Family Picnic chair
 - Riverbend Teacher Appreciation chair
 - 2017-2018 Proposed Board
 - President: Michele Cuba
 - VP Caroline/King George: Jeanie VanDevender
 - VP Stafford: Vanessa McOsker
 - Treasurer: Denise Wallace
 - Secretary: Maria Arner
 - College Forum: Debra Haines
 - Snowball: Lori Smith & Susan Sprow
 - Senior Scholarship: Sarah Chase
 - Senior Recognition: Mary Alice Adams & Jodi Redman
 - PTO Grant: Lisa Earnesty
 - Teacher Appreciation/ King George: Jennifer Josselyn
 - Teacher Appreciation/North Stafford: Lisa Sams
 - Teacher Appreciation/Stafford: Vanessa McOsker
 - Teacher Appreciation/Colonial Forge: Cathy Close
 - Teacher Appreciation/Spotsylvania: Michele Cuba
 - Mary Alice Adams made a motion to approve the presented board members for the 2017-2018 school year. Maria Arner seconded the motion and it **passed unanimously**.

- **Budget discussion for 2017-2018**
 - Spirit nights – plan in conjunction with CGS activities, i.e. Chipotle and/or Chick-fil-A before Senior Symposium.
 - Silent auctions – something we can do to raise funds but must have someone to coordinate.
 - Tried to get someone to solicit gift cards for events this year; no one offered to help.
 - Proposed budget was presented.
 - Total income projected: \$24,652.00
 - Total expenses projected: \$26,720.00
 - Difference: -\$2,068.00 (discussion that this is ok because of the carryover from this year)
 - Maria Arner motioned to approve the Proposed 2017-2018 Budget as presented. Mary Alice Adams seconded the motion and it **passed unanimously**.
- **New Student Orientation** - August 8th & 9th (8th at home sites and 9th at Stafford High)
 - Need volunteers on August 9th late afternoon/early evening to serve pizza, cake, help with CGS PTO merchandise sales, and to answer CGS/PTO questions from new families.
- **Fall Social:** thoughts of moving it to another venue...maybe Sky Zone.
- **20th anniversary of CGS** is in 2018; maybe plan something special.
- **2017 Scholarship winners**
 - Dev Patel - \$1,000
 - Sean McOsker - \$500
 - William Rysanek - \$250

Committee and/or VP Reports:

- **Spotsylvania High** – Teacher Appreciation had an end of year picnic and gave gift cards to B&N.
- **Stafford High** – Teacher Appreciation hosted an end of year sandwich lunch. Each teacher received a \$40 gift card; they were donated by parents.

Kudos & Good News:

- Meredith Adams received a \$250 scholarship for France.
- Jennifer Sprow received the award for most Outstanding Junior. She is also going to the national competition for Architecture.
- Sean McOsker received the award for Athletic Scholar.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Next PTO meeting – August 14th, 2017 at 7 p.m. - Central Rappahannock Library – Headquarters/
Downtown Branch

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